FROM THE
Sidelines
By Larry R. Jerden

The score was the same in the Arkansas game as it was in the Baylor contest the previous week, but that was the only similarity in the two games.

There was no likeness whatsoever in the two performances by the Aggie team. From those who made the journey to Little Rock comes one clear comment: The Ags looked good, very good.

In his weekly news conference, Head Coach Gene Stallings praised the effort of his team, and asserted that when they played the way they did Saturday night, they have nothing to be ashamed of.

One Aggie who witnessed the game said, "I might have been happier if they'd won, but I've never been prouder of an Aggie team, or of being an Aggie."

Stallings pointed out Gary Kovar, Jerry Nichols, Dude McLean, Harry Ledbetter, Ken Kauffman and Tom Murrah as standouts in the Arkansas game.

"But," he added, "that was last week, and we've got a fine SMU team to meet Saturday."

Stallings said he considers SMU to be as fast as Arkansas, and described the Pony offense to be one that concentrates "more on the element of surprise than on execution."

Injuries still plague the Cadets, with the non-playing roster for Saturday's game including Jack Pyburn, Grady Allen, John Reynolds, Dan Westerfield, Lloyd Currington and possibly Bill Barker.

The Fish play the Rice Owlets Thursday night in Houston, then meet the Tech Picadors in Sweetwater November 13 and finish their season in Austin the 20th against TU.

There were about 50 students out to greet the team when they returned from Arkansas Sunday morning at 1:30. Coach Stallings said, "I don't know what the players think, but I, for one, was impressed and appreciate it."

For the team he said, "If I coach a jillion teams, and I hope I do, I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for this one. They're not very big, not very fast and are short on ability, but they've done the best they can. I don't have any complaints about these boys. They're my team and I'm proud of them."

But back to SMU, the Aggie mentor said he thought it would be a good, close ball game. He gave the team the day off Monday because, he said, "The boys are mentally and physically tired from losing."

"But morale is not a problem, thank goodness."

There is some question as to when the first sports story was written, but maybe it is the one that starts, "In the big inning . . ."

AGGIES INVADE HOG HAVEN

Led by the wildcatting Yell Leaders, the Aggies charge onto the field in War Memorial Stadium Saturday night to do battle with the Arkansas Razorbacks. Leading the wedge of players onto the gridiron is Joe Wellborn (55), John Nilson (71), Phil Scoggin (34), Dude McLean (81) and Roy Gunnels (66). Yell leaders, left to right, are Joe Bush, Tommy Stone and Tiff Simmons.

Speed Record Broken

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah (AP) — A determined Craig Breedlove, who survived one crash last year and nearly had another this year, set a world land speed record of more than 555 miles per hour Tuesday.

"I never had to work so hard for a record in my life!" said the jubilant, curly-haired hot rodder from Palos Verdes, Calif.

He drove a new jet car, the spirit of America-Sonic I, and was clocked at speeds of 544.382 and 566.394 m.p.h. The record 555.127 m.p.h. is the average of the two runs.

Breedlove broke the mark of 536.71 set last year by Art Arfons of Akron, Ohio, in another jet-powered car.

It was Arfons who took away the mark Breedlove set last year and he probably will try to do it again this year. Arfons has the Flats reserved for next week.

Breedlove said he used only one of the three afterburner stages in his jet engine Tuesday.

Each afterburner adds 1,000 or more horsepower.

Breedlove's record was for unlimited-class cars, a category recognized by the International Automobile Federation only last year. The record for piston-driven cars is 403.1 m.p.h. held by Donald Campbell of England.

Joe Petrali, chief timer of the U. S. Auto Club, said the record average speed is computed by taking an average of the time for both runs, then converting it to miles per hour.

That way of computing, he said, is required by national and international rules.

That way of determining the average is the reason Breedlove's official record speed is 555.127 m.p.h. and not 555.388 m.p.h. which is the result of averaging the miles per hour speed of both runs.