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Pat Thomas Brings Speed To Defensive Secondary

The Texas Aggies admittedly have perhaps the fastest football team in their history this season but all of the fleetness isn't limited to the offensive unit.

Sophomore Pat Thomas, the resident at left cornerback on the Aggie defense, is one speedster not on offense. Defensive coordinator Melvin Robertson says, "Thomas has the fastest feet of any player I've ever coached."

This week, Thomas will have to utilize his quick feet and speed because the Baylor Bears invade Kyle Field with the SWC's top passing game and some of the

best speed in the league.

Thomas has about 4.5 speed for the 40-yard dash. He displayed it in the season's opener against Wichita State when he leaped into the air to intercept a pass and then raced 51 yards for a touchdown. "Man, that felt good," he said after the game. "It was my first score since high school."

In high school, he was an all-state fullback for Plano and he helped lead his team to the state championship. When he arrived on the Aggie campus, help was needed in the secondary and he was moved onto the varsity before the season was over and finally finished as a starting cornerback. He's been there ever since and now, though only a sophomore, he's considered one of the very best in the SWC.

He's the only Aggie with two interceptions this season and that's half of the team's total. Also, he has pounced on two enemy fumbles and he's put a lot of

bumps and bruises on ball carriers with his solid tackling.

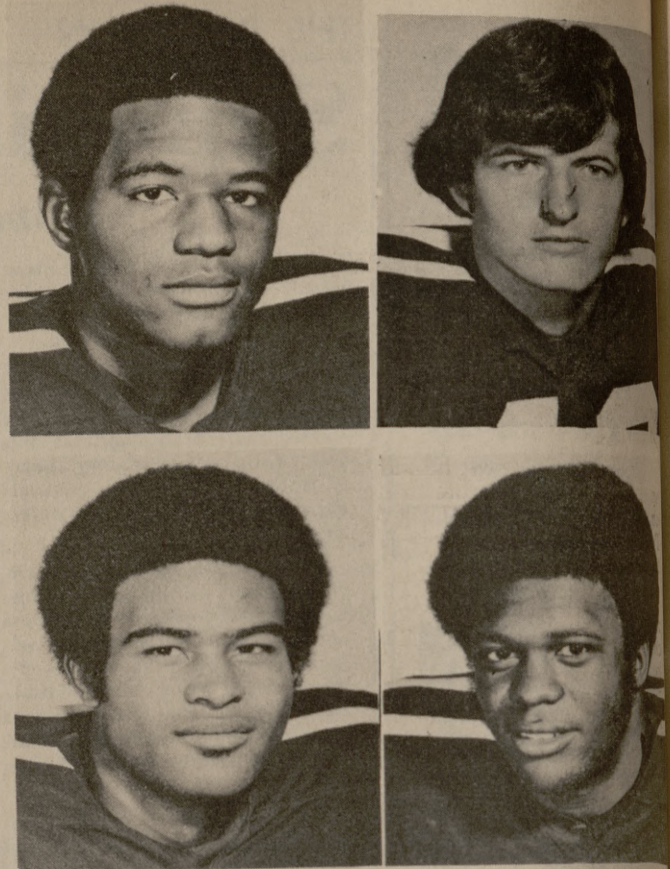
When he's not in action, Thomas is the happy-go-lucky type, a big smile beaming across his face and humorous, kidding remarks aimed at his mates. But, when it's time to buckle on his helmet and step into action, he's all business.

At Plano High, Pat was an all-around athlete who competed in football, basketball, track and baseball. In one football game he had 254 yards rushing and scored five touchdowns.

Now, though, he's on the other side of the scrimmage line and his interest is to stop the enemy from rolling up yardage, completing passes or scoring touchdowns.

He'll have his work cut out this Saturday afternoon because the Baylor offense will put a lot of pressure on the Aggie defense.

Those who know Pat Thomas best are confident that he'll rise to the occasion and give one of his better performances—and that could range in the super category.



UNDER THE GUN — A&M defensive backs Tim Gray, Larry Ellis, James Daniels and Pat Thomas should get a workout Saturday as they face the SWC's leading passers in Baylor's Neil Jeffrey.

