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Weekly Press Conference Report **Bellard Worried About Defensive Ends**

By BILL HENRY **Battalion Sports Editor**

Coach Emory Bellard was all smiles again Tuesday afternoon at his weekly press conference. The rookie head mentor is much more talkative after a win, and he

The smiles won't last too long as Bellard has two big problems facing him and his Aggies this

The first is what to do about Rice and the second is what to do about defensive ends.

Three defensive ends which include two starters are doubtful for this week's encounter against Rice.

Senior left end Max Bird, injured against Arkansas, has been working out this week but is not back at full speed.

"We are making plans to play without Max Saturday," Bellard said.

Paul Hulin, starter on the right side, hurt a shoulder against SMU and is also not ready to play

Also injured is Don Long who replaced Bird in last Saturday's contest. Long suffered a knee injury.

To remedy this situation, Bellard has switched freshman Glenn Bujnoch from offensive tackle to defensive end. Mike Bruton, who caused SMU quarterback Keith Bobo to fumble late in last week's Schwarz are also available for duty.

Some good news from the training room indicates that Mark

Green and Bubba Bean may be ready to play against Rice. Bellard feels Rice will give his

Aggies all they can handle Saturday afternoon. "They throw and run real well,"

Bellard said. "They're a darn fine offensive football team. They have a great passer and great receivers. Tight end Skip Butler gives them a lot of help because he can catch in the clutch and in

Leaks-Led 'Horns Leading Stat Battle

The offense is full of Leaks, Baylor (13 TD's in eight games) but the defense isn't, and so Texas has clinched a tie for its fifth straight Southwest Conference football championship.

Statistics released Tuesday show fullback Roosevelt Leaks the bruising Longhorn and ground game at the head of the SWC offensive pack and the defense holding a wide lead in the vital category of touchdowns allowed.

The bullish sophomore from Brenham increased his rushing lead with a two-touchdown, 162vard effort against Baylor last Saturday. He's now averaging 117.8 yards per game rushing and he also took over the tandem ofgame, and freshman Blake fense (yards gained rushing and receiving) lead at 120.3 yards. In both categories, Arkansas junior tailback Dickey Morton is the runnerup with 106.8 yards and 115.8.

Leaks also moved up to a tie for second in scoring at 6.3 points per game and held sixth place in total offense behind five quarterbacks

And for the first time this season, Texas replaced Texas Tech as the total offense leader, 371.1 yards per game to 370.2. Tech had led since rolling up 615 yards in its opening game against Utah. And Texas increased its rushing offense lead over Tech to 290.9 yards per game against 253.4 per game for the Raiders.

Texas remained in fourth place in total defense, but the Longhorn defenders have allowed only seven touchdowns in eight games. That's almost a two-toone spread on defensive leader

"Quarterback Bruce Gadd is a capable passer and he leads the

conference. They just have a lot of talent in the offense. "Defensively they are very sound also. They're big, aggressive and active. Safety Bruce

Henley did as much in they're win as anyone on the team returning punts and covering Arkansas' receivers."

and fifth place Tech (13 in nine). It's also an average of one touchdown yielded for every 80.6 plays the opposition runs.

The Texas offense, meanwhile, is averaging a touchdown for every 26.3 offensive snaps while Arkansas is scoring once every 27.2 plays and Tech once every 32.0. Texas also threatens seasonlong leader SMU in rushing defense. The Mustangs are allowing 119.1 yards per game to Texas' 123.4.

In addition to Leaks taking over the tandem lead, there were two new pace-setters in individual categories.

Rice's Edwin Collins moved into tie with teammate Gary Butler in receptions, both with 33 for an average of 4.1 per game. SMU freshman Kenny Harrison remained third at 4.0 and defending SWC receiving champ Mike Reppond of Arkansas held fourth at 3.7. Another Owl took over the punt return lead. Bruce Henley return-

ed seven for 104 yards in the victory over Arkansas and is now averaging 15.5 yards on 14 returns. SMU's Kris Silverthorn, the national leader before being beaten out by one-tenth of a yard last week, also lost his SWC lead by the same margin this week. He has returned 25 for a 15.4-yard average.

Kickers rewrote long-distance

records for the year Saturday.

Texas A&M's Pat McDermott got

off a 54-yard field goal in the vic-

tory over SMU and Texas' Alan

Lowry boomed a quick kick 82

yards.

REMOTE CONTROL

Admiral

against SMU were defensive tackles Boice Best, Bill Wiebold, linebackers Grady Hoermann, Ed Simonini and Kent Finley.

"Boice played super against SMU," Bellard said. "He's played real well since the conference games began. He's been hampered by injuries early in the season and wasn't in real good condition. He's well now and he's playing excellently."

Bellard also had something nice to say about the offense.

"For a quarter last week we looked like a good offensive football team," he said.

He also singled out freshman Ronnie Hubby for his play. Hubby scored once and made great blocks to clear Skip Walker on his touchdown runs.

Rice Tickets Available

Wally Groff, Athletic Business Manager, has announced that tickets to the Rice game will be on sale the remainder of the week to give students a chance to pick them up.

He also indicated that tickets for the Texas game to be held in Austin Thanksgiving Day will not be sold after Friday afternoon.

Any tickets left for the annual "Turkey Day Game" after Friday must be sent back to Austin to be sold.

Record Bull

KERRVILLE (A)-A Houston and Batesville partnership has paid \$62500 for a one-fourth interest in "Beacon," making him the first quarter-million-dollar Brangus bull in history.

The sale goes on the record books as \$250,000, a world record. August Bering III of Houston and Krist Hubert of Batesville bought the interest from Brink's Brangus, Harris Farms and Triple C Brangus. The purchase was made at

Brink's Brangus fall sale here.

"He has natural running ability, good balance, great strength and is a solid individual," Bellard said. "He grins all the time and is just a great kid."

Bellard theorized on fumbles and freshman as all three touchdowns were scored by freshmen backs and the Aggies have only lost one fumble in two games.

"Fumbles aren't something you can work on stopping in practice," he said. "It's just something you can't figure out. Some of it has been caused by inexperience. It's a long way from Del Valle, Kirbyville and Clovis to Southwest Conference football."

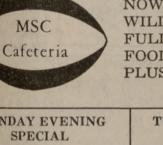


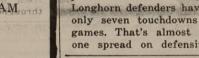


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