



FROM THE

## Sidelines

By Van Conner

Last week's Battalion prognostications met with 40 per cent success on a tough weekend when the upsets we picked didn't materialize and the ones we didn't, did. We named four out of 10 and only came close on one score.

This, of course, is indicative of the exciting, unpredictable nature of major college football across the country. It also shows how lucky most of those other sportwriters can get.

Seriously, we don't pretend to know as much about picking gridiron victors as those guys who make it their fulltime job. But everybody's been bugging us to take the plunge so we'll try again this week. Besides, it's fun.

### Ags Lose Craig, Hoyak

The Cadet football squad has had more disappointments than just the Arkansas game this week with the discovery that two linemen will join fullback Jerry Rogers on the out-for-the-season list.

Junior tackle James Craig had a knee injured during the Razorback tilt and the doctors and coaches feel he should take the rest of the year off.

And sophomore guard Joe Hoyak got tangled up with influenza. He has been advised by the team physician not to participate.

### Headblocking May Be Outlawed

Next years fans may see NCAA football teams being penalized 15 yards for the notorious "head blocking." According to AP Newsfeatures sports editor Frank Eck, the Football Rules Committee of the NCAA will discuss the practice and possibly outlaw it.

Not too many years ago doctors and officials were calling for improvement of football headgear to alleviate an increasing amount of head injuries. Equipment manufacturers perfected their helmets to the point at which they can now be used as weapons, says Eck.

## Northwestern Tops Nation; Texas Still Fifth Despite Narrow Win Over SMU

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If the Rose Bowl football game were to be played this week, it could boast of being an unofficial match for the national championship between the No. 1 and No. 2 ranking college teams.

Northwestern and Southern California, driving toward a possible clash in Pasadena, are pace-setters in the weekly poll of the Associated Press. Each has won six straight games.

Northwestern, which squeezed past Indiana 26-21 Saturday on a late passing drive by Tom Myers, retained top place in the standings with 24 of the 49 No. 1 votes of the special panel of sports writers and broadcasters and a total of 442 points.

On the basis of ten points for a first place vote, nine for second, etc., Southern Cal, who hurdled a formidable obstacle in Washington 14-0, took over the No. 2 rung with 409 points. The Trojans were picked as the nation's best by six of the voters.

ALABAMA AND Mississippi, boomed for a meeting in the Sugar Bowl, followed in the No. 3 and No. 4 positions, respectively, after receiving nine first place votes each. Alabama made Mississippi State its seventh victim of

the season 20-0 while Mississippi finally managed to beat Louisiana State, an old rival, 15-7.

Completing the top ten, which underwent a brisk shakeup, were: Texas, No. 5; Arkansas, No. 6; Missouri, No. 7; Wisconsin, No. 8; Louisiana State, No. 9, and Minnesota, No. 10.

Only the East is not represented in the latest standings. The Middle West has four teams in the top ten, the Southeast has three, the Southwest two and the Pacific Coast one.

The Pacific Coast hasn't had a national champion since Southern California won the mythical title in 1939. Minnesota, in 1960, was the last Big Ten team to head the final poll. Alabama won it in 1961.

NORTHWESTERN, No. 1, and Texas, No. 5, were the only teams to hold their positions from a week ago. Alabama dropped a notch; Mississippi moved up from sixth place; Arkansas, 17-7 winner over Texas A&M, jumped two rungs; Southern Cal gained one, and Louisiana State fell from fourth to ninth.

Missouri, Wisconsin and Minnesota are newcomers to the list, routing out Michigan State, Washington and Auburn.



**Craig Lost For Season**  
James Craig, 215 pound junior tackle from Jasper, is out for the season with a knee injury suffered in the third quarter of the A&M-Arkansas game. Craig drew praise from Coach Hank Foldberg for his play in several games.

## Porkers Dominate SWC Statistics

Arkansas' Razorbacks escaped from a weekend battle with the Aggies retaining their SWC team statistics lead and adding to their individual leaders.

The Hog's pace the offensive department with 361.6 yards per game and the defensive end allowing 208.1 yards per game.

The Aggies maintained their standing in both departments — eighth in offense, 200.3 per game, and third in defense, 260.1 per game.

Texas, while squeaking by Southern Methodist 6-0, dropped to fourth in team offense and held second in defense.

Arkansas' Ken Hatfield replaced A&M's George Hargett as the punt return leader getting 204 yards on 12 returns. Hargett is second with 148 yards with 15 returns.

Larry Elkins, by virtue of a 92-yard return against TCU, took over third place.

Billy Moore increased his son scoring total to 60 points with two TD's against the Aggies hold the conference scoring lead. Tom McNelly of Arkansas moved into second with two extra points and a field goal against the Aggies.

The stats become more meaningful when the leading ball carriers are named. Arkansas holds the top three spots. Moore paces the triumvirate with 414 yards in carries.

Fullback Danny Brabham, breeched the Aggie line for 385 yards, ranks second with 335 yards in 90 carries. Jesse Branch is having toted the ball 74 times for 327 yards.

In the passing department, Baylor's Don Trull enjoys a comfortable lead over runner-up Sam Gibbs. Trull has hit on 75 of 100 passes for 986 yards and 10 touchdowns.

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