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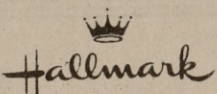
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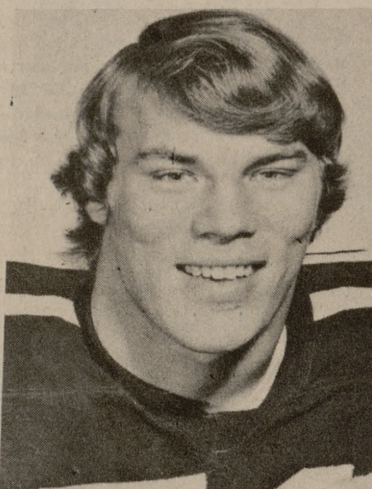
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Ten Napel Grabs SWC Honor

AP Names Garth Defensive Player of the Week



Garth Ten Napel

By DENNE H. FREEMAN

Associated Press Sports Writer
A&M linebacker Garth Ten Napel's hobby is drag racing and he's not bad at dragging down enemy ball carriers either.

Ten Napel made 12 tackles and sacked the quarterback four times Saturday in a 35-16 victory over Texas Christian to earn The Associated Press Southwest Conference Defensive Player of the Week.

The 6-foot-2, 202-pound sophomore from Euless races a 1962 pickup truck with a 427 horsepower engine in it during the drag racing season in Kennedale.

"It's something to do," Ten Napel says.

Ten Napel was particularly pleased to make some big plays

in front of the home folks. Euless is near Fort Worth.

However, he adds "I didn't feel like I played that good a game. I got blocked quite a bit . . . but those big plays made me feel better."

Ten Napel said "I believe we can win the Southwest Conference with the team now . . . if we don't turn the ball over in the danger zones."

He said the erratic Aggie offense had put the defense into holes until Saturday when freshman David Walker took over the helm.

"Turnovers hurt the defense mentally," Ten Napel said.

Ten Napel says he wishes he was a little taller so he could see over some of the giant offensive

linemen now playing college ball.

"Those guys from Boston College were so tall I had to follow the football," Ten Napel said.

Ten Napel has been overlooked most of the season by Simonini, another sophomore, is working at an All-SWC pass.

"It's tough keeping up with Simonini," Ten Napel said.

in a way it works as an incentive.

Ten Napel says he learns a lot every game.

"In the first half against Baylor I was goofing up because of a weak side option I was taking quarterback instead of the back," he said. "I went back my man in the second half."

SWC's Leading Defense Ready for Baylor Bears

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The Aggie offensive line, which was at its finest hour against TCU, will have co-captain Ricky Seeker at center, Bruce Welch and freshman Billy Lemons at guards and Glenn Bujnoch and Dennis Smelser at tackles.

Aggie receivers, who saw a drought in passing last week, are Carl Roaches and tight end Richard Osborne. Roaches also returns punts and kickoffs for the Aggies, ranking second in the latter.

Defensively, the Aggies are the conference's top unit but have their work cut out for them against a balanced Baylor attack. The Bears will probably throw more than any team the Ags have faced this year.

Don Long and Paul Hulin are the Aggie defensive ends. Against TCU Frog Quarterback Kent Marshall optioned the ends off for good gains, but after a half time adjustment, they shut down the TCU ground game. They will be joined by tackles Warren Trahan and Ted Lamp in the defen-

sive front four.

The second team defensive line for the Aggies is comprised of four freshmen in Brad Burt and Tank Marshall at the ends with Jimmy Dean and Terry Williams at the guard spots.

Co-captain Ed Simonini, Garth Ten Napel and Ken Stratton are the A&M linebackers with Ed provided by John Paul McCarty and freshman Lester Hays.

The Aggies defensive line that should get a workout against the air-minded Bears are Gray and Pat Thomas at the corners with Larry Ellis and James Daniels at the safes.

Jackie Williams has also worked himself into a regular position in the defensive backfield.

This will be the 70th meeting between the schools. A&M led last year 15-13 and A&M led the series, 39-23-7. Baylor led 10-9 here in 1971 on a 50-yard field goal by Pat McDermott.

Next week A&M plays Arkansas in Fayetteville and Baylor faces TCU in Waco.



ALWAYS A DEEP THREAT is A&M's split receiver Carl Roaches. Roaches is the second leading kickoff return man in the conference. Roaches also returns punts for the Ags and is the SWC's No. 8 pass catcher.

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