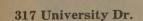
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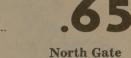
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ball team take the week off to get ready for Rice on October 28 in Houston. **North Gate** Statistics after two games are not near as impressive as the record for A&M. In the two main categories of first downs and

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By BILL HENRY

total offense, A&M is trailing 32-30 in the first and barely leading 689-680 in the other. For amassing 57 points and allowing but 35 these stats are hard to comprehend.

The answer lies in the type of offense the Fish have been running. The wide-open attack and the ability to get the big play have not enabled the Fish to gain many first downs and lots of ball 39 times for 194 yards, three down as has Bounds whose only

Standing in at two wins and no

losses, the Texas A&M Fish foot-

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total offense because they do not have possession of the ball for long periods of time.

Thursday, October 21, 1971

The Fish hold a large margin in total rushing yardage, 512-261 but are far behind in passing, 419-177. Neal Jeffery, Baylor Cub quarterback, picked up almost 300 yards of this total in last Thursday's game in Kyle Field. A&M's Don Dean has thrown 26 times while completing 12 and has had three intercepted for two touchdowns and the 177 yards.

Sidney Fielder and John Bounds are neck-and-neck for the rushing lead. Fielder has carried the ball 29 times for 229 yards, one touchdown and a 7.9 average. Bounds, on the other hand, has carried the

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touchdowns and a 4.9 average. Fielder has the longest run from scrimmage with a 73-yarder coming against TCU.

team with 18 points on his three touchdowns. John Schluens, Fish place kicker, takes runnerup honors with 6 out of 7 extra points and 3 out of 3 field goals. Fielder, Allen Anderson, Dean and Ricky Ford are all bunched together with six points each.

Frank Vavala leads the team in receptions with four for 52 yards and a 13.0 average. All his passes were caught in the Baylor game. Ford and Anderson are tied with two receptions each for 36 and 29 yards respectively. Ford has caught one for a touch-

Freshman stats deceiving for unblemished a 26-yarder.

In the punt return category, the Fish are quite deficient with In scoring, Bounds leads the an overall average of minus two yards on three returns. Doug Jordan is the only back to gain yardage. He ran back one for nine yards and his second was thrown for a five yard loss to give him a 2 yard average. Fielder's lone return resulted in a loss of 10 yards.

Kickoff returns are another story though. Al Thurmond has returned four for 121 yards, his longest coming last week against Baylor of 51 yards. The entire club has run back eight for 146 yards and a 18.3 yard average. Bill Cazales and Joe Scott lead the team in interceptions with

reception of the year resulted in two each out of a team total of seven. The Fish have had three passes picked off and have lost three fumbles. Opponents have lost four fumbles.

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Steve Canter has punted four times for a 38.9 average with his longest being 47 yards against Baylor. Schluens has kicked four times for a 35 yard average. After next week's game in Houston against Rice, the Fish will host Texas Tech on Novem. ber 11 at 7:30 p.m.



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Basketball workouts moving fast

By JOHN CURYLO

Battalion Sports Editor The Aggie basketball team has finished six days of practice, and Coach Shelby Metcalf's charges have shaped up well in early workouts.

"They're working hard," Metcalf said. "Some of them are pretty sore, but they'll get over

Facing a rebuilding situation, only Southwest Conference Sophomore of the Year Jeff Overhouse started more than half of last year's games. Not only are the Aggies rebuilding personnelwise, but a style of play new to

interesting season for everybody

TODD CHRISTOPHER (64), junior guard from Beaumont, spent most of Saturday night on the bench in the Aggies 14-3 loss to TCU in Fort Worth. His sprained knee, which occurred in the first quarter of the game, may keep him out of this week's game with Baylor. (Photo by Joe Matthews)

to watch," he added. "We're A&M is being used this season. blessed with players with some Due to the lack of height and rebounding potential, the delibintangibles; we've got some good competitors with leadership and erate attack has been abandoned. This year's team will utilize the heart.' run-and-shoot method in an at-

Overhouse is expected to pick up where he left off last year, tempt to make the most of the but the key to success will be re-"This team will be exciting to bounding. If senior Rick Duplantis, 6-8, can come up with good watch," Metcalf said. "The problem is that it's hard to put in a play at center, the Aggies should hold their own.

Outside, returning letterman Charlie Jenkins, Bob Gobin and Wayne Howard will provide the excitement of the faster game. "It looks like Wayne is just

like he was at the end of last year," Metcalf said. "He came on real strong the second half of the season. Charlie and Bob are proven competitors who hustle a lot."

These three are all juniors, January 15.

Ferguson named Back of the Week after game against UT Longhorns

By HARRY KING

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)-Few quarterbacks improve their statistics against Texas.

Arkansas' Joe Ferguson did.

Ferguson, who entered last Saturday's Southwest Conference showdown with Texas averaging 211.8 yards a game in total offense, completed 14 of 24 passes for 249 yards and rushed for 16 yards and he increased his average to 220.7 yards a game, second best in the nation.

Ferguson accounted for four touchdowns — three on passes as he guided Arkansas to a 31-7 victory over the Longhorns. For his performance, Ferguson was named National College Back of the Week by The Associated Press Wednesday.

Ferguson, a 6-foot-2, 175 pound junior, broke a 7-7 tie when he country, 60.1, hitting on 86 of 143 raced 10 yards for a touchdown attempts for 1,237 yards and with less than four minutes left nine touchdowns.

with Duplantis and Bobby Threadgill the only seniors on the squad. Four sophomores are on the team, Randy Knowles, Bobby McKey, Joe Arciniega and Mark Stewart.

Two junior college transfers, Mario Brown and Brad Pauley, were recruited by Metcalf and his assistant, Jim Culpepper. Brown, 6-3, is from Kennedy-King Junior College in Chicago. "Mario is fast and exciting in practice," Metcalf said, "but he still hasn't played yet, so we'll have to wait and see.'

The Aggies will be working out daily until their first game December 2 with Texas Wesleyan in G. Rollie White Coliseum. They play six non - conference games and three tournaments before opening SWC play with SMU

in the half, and two minutes later completed a 37-yard scoring toss to Mike Reppond to give the Razorbacks a 21-7 half-time lead.

"The single greatest performance by a quarterback against quality opposition I've ever seen,' said Arkansas Coach Frank Broyles.

him to zip the ball past a defender as soon as a receiver breaks open. "Playing catch with Joe Fer-

guson is just like playing burnout with a .22," says Arkansas fullback Russ Garber. Last week, Texas' Darrell Royal said Ferguson was the best passer to hit the Southwest in his 14 years as coach of the Longhorns.

Ferguson has one of the highest completion percentages in the



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