

Ags on move

Arkansas 'Porkers' feature erratic team performance

By TONY GALLUCCI

It's must time again as the Aggies host Arkansas in a 1:30 p.m. game before a sellout crowd. It's a must game in every way.

Head coach Emory Bellard has assured us our first winning season since 1967 with a 6-1 record this year. After 3-8 and 5-6 seasons in his first two years a win this Saturday would put Bellard even at 15-15 as a head coach. His forces are behind him and apparently gaining strength.

The Ags have now posted two shutouts in a row and have three for the season. The Ags are leading the conference in the total and rushing defense and is third in the pass defense. Pat Thomas and Jackie Williams lead the interception category in the conference with five and three, respectively. Pat Thomas is also tied for eighth in the nation with 7 interceptions.

In the national statistics this week the Ags are predominant in the de-

fensive categories. Besides Thomas' rank, Mark Stanley is tied for second in punting with a 43.2 norm. A&M is tied for the lead in team punting with Ohio State. Arkansas will counter with Mike Kirkland ranked 14th with a 41.4 average. The Ags are sixth nationally in total defense and tenth in rushing defense. They are also tenth in scoring defense allowing 9.1 points per game.

The Ags still own the nation's lowest yields this year in total yardage and rushing yardage against TCU.

Offensively in the nation, the Ags' Skip Walker is 22nd in scoring despite missing two games. A&M is 14th in rushing offense while Arkansas is 11th in scoring.

In the team category of conference statistics the Ags outrank Arkansas every time but at most by only two positions. In total offense the Ags are third with 366.9 yards per game with the Razorbacks right on their tail at 329.6. In rushing offense the positions are the same while in passing the Hogs are in seventh, two spots behind A&M.

The Razorbacks are one spot behind the league leading Ags in total defense while they are two spots back of the top dog Ags in rushing

defense and are again two spots back of the Ags in pass defense.

After facing seven teams with pro-based, I-type or Veer offensive formations, the Ags will finally play a team with a similar attack, the wishbone. Bellard should have his forces well prepared for the venture as he was the engineer of the wishbone. But this weekend, the Farmers will use the improved version known as the T-Bone. Of the four remaining games, three teams sport wishbone attacks.

Arkansas rebounded from back to back losses to Baylor and Texas, which put them out of contention, with a 43-9 pasting of Colorado State. The Hogs will be looking to even their conference slate at 2-2 while the Ags will be trying to remain undefeated.

The game features a devastating ground attack with the Aggies top four backs Bubba Bean, Skip Walker, Ronnie Hubby and Bucky Sams each averaging over five yards per carry.

Arkansas will counter with strong running back Ike Forte and three accomplished quarterbacks in Scott Bull, Mark Miller and Kirkland.

P.S. The last time the Ags went 3-0 through the first part of conference play, the Hogs axed them in the fourth game, 34-0.

No club sports funds until full potential is reached

By MARY RUSSO
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Funding for club sports is about as far out of sight as a \$3 million athletic budget.

"Not until all the sports that the Southwest Conference has recognized have been brought up to full potential will there be money for other sports," said Dr. Charles H. Samson, chairman of the Athletic Council.

This is the philosophy that Dr. Samson, President Jack K. Williams, Coach Emory Bellard and the members of the Athletic Council hold.

Each year a budget is drawn up by Dr. Earl Bennett, associate dean of the College of Business and Wally Groff, athletic business manager.

The budget is made by estimating the income from football ticket sales, radio and television payments, scholarship, student activity money and gifts.

"An estimate for the year can be

off 150,000 easily," Samson said. This year's budget is \$1,567,500.

He talked about women's athletics at length, saying that although \$40,000 was given to them and a sum of money is available for certain, "the rest will have to be obtained through whatever means possible," Samson said.


There's no reserve if the expenditures of the Athletic Department exceed the intake. Everyone from Bellard to Billy Pickard, head trainer and manager, are trying to run a tight economic ship, said Samson.

Ideas of how to bring in more funds have been offered. They range from students being charged a fee per credit hour up to 12 for non-revenue bearing sports, to purchase of basketball and football tickets at half price to purchase of season tickets.

Samson spoke of a long-term facilities study. An architect has been hired and plans are being discussed and designed.

"We hope if we take a well developed plan to former students and other friends of the university that enough money can be raised to expand existing facilities," Samson said.


"We don't like having to turn people away from games. Some schools sell tickets only to seniors or draw for who gets tickets," said Samson. The same thing could easily happen at A&M if larger facilities aren't built, he said.



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