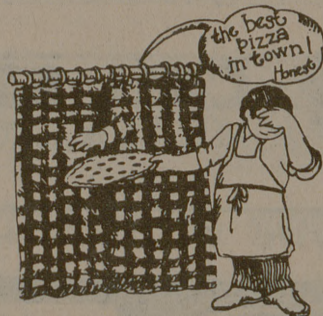


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Thomas, Williams set goals high for 1975

By DAVID WALKER
Staff Sports Writer

While some football fans around the nation are trying to pick next year's number one football team, there are two Texas Aggies who are ready to help them make up their mind.

Jackie Williams and Pat Thomas, the returning half of last year's No. 2 ranked pass defense in the nation, agree that the Aggies of 1975 will be stronger than the 1974 edition.

"There isn't any sense in me lying to you, I think we'll win the national championship. That's straight from what I feel inside," said Jackie Williams, 5-11, 176 pounder from Plano.

All-American cornerback Pat Thomas was quick to agree with Williams. "That's right, it's just a matter of doing what we are capable of doing. It's not going to be easy but we can do it."

Thomas, the first Aggie All-American first-team selection since Dave Elmendorf in 1970, also added, "It's really simple, we just have to do what we are supposed to do and do it to the best of our ability."

The Aggie pass defense was No. 2 in the nation last year, but Williams and Thomas feel the extra year of

experience helped them to become even stronger.

"Telling the truth, we had a good pass defense last year, but with us having an extra year of experience we've just got to be better this year," said Thomas.

Thomas was elected first-team All-American by the major polls last year and has already made one major pre-season poll for next year.

Thomas gives Williams most of the credit for calling the defensive shots on the field. "Jackie is good at picking those things up. He's the quickest one at changing plays," said Thomas.

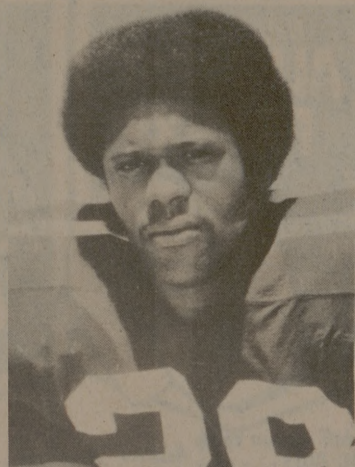
While each man praised the other they both agreed that neither of them could do the job if it wasn't for the rest of the secondary and the entire defense.

"We just have a great communication among us," Thomas said. "I think the fact that we all know each other so good really helps."

The Aggie assistant head coach and defensive coordinator, Melvin Robertson, is pleased to have the first cousins playing on his side.

"Pound for pound Pat Thomas is the best athlete I've ever coached," Robertson said. (Robertson has eight of his ex-pupils in the pro ranks now.)

He describes Williams as,



PAT THOMAS



JACKIE WILLIAMS

Astros get watches in honor of Watson

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It looks as if the state of Texas might be hosting a new college football all-star game. Goodwill Industries in conjunction with the Waco Chamber of Commerce have filed an application with the NCAA to sponsor such a game on December 20 at Baylor Stadium. The game would pit seniors from the Southwest Conference against those of the Big Eight Conference.

Last month at the Gulf Coast Track Association Meet at Rice Stadium, former UH runner Leonard Hilton ran the first sub 4-minute mile ever run in the city of

Houston. The speedster was clocked at 3:59.0.

Rod Milburn, world record holder in the 120-yard high hurdles and pro track star has been invited to attend the World Football League Shreveport Steamer summer camp. It looks as if they need all the help they can get. How about polevaulter Steve Smith for a fourth and goal situation at the one-yard line.

People from New Orleans now say the Louisiana Superdome should be completed in time for the August 19th NFL exhibition game between the hometown Saints and the Houston Oilers. This Greek picks the Oilers by 6 — I mean with all that indoor playing experience they can't lose.

In the July edition of the Baseball Digest former Astro catcher John Edwards is featured in the "Whatever became of?" department. For the first time since 1961 the Ohio State grad is out of the majors and is an assistant manager in charge of quality control for Cameron Iron, in Houston.

Ross' grandson takes position as TAMU dean

One of Sul Ross' descendants took office at TAMU Tuesday.

Dr. Neville P. Clarke, a grandson of the 19th Century TAMU president and state governor, took over duties as associate dean of research in the College of Veterinary Medicine.

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