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A&M football recruits showcase talents in 1999 Southwestern Bell Texas All-Star Game

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Eight players from Texas on said A&M's 1999 recruiting class were e point ratio invited to play in the 1999 Southestern Bell Texas High School All Star Football Game.

Last Tuesday night these future uerrieri Aggies were given the opportunito showcase their talents in this game along with some of the best gh school players from the on said this northern and southern parts of

The game was held in Amon arter Stadium on the campus of nale athlete Texas Christian University. In a ithout theh game won 10-3 by the South ility or accessory squad, A&M's recruits on both the female attle North and South teams had imities located pressive nights.

The most notable player on the ld was the South's Richard Vhitaker from Jacksonville. The running back carried the all 18 times for 78 yards and was med the game's offensive MVP. After an interception by the uth late in the third quarter ive the team possession of the ill on the North's 21 yard line, Whitaker had an opportunity to owcase his running skills.

He ran the ball three straight ays, gaining 14 yards to move he ball to the North's seven yard

On the the very next play, hitaker plowed his way seven ards through the right side of the

down of the game.
Richard Whitaker Richard's father, said he enjoyed

watching his son play. "He had a nice game and did a good job," Mr. Whitaker said.

I'm real proud of him.' One reason Whitaker was able to play so well was due to the ef-

forts of three other Aggie recruits

on the South squad. Center James Milkavich from Alief Elsik was joined by offensive linemen Andre Brooks from Brazoswood and Britt Lively from Silsbee. These three worked together to successfully protect their quarterback and provide

some gaps for the running back. "I think I had about seven pancake blocks so I think I played a real good game," Lively said. "A few guys played with me that are going to A&M. They had very good games so I'm excited about it [playing with them again]."
Britt's father, Mike Lively, was

impressed with the team effort he saw from the future Aggies.

"I saw them already bonding," Lively said. "There's a strength already with those teammates and it looks very promis-

Working the defensive side of the ball for the South was Jarrod Penright from Aldine Eisenhower

Penright continuously pressured the opposing quarterback

line and scored the only touch- from his defensive end position and even recorded a sack for a five vard loss.

Leading the way for the North was quarterback Colby Freeman from Brownwood.

With the North running a ground-oriented offense, Freeman was only able to throw the ball twice in the game, one of which went for an interception.

Freeman was constantly harassed by the South's defense all night but was able to avoid some tackles and limit the damage by scrambling to safety.

Freeman ended the game with -13 yards on the ground.

Ty Warren from Bryan dominated the defensive play for the North. The 6'5", 285 pound defensive end was able to use his size and power to plug holes in the offensive line and record seven tackles, one of which was behind the line of scrimmage.

Warren said he was pleased with his performance in the game.
"I feel real good about it," War-ren said. " I played my heart out and I did what I had to do.

Joining Warren on the North defense was free safety Terrance Kiel. The Lufkin native harassed the South's receiving unit all night long by breaking up one pass and recording six tackles.

Kiel's biggest play of the game came early in the second quarter when he made a leaping inter-



PHOTOS BY BRADLEY ATCHISON/THE BATTALIO

Above: Aggie recruit Richard Whitaker from Jacksonville was named offensive MVP of the 1999 Southwestern Bell Texas High School All-Star Football Game last Tuesday night. He rushed the ball 18 times for 78 yards and scored the game's lone touchdown for the South

Left: Aggie recruit Ty Warren from Bryan receives his award for participating in the All-Star game. Warren dominated the defensive side of the ball for the North recording seven tackles, including one behind the line

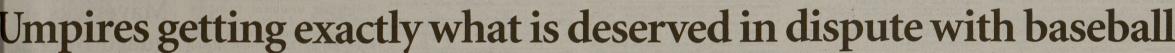
on the North's six vard line The interception prevented a touchdown and was the only interception made by the North.

Roddy Alexander from Roscoe is not an official A&M recruit, but has expressed an interest in walking on with the Aggie team.

The wide receiver saw little action on offense, but lined up as a kickoff return man for the North throughout the night. Alexander broke one of his two returns for

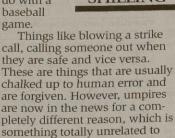
Now that their high school careers are officially over, the recruits are anxious to begin their careers at A&M.

'I'm excited right now," Lively "I'm in good shape and everything, we all are. We got a good class coming in. It's going





when League umpires are in the news it is for some thing that actually has to do with a Doug SHILLING do with a



the game of baseball. Yesterday, Major League umpires filed an unfair labor practice charge against the American and National leagues, capping off a wild three-week period for the umpires and Major League Baseball — a period which may have irreparably damaged the relationship between the two.

It all started on July 14, the day after the All-Star game, when union head Richie Phillips convinced most umpires in the union to submit their resignations effective September 2, a ploy to get baseball to renegotiate their labor agreement which expires on December 31.

was announced, Major League Baseball's executive vice president of baseball operations Sandy Alderson was quoted as saying that, "It was a threat to be ignored or an offer to be accepted.

From the get-go there were problems with Phillips' plan. At first he pledged that the umpires were unified in the decision to resign. On the other hand, it turns out that 13 umpires never even submitted resignations. Then, when it became apparent that their tactics were not going to be successful, all of the umpires withdrew their resigna-

There was one problem nowever; in anticipation of the umpires resigning, MLB hired 25 replacement umpires. This means that although their resignations were withdrawn, some umpires still were going to lose their jobs.

Rather than take the consequences of their actions and accept them, the umpires did what any good group of people would

Because baseball accepted the resignations of some of the umpires, after they willingly submitted them, the umpires feel they have been wronged. The umpires' labor lawyer Susan Davis said, "It was unlawful for the leagues to convert these resignations] into discharges. It is illegal

union and in a retaliatory manner pick and choose who you chip. So the umpires contend that Major League Baseball fired the

umps who were union backers?

What happened is that the umpires bluffed and baseball

called them on it. It is hard to determine what is the most unbelievable thing in this whole situation. Is it the fact that Phillips conceived this cockamamie scheme, that he got people to actually follow him on it, or is it that umpires are accusing baseball of accepting resignations that they willfully submit-

Smart money is on the latter. If the umpires were to go along with this plan, which they never should have in the first place, they should have been prepared to lose their jobs. There should be no crying when they lose them and there is no turning back. Instead they should look to their leadership, Phillips, and try to replace him. Then maybe the umpires would have some peace. Maybe those 22 umps who are on vacation and have nothing better to do can look into that idea.

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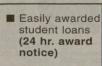


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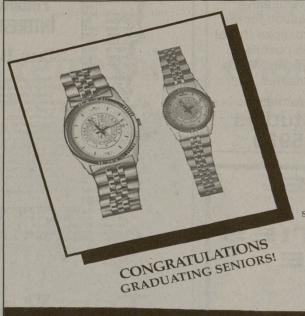


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