



FROM THE  
*Sidelines*

By Larry R. Jerden

Most everyone on the Battalion is spending a few moments in reflection on this last weekend. Lest we consider it a complete loss after the football team's low-scoring performance, we can look at the winning effort of the Aggie Soccer Team and the successful basketball practices now underway.

But somehow all the women (for those who have), and booze (for those who don't) and the parties and the lack of sleep and the high-speed driving and the joy at seeing the Sips beat and the parade and more of each... nothing could make this a good weekend. Our Aggies seemed to lack the "something" of earlier campaigns. No one expects it to happen again.

Houston Post Sports Editor Mickey Herskowitz visited the A&M campus Monday to speak at the Texas Junior College Press Association Conference and gave tips about how to improve the local product. In passing a rumor was mentioned that Darrell Royal may go to Oklahoma in a year or so. Mickey didn't back the talk, but did say it's been a popular subject of late.

The argument in favor of the move is Royal had accomplished about all he can at the Austin institution and may make the move to his alma mater... and Bud just has it too good on TV to move to any coaching job.

Max Mainord, of last year's Fish basketball team, is reported to be one of the standouts of the early practice sessions. Randy Matson seems to be having no trouble adjusting to basketball, North Texas cartoons to the contrary. Seems as though one large publication to the north showed a sketch of Randy putting the sphere through to backboard instead of the basket. Hmmm. We'll see!

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Arkansas is now number one. At long last. They finally got AP sanction. Last year it was Alabama. As Frank Broyles once said, "Everyone else would have to lose two and Arkansas be undefeated before they would call us number one."

If a 17 game winning streak and a victory over the number one team didn't put a team on top... just what would it take?

As is common knowledge the new car season is here. More power, both going and stopping, and better built cars from both sides of the Atlantic and Japan seem to be the rule. Sports significance is that auto-racing is now the top spectator sport in the U.S. Everything from drags to NASCAR and midgets to sports cars keep the American public in an automotive frame of mind the year round. Just ask the K.K.'s.

Seating didn't seem to be near the problem at Amon Carter as it did at Kyle Field. At least I didn't see any seniors in the end zone... from either school. I can't write my book, though, because I got to stand on the 50. It'll be interesting to see just what happens this weekend at the home game. Both on and off the field.

Baylor must have set some kind of injury record. And now the Aggies are beginning to feel the toll of the season. Nothing major yet, but a lot of aches, pains, and a minor break here and there. But they'll be ready Saturday.

Reserved seat tickets for the "ordinary" home games are now down to the 10 yard line. The steel bleachers are the site of the few remaining vacancies for the Turkey Day game.

Now is the time to start planning for that Arkansas trip. The Hogs are hot, and they'll be rested up after toying with North Texas State next weekend. The Aggies should be high off their first SWC victory of the season, and ready to knock off the potent Razorbacks.

