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No. 1 Ags play Arkansas

By TONY GALLUCCI
Battalion Staff Writer

The undefeated Aggie basketball team faces perhaps its toughest test of the young SWC season when they venture to Fayetteville for a go-round with Arkansas.

The Ags with four wins and no losses in conference play lead the SWC with Tech currently in second place with a 5-1 slate. Arkansas is tied in third place with a 3-3 record.

The Razorbacks will stake their speed and tough defense on the shooting abilities of Marvin Delph,

the team's leading scorer. Probable starters with Delph will be Robert Birden, Darryl Saulsberry, Jack Schulte and Charles Terry. Delph is the only non-senior of that crew, and he is a sophomore.

Leading the Aggies in the contest will be Sonny Parker who is scoring at a 19.4 points-per-game average, obtaining 7.3 rebounds per game, and who leads the team in assists with 46 and in steals with 36. He is strongly backed by leading rebounder (9.9) Barry Davis who puts in an average of 15.4 points per game. Sonny P is averaging 19.0 in SWC action and Davis is scoring 17.5 in the league.

Other Aggie starters will be Ray Roberts, scoring 12.4 ppg, Karl Godine at 13.0, and Jarvis Williams scoring at 8.8.

Top reserves who will see a lot of action are Wally Swanson (6.2), Steve Jones (5.9), Joey Robinson (4.2) and defensive whiz Gates Erwin.

Last year's SWC battle amounted to a stretch duel between A&M and

the Hogs. Arkansas won the first game in Fayetteville last year, a 95-89 thriller in double overtime. In the return engagement the Ags won on a last second jumpshot by Mike Floyd 62-60 before the biggest crowd ever to watch basketball in Brazos County, 10,308.

Although the Hogs have already lost three conference games, they are still in the thick of the race. Picked in the pre-season guesswork as one of the top four contenders for the crown, the Hogs have not lost their respectability. The three losses suffered so far have come by a combined four points. They lost one-pointers to SMU and Houston and a two-pointer, 59-57 last Tuesday to Texas as the Ags were defeating Houston, 74 to 67.

In Fayetteville, the Razorbacks crumbled Houston, winning by 45 points. It was the worst loss in Cougar history and a brutal way to enter the SWC.

Tipoff for Saturday's game is 7:30 p.m. and will be broadcast on KTAM radio.

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Oklahoma tackle receives Vince Lombardi Award

By KEVIN VENNER
Battalion Staff Writer

Former Aggie football great, Jack

Pardee, presented Leroy Selmon, the 6'2", 256-pound defensive tackle from the University of Oklahoma, with the 1976 Vince Lombardi Award last night in Houston.

The award was presented to Selmon for being college football's outstanding lineman. He was selected from a group of four finalists.

Ed Simonini, the All-American linebacker from Texas A&M, was one of the four outstanding athletes. The other two players were Steve Niehaus, the 6'5", 265-pound defensive tackle from the University of Notre Dame and Leroy's brother Dewey Selmon, the 6'1", 257-pound middle guard from the University of Oklahoma.

President Gerald Ford also addressed the crowd of 800 by videotape.

The \$100 per plate banquet which preceded the presentation, was in honor of the late Green Bay Packer Head Coach, Vince Lombardi, who died of cancer. All proceeds will go to the American Cancer Society research program in his honor.

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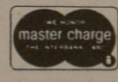
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