



STEGENT RETURNS
It was good news for A&M Saturday against Nebraska as tailback Larry Stegent returned to action for the first time in almost a year. The 6-1, 198-pound speedster will be starting this week against Army's Black Knights.

Buckeyes Favored By Fourteen

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Ohio State sends its point-a-minute wreckers against Washington this week, favored by two touchdowns to defend its position as the country's No. 1 college football team.

National champions and Rose Bowl champions last season, the Buckeyes cemented their place at the top of The Associated Press poll by smothering Texas Christian in its opener last Saturday 62-0.

Some observers called it one of the most powerful college machines of the era.

Woody Hayes, the Buckeyes' reluctant master commented: "We have to get better every time we play."

Most of the top teams in the weekly poll face formidable rivals with three of the games matching members of the Top Twenty. Eighth-ranked Purdue, winner over Notre Dame last week, plays a strong Stanford team at home in a game some predict could be a preview of the 1970 Rose Bowl. Stanford is ranked 17th.

Missouri, No. 9, invades Michigan, No. 13, with the latter favored by a point while Alabama, No. 15, and Mississippi, No. 20, tangle at Birmingham in a match of Southeastern Conference powers.

The Alabama-Mississippi battle will be Saturday's national

television morsel, starting at 9:30 p.m. EDT. ABC televises.

Ohio State received 35 of the 40 first place votes cast by a sports writing and broadcasting panel of 40 and collected 784 total points.

Penn State, which trounced Colorado 27-3, is second, followed by Arkansas, 55-0 winner over Tulsa; Texas, which ran over Texas Tech 49-7, and Southern California, which crushed Northwestern 48-6.

Penn State is at Kansas State Saturday and Arkansas at Texas Christian, Texas is host to Navy and Southern California travels to Oregon State.

Completing the Top Ten in the poll are Oklahoma, Georgia, Purdue, Missouri and Tennessee.

SWC Serves Big Dishes Of Hospitality

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — The six Southwest Conference football teams that were defeated in last week's games served up big dishes of Southern hospitality to their opponents and the latest SWC statistics show just how cordial they were.

Only defending co-champions Arkansas and Texas emerged smiling — Texas with a sweet 49-7 victory over Texas Tech in the SWC opener and Arkansas with a 55-0 rout of Tulsa.

So far this season, Tech and the other five league teams that have been defeated have lost 22 of 37 fumbles, yielded 29 interceptions and 54 touchdowns.

Arkansas, ranked No. 3 in the nation, is unscathed after a 39-0 victory over Oklahoma State

in addition to Tulsa.

The Hogs are hogging the team statistics with top figures in both total offense 427.0 and total defense 178.5 yards per game.

Texas, with its fleet of runners, leads in rushing offense with a 284.0 yards per game average and Southern Methodist leads in passing offense with 870

yards through three games.

Bill Burnett and Bruce Maxwell, a pair of Arkansas' swift runners, are 1-2 in individual rushing. Burnett is the leader with 178 yards and Maxwell has 165 yards.

SMU's defending national passing champion Chuck Hixson is off his record pace of last year but he's still far ahead of Texas

Christian's Steve Judy in passing with 76 completions for a 58.5 percentage.

Judy has hit only 28 passes through two games, including 19 in the season opener against Purdue.

Gary Hammond, Sam Holden and Ken Fleming, all of SMU, are 1-2-3 in receiving. Hammond has snagged 21 passes for 278

yards and one touchdown. By Ga en has caught 14 for 184. Since is 12 for 171 yards and 12 touchdowns.

A four-way tie exists in scoring race among Arkansas' Bill Montgomery of Arkansas, Begi Linzy Cole of TCU and room Lesser of SMU, all with 100 points each.

Tournament Set Friday

A "get acquainted" tournament will be staged Friday by the table tennis club.

Club president Frank Storey of Pasadena said the 6:30 p.m. event open to all A&M students and faculty and Bryan-College Station residents will be in the Memorial Student Center Assembly Room.

By Table Tennis Club

Participants may register until 6:15 p.m. or register early by phone at 846-3965 or 845-6593.

Division placement will be determined by the club, Storey said. Dark shirts, non-skid shoes and an entrance fee of \$1 in the open division and 75 cents in the novice division are required.