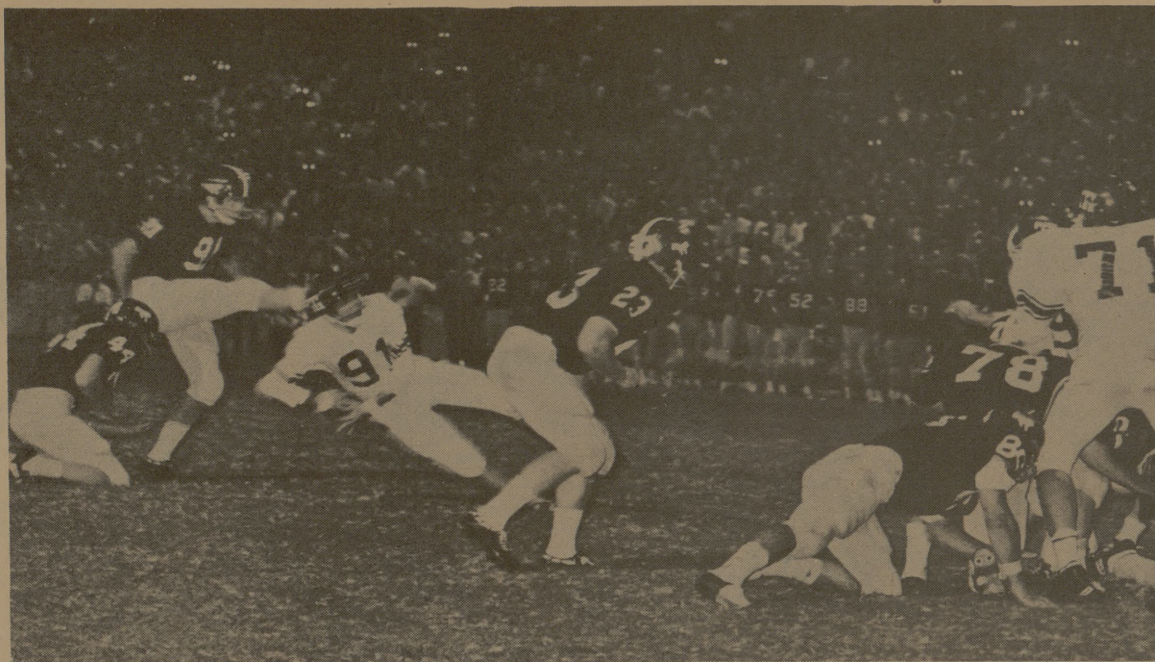
It's an Aggie honor they must protect. The 1939-1940 Aggies set the SWC record for the longest winning streak at 19 games. Arkansas now has 17 with number 18 sure to come next weekend. It's up to the 1965 Ags to stop them one short of a tie and keep the school the owner of that record. Let's support 'em!

**Soccer Team Tops Cougars**

The Aggie Soccer Team swept to their first victory of the fresh season by defeating the University of Houston 6-3 in Houston's Memorial Park.

The opening game victory came as a result of scoring by Mohamed Bouchoucha (2), Mohamad Labidi (2), Oscar Najeras (1) and Yuce Baskurt.

The game was the first in this year's Houston League play.



**NELSON SAVES THREE POINTS**  
Aggie sprinter Ted Nelson used his speed to full advantage by partially blocking Bruce Alford's 23-yard field goal attempt in the fourth quarter Saturday night. The little end came in untouched to make the save.

**SMU, Tech Clash In "D" For Big Game**

**By The Associated Press**  
Coaches Hayden Fry of Southern Methodist and J. T. King of Texas Tech sure are great admirers of each other's team.

To hear them tell it, neither has much hope of stopping the other, which would create quite a situation.

SMU and Tech clash at Dallas Saturday in the top game of Southwest Conference football. SMU is undefeated in conference play, Texas Tech needs to win from SMU to stay in the race.

Coach King observed Monday that Southern Methodist has more speed than any other team Tech will face this year. He also said Southern Methodist was good at coming from behind just like his own Red Raiders.

King also was a little worried because ace halfback Johnny Agan has a hip injury and may not be able to play against SMU.

Fry said Texas Tech had one of the finest teams in the United States and probably the most explosive backfield in the conference. He added that Donny Anderson was the most complete football player in America.

But he didn't have any injuries to worry about.

Baylor and Texas A&M clash at College Station and Texas and Rice meet at Austin in other conference games on the schedule Saturday.

All the coaches expressed great concern but the worrying-est one was Darrell Royal, who said he had to quit thinking about last week's 27-24 loss to Arkansas so he might put in a full quota of worry over Rice.

"That team puts out a super-human effort against us," said Royal gloomily. He also mentioned the fact that Texas had trouble snapping back after its Arkansas loss last year and barely managed to beat Rice.

"That's partly my fault - I didn't snap back," said Royal. "I don't know about the team this year, but the coaching staff is back up much, much faster."

Rice had a couple of starters out with injuries to worry Coach Jess Neely. They were offensive center Stan McDonald and defensive tackle Neal Branscum.

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