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**Woodard, Hardin,
what a twosome!!!**

Last Thursday evening I witnessed for the first time in my life, an offensive backfield with two fullbacks. The scene was Fort Worth, Texas, the team was the South squad of the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Game and the fullbacks were A&M-bound George Woodard and Eddie Hardin.

Actually, Woodard was lined up at the halfback or tailback position, but a guy who throws the shotput 63 feet and weighs around 230 pounds looks like a fullback. And Hardin, (6-4, 220) was lined up at fullback, looked like a fullback and ran like a fullback. What a pair!

Coach Emory Bellard had to be elated at how Hardin and Woodard took the fight to the North squad. In fact, the duo finished 1-2 in the balloting for the title of most valuable back in the game, with Woodard winning the honors.

Woodard scored the initial touchdown in the game on a one-yard blast off tackle. The human bowling ball from Van Vleck gained 45 yards on 15 carries for the game.

Hardin was the game's leading turf gainer, picking up 67 yards on 13 hauls. The big Houston Madison product ran aggressive and aided the South squad's attack immensely with his blocking. Verdict: South 14, North 0.

Seeing the THSCA All-Star game really got me excited. I'm ready to buckle my chinstrap and see the season get started. Watching Hardin and Woodard would inspire anybody, even football widows.

If Earl Campbell was at the game, I'm sure he was taking notes. Hardin ran like he invented the fullback position, breaking tackles and consistently gaining at least four yards. On a couple of plays, he showed the

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21,544 onlookers how well he could really run, as he broke into the secondary with a full head of steam.

Woodard was just as punishing as Hardin, but he's just a bit more flashy. He's what you call a linebacker's headache. He danced like a ballerina at times, using his speed. But at other times he hit the line head on, taking half the North defense with him and sometimes they still weren't able to get him on the ground. He must be allergic to astroturf.

The A&M offensive line will definitely have to make an adjustment with Woodard and Hardin in the lineup. They'll have to learn to make bigger holes or it may be safer to get out of the way. These two newcomers really impressed me and I'm sure they'll impress a lot of people before 1976 gets here. What a pair!

A&M had another player on the North squad, who displayed other attributes. Darrel Smith, from Fort Worth Wyatt played both offense and defense for the North, lining up at flanker on offense and in the secondary on defense. He was not a standout in the battle, but he showed lightning quickness. Especially on an 11-yard spring in the first half of the game. A man with pickup like Smith's should find his place on the Aggie football team.

The THSCA All-Star Basketball Game, which was played that Wed-

nesday evening, was equally as exciting. But I was disappointed that Karl Godine, an A&M basketball signee, didn't get a change to play.

The All-American guard from Houston Kashmere was barred from the game because of an apparent failure to communicate between him and the selection committee for the game. The THSCA usually keeps contact with the selected athlete's coach, which in Godine's case the coach Weldon Drew had taken another job and was at New Mexico State.

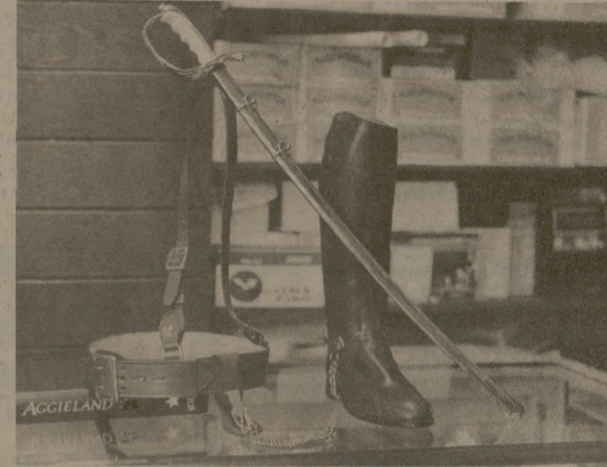
After the selection committee had phoned Godine's home, he attempted to drive to Fort Worth, but had car trouble in Dallas. When he arrived in Fort Worth late, he was told that he couldn't play because he had already been replaced.

I only have one question. Who was the selection committee trying to punish? They must be masochists. Like A&M assistant basketball coach Bob Gobin said, "They can't hurt Karl by keeping him out of the game, they can only hurt the game." And people go to all-star games to see drawing cards. Let's face it THSCA, Karl Godine is a drawing card.

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Cowboys terminate Aggie placekicker

Texas Aggie kicker Randy Haddox became the second Aggie in the last few days to be placed on waivers by the Dallas Cowboys.

Haddox was released by the Cowboys Monday, after Warren Trahan was cut last week when he broke his wrist.

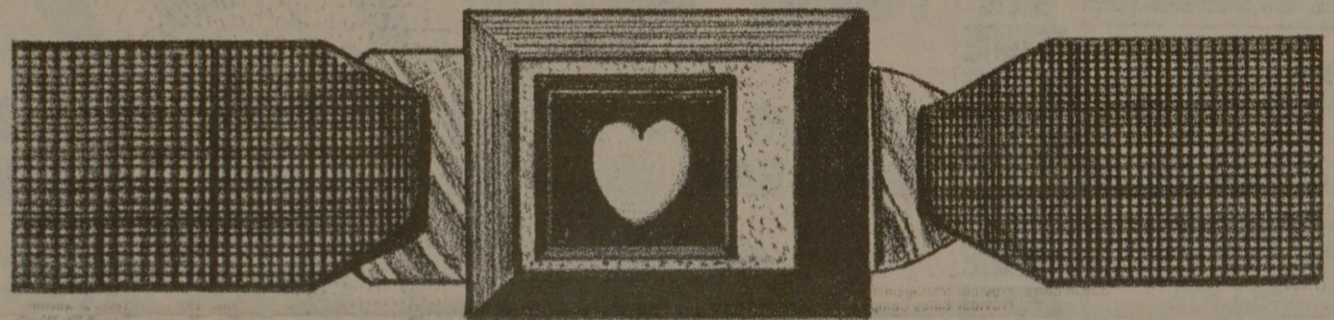
The former Aggie placekicker had a fine career at A&M and owns some Texas A&M school records. He holds the single game mark of three field goals, along with the kick scoring record for a season of 62 points and 10 field goals. Against Arkansas

in 1974, Haddox booted the longest field goal in the school's history, splitting the uprights from 57 yards away.

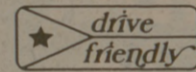
Other former A&M football players still alive in the National Football League are: Ricky Seeker with the Houston Oilers, John McCrumby with the Buffalo Bills, Tim Gray with the St. Louis Cardinals and James Daniels with the Oakland Raiders.

Haddox was one of six rookies released by the Cowboys Monday.

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