



FROM THE
Sidelines

By Larry R. Jerden

There was recently a debate among these pages about who the real Aggies were. Some said the Corps, some the civilians, others claimed everyone that pays \$50 a semester at the College Station campus is an Aggie. This column doesn't seek to enter the fray, but it does wish to bring up one point.

Aggies answer challenges. Buddy, we've been challenged. Every other year, from our neighboring state to the northeast, a host of followers descend upon the small town of College Station to back a football team. They don't come bragging about spirit, they just show it.

We brag a lot. We're the 12th Man . . . some to the extent of driving to Atlanta or hitch hiking to Baton Rouge. Why, then, don't we make a decent showing in Little Rock?

When I attended the Arkansas game two years ago, there were no more than 10 Aggies that I saw who made the trip. Its not

just the matter of distance, because its no further to Little Rock than it is to Lubbock. And we always have a big crowd there.

Why, then, the apparent boycott of the Arkansas game? Its a disgrace that shouldn't happen. The general feeling is this is a "free" weekend. We'll all be good Ags and listen to our radios and take a breather while our team sweats blood against the toughest team they'll face all year.

Just who are the Aggies. Go to Little Rock and count them, you'll be a bit disappointed.

Everyone wants to be called an Aggie, and yet very few want to go the extra mile to be what a real Aggie is.

Can the Aggies win? Can they defeat the national power from the Ozarks? That tale will be told Saturday night in Little Rock before 50,000 fans. How many students at A&M will turn out?

Ags Shoot For Stardom

The time for meeting the SWC's number one team comes early this year, Saturday night instead of Thanksgiving.

So far, it seems to be without the excitement and build-up that precedes the more tradition-bound of the two games, but if the Aggies are looking for a good time to make headlines, their date in Little Rock seems the best bet.

Its been a long eight years since the Cadets have emerged the victors in a game with the Hogs, and unless they pull something of a miracle, it will become eight and the Aggies will have lost a claim to the record books.

The 1939-40 A&M squads won

19 straight, the present record, and Arkansas has amassed 18 going into this week's meeting.

The present A&M record is 2-4, with a 0-3 conference mark. And the Aggies are physically handicapped. There are no other words to be used. Of those not on the injured list, the majority have some minor something-or-other that may be enough to take the edge off their quickness.

On the positive side of the A&M ledger, the Harry Ledbetter -Dude McLean team will again be in action. Ken Caffee has been switched from defensive rover to offensive halfback, and Stallings has noted that, "He has a pretty good knack for hitting

those holes, based on his three carries against Baylor."

Phi Scoggin, with his 42-yard punting average, and Glynn Lindsey, the Aggie total point leader, will both be in good shape to continue with their footwork. These two alone form a great part of the A&M defensive and offensive punch.

A pre-game rundown of the Razorbacks is almost superfluous, since they've been the subject of national radio-TV-press coverage for the last month.

Sparked by quarterback Jon Brittenum, the Pig offense has rolled up 2,034 yards total offense in six games and have averaged ever 32 points a game.

The defense, meanwhile, has limited opposition to a little less than 13 points a game and a total 1,524 yards total offense.

An indication of the depth of

the Arkansas 11 is Jim Lindsey. A pre-season All-America pick, he has been running behind Harry Jones at wingback and carries a 5.4 rushing average.

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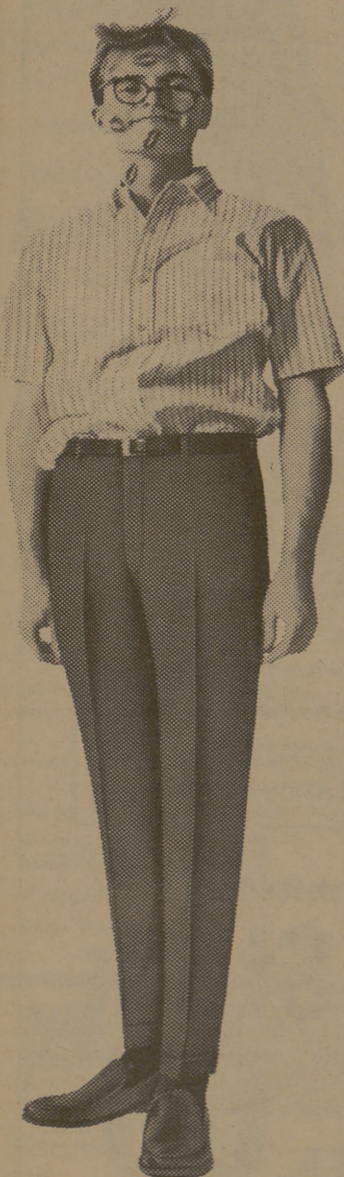
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