

Aggies face rocky road in 1970

WICHITA STATE

Coach Ben Wilson will bring an enthusiastic, young team to Kyle Field on Sept. 12 for the first game to be played on AstroTurf. While the Schokers are depending on sophomores to carry much of the load, there are still only 11 senior lettermen to provide plenty of experience.

Only three starters return on offense, but all three are All-Missouri Valley candidates. Quarterback Bob Renner had a fine debut as a sophomore last year while guard Tom Shedden and tackle Rich Stephens are solid in the interior line.

Randy Jackson is a first class runner who set a single game rushing record with 221 yards in the final game of 1969.

Defense will be Wichita's strongpoint with nine veterans in the 11 positions. Dave Lewis and Keith Morrison, last year's regular defensive ends, are joined by veteran linebackers Steve Moore, John Hoheisel and Glenn Kostal. Hoheisel (6-4, 220) is an All-America candidate who is certain to go high in the pro draft.

Don Christian, Ron Johnson and Randy Kiesau are returning starters in the secondary. Top newcomers are running backs Marvin Brown, Lou Tabor, and Don Gilley, receiver John Duren, and defensive backs Charles Stoner and Ed Plopa.

LSU

The Bayou Bengals will be foaming at the mouth for the 1970 season. Following a 1969 season which saw coach Charles McClendon's Tigers post a 9-1 record and lead the nation in rushing defense, the bowl selectors passed them by. That shouldn't help LSU's 1970 opponents.

The perennial powerhouse Tigers have that look again. Leading the returnees is the nation's No. 1 1969 sophomore, versatile Tommy Casanova. Casanova played in the defensive secondary and the offensive backfield while returning punts and kickoffs.

All-SEC linebacker Mike An-

derson and guard Mike Demarie are other top veterans, along with defensive tackle John Sage and tackle Mike Wright.

There are some holes, though. Quarterback Mike Hillman and fullback-punter Eddie Ray are gone. But LSU used three quarterbacks in beating A&M last year, and two of those—Butch Duhe and Buddy Lee—are back. Ray won't be missed with Art Cantrelle, Allen Shorey and Casanova in the backfield.

The big loss on defense was all-America linebacker George Beven. Linemen Buddy Millican, Art Davis, Buddy Joe King and Sage make a solid front while three juniors — Louis Cascio, Lloyd Frye, Richard Piceu—batle for the other two linebacker posts alongside Anderson.

The defensive backfield returns in tact. Casanova and James Earley, at the corners, Don Addison and Bill Norsworthy at the safeties combined for 18 interceptions a year ago. School record holder Mark Lumpkin returns as the placekicker.

OHIO STATE

Touted by some observers as possibly the best team in the history of college football, the Ohio State Buckeyes have reached the moment of truth. The sophomores who carried Ohio State to the national championship in 1968—and narrowly missed it in 1969—are seniors.

Rex Kern, Jack Tatum, Larry Zelina, Jan White and Jim Stillwagon are two-year lettermen from teams who won 18 of 19 games. There are 15 starters—eight on offense and seven on defense—back who are dedicated to making up for 1969's near-miss.

Tight end White, an All-American selection, keys an offensive line that returns tackle Dave Cheney, center Brian Donovan, and split end Bruce Jankowski. The backfield of quarterback Kern and ace reliever Ron Maciejowski, halfbacks Leo Hayden and Zelina, and fullback John Brockington saw most of the action

last year. Tatum, who has been called the best football player in America was nominated for the Heisman Trophy as a junior, heads up a defensive secondary which boasts Mike Sensibaugh and Tim Anderson who were All-Big Ten. Back in the linebacker slots will be regulars Dough Adams and Phil Strickland. Stillwagon anchors the defensive line.

MICHIGAN

No one's going to take the Michigan Wolverines for granted anymore. Their stunning upset of Ohio State last year threw them into the national spotlight and a Rose Bowl appearance.

Thirteen starters are returning from an 8-2 season, six on offense and seven on defense. Losses included All-America tight end Jim Mandich, top fullback Garvie Craw, and defensive backs Tom Cutris and Barry Pierson.

But the Wolverines won't be lacking talent. Bill Taylor, All-Big 10 halfback, and Glenn Doughty combined for 1,540 yards last season. Doughty averaged 419 yards per carry while Taylor averaged 6.6. They were the heart of a rushing attack which averaged nearly 300 yards per game.

That's not all Michigan knows how to do—they can throw, too. Quarterback Don Moorhead threw for 1,281 yards on 103 completions in 210 attempts.

All the linemen and linebackers are back and the defense should be tough. Defensive end Phil Seymour and linebacker Marty Huff earned All-Big Ten honors.

Michigan runs from the Option-T on offense and uses a 5-3-3 alignment on defense. The Wolverines and Ohio State are strong co-favorites to repeat as Big Ten Champions.

TEXAS TECH

The Red Raiders dive into the 1970's with a new coach and a new offense. Replacing J. T. King is Jim Carlen who installed the Tech Option offense during the spring. King moved up to athletic director. The Red Raiders

can be expected to be strong on the ground since Carlen fielded powerful running teams during a successful tenure at West Virginia.

From the looks of things, the best Tech attack may come in the air if junior Charles Napper has anything to do with it. Napper came on strong towards the end of last season and had an outstanding spring. Top receivers Johnny Odom and Robbie Best are back to strengthen the passing game.

Danny Hardaway and Miles

Langhenning pace a host of strong runners.

Ken Perkins, Jerry Watson, Dale Rebold and Bruce Bushong make the defensive secondary a solid line and the front four of Bruce Dowdy, Wayne McDermann, Jim Dyer and Bob Mooney is strong and experienced.

However, the only regular linebacker is Larry Molinaire. Mark Fincannon, who sat out last season with an injury, may help there.

Center Mark Hazlewood is a top candidate for All-SWC hon-

ors in the offensive line where tackles Jerry Ryan and Phil Barney, and guards David Browning and Jesse Richardson are all veterans.

TCU

The Horned Frogs will be missing a lot of starters this year, but they have an excellent starting point in junior quarterback Steve Judy, a good bet for All-SWC honors this season.

Judy earned some plaudits as Sophomore of the Year last season on his running and throwing ability, but top receivers Jerry

Miller and Linzy Cole are gone.

Center John Ruthstrom, another All-SWC candidate, anchors an offensive line which returns tackle Gerald Kirby. J. R. Eubanks, who lettered at tight end in 1969, has been moved to guard.

Three starters are back on the defense — tackle Bob Creech, guard Chuck Forney and cornerback Greg Webb, but there are lettermen to man every position.

The sophomores will be the key to TCU's season, and they have (See Aggies face, page 7)

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