

Ags Form Senior Line At Tech
... Alternate captain Wayland Simmons leads team

Ags Rated Real Contenders As Basketball Season Nears

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The round-ballers — basketball to you — will come out of the crevices next week and the Southwest Conference will look toward one of its better years on the court.

The teams are permitted to start practice Oct. 15 but can't play a game until Dec. 2.

The league should make a good showing in intersectional basketball this time, something it hasn't done since Southern Methodist almost got into the NCAA finals four years ago.

Just about everybody who

starred in 1961 will be back, including that great one-two punch of Texas Tech — Del Ray Mounts and Harold Hudgens.

Broussard Returns

Seven of the top scorers will return, including the brilliant Carroll Broussard of Texas A&M, who led them all. Hudgens was second and Mounts was third. Jan Loudermilk of Southern Methodist, Donnie Lasiter of Texas, Mike Maroney of Rice and Phil Reynolds of Texas Christian, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth in the scoring race, are back.

There are plenty of big men with experience. One of them is Lewis Qualls of Texas A&M, the first 7-footer in conference history. Qualls was doing well indeed at the end of the season and Aggies this winter.

Ags Are Real Contender

A&M, incidentally, should be a real contender for the championship. It has a strong nucleus of veterans and some excellent sophomore and junior college transfer prospects.

Texas Tech, however, will be

favored to repeat with its Mounts, Hudgens, Bobby Gindorf, Roger Hennig, Mac Percival, et al.

Texas, with some good men up from the freshmen, and Rice, which made a glittering finish last season after starting out with probably the most dismal prospects in the league, look like real contenders.

SMU Will Make Run

Southern Methodist is destined to make a strong run for it with a veteran team and some top prospects like Mike Marsh of Midland and Gene Elmore of Houston. Texas Christian is back almost intact, Arkansas looks tough and Baylor ought to be improved.

There will be two new coaches — Bill Menefee succeeding Bill Henderson at Baylor and Gene Gibson taking over for Polk Robison at Texas Tech. Henderson and Robison resigned because they had so many other duties. Henderson was business manager of athletics, assistant director and basketball coach. Robison has become athletic director at Tech and just can't find the time to coach the basketball team.

Aggies Renew 59-Year Old Trinity Series Saturday

When the Aggies take the field in San Antonio's Alamo Stadium Saturday night against Trinity, it will be the 21st meeting of the two teams since the first game was played in 1902.

A&M has won 17 games, Trinity has won one game, and two ended in ties. Trinity's victory came in 1903, when they defeated the Farmers 18-0.

Biggest Aggie victory margin was in 1915, when Trinity was trampled 62-0. Three games have been played since the early 1930's — in 1933, A&M winning 38-0; in 1953, A&M winning 53-14; in 1960, A&M winning 14-0.

Thus far this year the Tigers are batting at a .500 clip, winning one and losing one in two outings. Trinity beat McMurray 19-0, and then lost to powerful Texas A&I, 26-13.

Coach Jim Myers is expecting a good game Saturday night. According to Coach Myers, "Trinity has a good ball club, sparked by an exceptionally good passing attack triggered by three fine quarterbacks. They have a much better team than last year. We're not looking ahead and not taking Trinity lightly — we hope to be ready for what could prove a very tough ballgame."

Reviewing the Aggies' 38-7 stampede over Texas Tech last week, Myers commented, "It was our best effort of the year. Tech was playing at home and was fired up, but our players responded with a great effort."

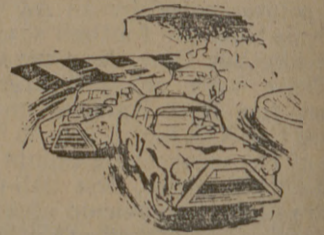
The Cadets will go against Trinity without the services of three players. Sophomore Halfback George Hargett sustained a shoulder

bruise against Tech and will likely not play against Trinity. Guard Jim Harper is still ailing with an injured leg and will probably

miss at least two more weeks. Guard Mike Swan has a bruised thigh and will probably miss his third game.

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