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A&M Foes

Tough Opponents Challenge Aggies

GEORGIA TECH — The strength of the Tech team in 1966 should again be its fine offensive backs. At the close of last season offensive backs. At the close of last season oach Bobby Dodd called the backfield of Kim King at quarterback, Lenny Snow at allback, Craig Baynham at wingback and Doc Harvin at fullback "the most exciting and most fun to watch of any I have had at Tech." Another fine back, Tommy Carlisle, ill devote his time this year with the defen-

ive unit. Enthusiasm was generated in the spring on the value of the spring of the

The big search in early fall workouts will be for a punter to replace capable Jerry Priestly who did so well last year.

Georgia Tech foes may not find much fun in facing the Yellow Jackets in 1966.

TULANE — The Green Wave hasn't had a winning season since 1956, but new head coach Jim Pittman's infectious enthusiasm and 28 returning lettermen could make Tulane troublesome in 1966.

Tulane won only two games last season, at was impressive in those wins over Miami (Fla.) and Mississippi State. Fumbles, in-terceptions and lack of depth wrecked Tulane over the last half of the season.

Among the top returnees are tri-captains erry Colquette and Lanis O'Steen, the start-ng ends, and tailback Pete Jones. Tackle teve Hartnett is probably the team's best nterior lineman.

Lack of depth and team speed will hurt Tulane, but the Green Wave's future is

TEXAS TECH — Don't look for Texas Tech to produce a team equivalent to the 1965 Red Raiders. Still, if Tech fills adeuately its quarterbacking and linebacking cancies, the Raiders should again be strong. Replacing quarterback Tom Wilson, whose replacing quarterback for which, whose passing (third best nationally) and field gen-eralship were so valuable will be John Sco-vell or Guy Griffis. James Henkel is to be starting linebacker in the Raiders' new 6-1-4 defense. Mike Leinert inherits Donny And-

rson's threat as a runner. LSU—The Tigers, who halted Arkansas' inning string in the 1966 Cotton Bowl, have eir momentum going for another winning npaign

Coach Charley McClendon returns 27 let-men from the 1965 squad that posted a record.

The Tiger attack will center around quar-rback Nelson Stokley and such hard-run-ng backs as Billy Masters, Gawin DiBetta nd Maurice LeBlanc.

and Maurice LeBlanc. LSU has not had a losing season since 1956 and it doesn't appear that the Tigers' annual success on the gridiron will be broken during the 1966 campaign. TCU — The Horned Frogs posted a 6-4 record last year and lost only eight players off that fine squad. Twenty-seven return-ing lettermen including seven offensive lettermen, including seven offensive tarters and nine defensive starters, return

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The top Frog star is Frank Horak, de-fensive safety, who is being groomed for national honors.

Sophs to watch include backs Norman Bulaich and Ross Montgomery and quarterback Rick Bridges.

Coach Abe Martin has the solid ingredi-ents necessary to bid strongly for the SWC title in 1966.

BAYLOR — The Bears should be improv-ed over the crippled squad that tied for fourth in the SWC last year with a 3-4 mark. The Bears were 5-5 for the full season but were without ace quarterback Terry Southall after the third game when he received a broken leg

Southall returns this year as do 14 of last year's top 22 players, seven each from the offensive and defensive units.

There are 33 lettermen on hand as Coach John Bridgers aims the Bears to the top

John Bridgers aims the Bears to the top rung of the SWC ladder. ARKANSAS — Coach Frank Broyles has dug football gold in the Arkansas hills and has built a gridiron dynasty in the Ozarks since arriving at Fayetteville in 1957. Although the 14-7 loss to LSU in the 1966 Cotton Bowl ended the nation's longest winning streak at 22 straight the Bazor-

winning streak at 22 straight, the Razorbacks can look with pride on the first backto-back undefeated regular seasons in the history of the SWC.

The Hogs return 27 lettermen, including quarterback Jon Brittenum and swift haf-

back Harry Jones. SMU — Hayden Fry, approaching his fifth season at the SMU football helm, should field his best Mustang club ever this fall. The Ponies return 25 lettermen, includ-ing 14 of their ton 22 from the 1965 squad

ing 14 of their top 22 from the 1965 squad that posted four wins, five defeats and one tie. There are seven offensive starters and seven defensive starters returning.

A lot of talented backs are around, in-cluding Jim Hagle, Larry Jernigan, Mike Livingston and D. J. Moore.

Sophomore Jerry Levias, a Negro speed-ster who likely will play split end, might crack the starting lineup.

This could be the year that SMU makes a strong run at the SWC title.

RICE — This will be A&M's last game against a Jess Neely-coached team.

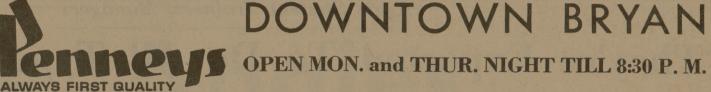
Rice will be a comparatively young team this fall, with an accent on youth despite 27 lettermen on the roster. After spring drills when newcomers were more impressive at many posts, it appears the Owls may have 20 or more sophomores on the first two units.

TEXAS — Although Texas has 23 letter-men returning for 1966, the Horns will be hurting in most positions as regards to experience

The Longhorns will utilize the "I" forma-tion with a split end this season and will platoon. And of course, the Horns will have talented soph Bill Bradley.

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arters and nine defensive starters, return r the Purple this fall. In addition to the returning starters, the rogs have several talented sophomores



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