Walker's become a threat



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At Texas A&M, they run the triple option in its purest sense. With 280-pound fullback they have the de power. With a 9.4 sprinter at alfback they have the outside hreat. And with a set of fine reeivers and a rifle-arm passer, they ave the means to put the ball in the

However, in their last three games, the Aggies have exhibited still yet another threat that makes that wishbone attack even more minous. David Walker can also run with the ball, and that comes in handy when there are eight defen-ders stacking the middle or three people keying on the speedy halfback.

In the last three games (vs. Baylor, Rice and SMU), Walker has kept the ball a total of 61 times and run for 296 yards, his best performance coming against SMU two weeks ago when he rushed 27 times for 182 yards. Both figures were areer highs for the senior three-letterman from Sulphur, La. and, along with a pair of TD passes, were enough to earn him AP Player of the Week honors in the SWC

Opposing defenses around the WC must find it difficult these lays devising ways to keep the gie offense completely in check. I'm not the big breakaway threat of a Woodard or a Dickey," explains Walker, "I really thought the de-lenses would start making me run h the ball earlier. That was

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there are strong feelings surrounding this rivalry, as he feels the Ags still bear the scars of the 31-6 loss to the Hogs back in 1975.

"It felt good to beat them last year at their place," says Walker in referin real good shape and I think that second half against SMU has got us there are strong feelings surrounding this rivalry, as he feels the Ags still bear the scars of the 31-6 loss to the Hogs back in 1975.

"It felt good to beat them last year at their place," says Walker in reference to A&M's 31-10 victory in Little Rock. "It'll be a definite advantage of the game."

Walker has 342 yards rushing and 560 yards passing for 902 yards in we can get. and total offense with 3,101 yards.

His personal goal, besides guiding the Ags to the Cotton Bowl, is to doubt that is a grudge match, and break into the list of top ten career it's no secret that a lot of people down here don't like the Arkansas rushers for A&M. Right now, he is just 258 yards away from that milestone as Bucky Sams (1973-75) is currently No. 10 with 1,118. Walker and the SWC race also would like to get his passing percentage up to 50 percent this year. So far in '77 he is 35 for 80 (.438) and has also thrown for eight with that Number-One ranking—

The Aggies have four games re-

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Rice did to some degree, but until hig this week's bout with That is then, no one had really come at us at Kyle Field. According to Walker, a bit, but they still have a good team, there are strong feelings surround-All things considered, I feel confi-

tle Rock. "It'll be a definite advan-tage to have them down here this year—we'll need all the advantages

What about the rest of the season

"I think a lot of people are still they can't afford to lose. Having only one quarterback isn't helping maining on their schedule, includ- them much either. I think the pro-

'Two of the top quarterbacks in the conference got hurt early in the second on the all-time A&M career fense, an explosive offense, and list in QB rushing with 860 yards, and total offense with 3,187 yards.

His personal goal, heriday with second on the all-time A&M career fense, an explosive offense, and their kicking game is liable to keep us in our own territory so we'll have season, then when some others worry about getting hurt, it takes away from your effectiveness.

This year, David Walker has taken his share of licks, but through his performance and leadership, has made the Aggie offense a complete unit in every sense of the term



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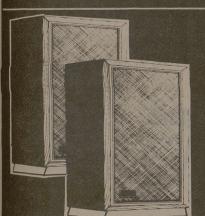
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