

Aggies facing rough schedule

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some fine ones. Raymond Rhodes, voted the Outstanding Offensive Freshman in the SWC last fall, will step in at a halfback spot. Rhodes has outstanding speed, as does junior college transfer Larry Harris, also a halfback hopeful.

Although they are a very young team, the Frogs could be very tough as the season progresses. The Frogs meet the Aggies on Kyle Field on Oct. 17.

BAYLOR

Having no where to go but up, Baylor will rely on their strong suit of four players returning who started the final game of 1969 on offense and six on defense.

Coach Bill Beall feels the Bears are headed up if last year's injury jinx stays away. "We've got some players who will hit. They'll go after that ball on defense," he says.

Quarterback Laney Cook, fullback Randy Cooper and tailback-flanker Derek Davis top the list of offensive starters. Guard Gilbert Beall is the only returnee in the line, but the Bruins have some good sized contestants for the other slots. Joe Allbrith, 231, Ron Evans, 239, and Jess Young, 250, could find spots in the interior line.

Sterling newcomers and some talented veterans mark the defense. Returning starters are defensive end Dennis Watson, tackle Glen Chmelar, linebacker David Jones, tackle Gary Sutton and linebacker Tommy Bambrick. Sophomore Roger Goree is expected to handle the other defensive end spot while rookies Trent Phipps, Don Aylor and Mike Wilder will add depth to the line.

Sophomore Rick Schmidt is a top linebacker candidate while swift Ira Dean is expected to join Bambrick and Mike Beane in the secondary.

The Bruins' chances could be boosted considerably with quarterback Si Southall returning

from a knee operation. The Bears meet A&M in Waco on Oct. 24.

ARKANSAS

It looks like another good season for the Razorbacks with Coach Frank Broyles returning 13 starters from last season's 9-2 team.

All-America candidate Bill Montgomery heads the list of returnees at quarterback. Montgomery got off to a slow start last year following an operation after an outstanding sophomore season. But by the end of the season, he was as sharp as ever.

But Montgomery will have to stay that sharp to fend off an attack on his slot by precocious sophomore Joe Ferguson.

Among the veterans returning are record-breaking runner Bill Burnett and record-breaking catcher Chuck Dieus, both All-SWC players. Tackle Mike Kelson, guard Ronnie Hammers and tight end Pat Morrison return, but All-America center Rodney Brand, All-SWC guard Jerry Dossy and tackle Bob Stankovich are not returning.

Back on the defensive line are Rick Kersey, Dick Bumpas and Bruce James. Mike Boschetti returns at linebacker, but Cliff Powell and Lynn Garner will be hard to replace.

Monster Man Bobby Field, defensive halfback Jerry Moore and safety Gus Rusher give the Porkers a solid secondary.

Top newcomers are tailback Jon Richardson, and receivers Jim Hodge and Mike Reppond. The Razorbacks meet the Ags in College Station on Oct. 31.

SOUTHERN METHODIST

There will be no question marks hovering over the Mustangs this year with Chuck Hixson throwing the ball.

The SMU passer enters his senior season with nearly every SWC and national NCAA record in his bag. He has completed more passes for more yards than any quarterback ever in two years.

After an outstanding 1968 season, the Mustangs fell to a 3-7 season last year due to injuries in the offensive line. Coach Hayden Fry hopes those problems are gone so Hixson can get on with throwing the ball without being smothered as he often was last season.

The SWC's Sophomore of the Year last year, Gary Hammond, is back. He has been switched to halfback in an attempt to give him more chances with the ball. He also returns punts and kick-offs.

Gordon Gilder, the Ponies' shifty halfback, also had a fine sophomore year. Gilder will team up with Hammond to keep opponents wary of the Pony running game.

The Mustangs return Bull Jackson and top receiver Ken Fleming in the offensive line.

The defense should be tight with linebacker Joe Stutts heading the veterans. Mike Neuker, Pat Curry and Larry Tunnell give SMU an experienced and talented secondary. Jim Johnston is an outstanding defensive tackle.

The Ponies meet A&M in Dallas on Nov. 7.

RICE

The Owls loom as a strong darkhorse in this year's SWC race under the guidance of Bo Hagan. Rice has 39 lettermen back from a 3-7 season last year.

A lot of talent, both offensively and defensively, is available to Hagan. Eight starters return on offense and 10 on defense. The letterman available are split 18 for offense and 21 for defense.

The starting backfield returns nearly in tact, not counting a key position change. Stable Vincent, last season's top quarterback, will return as tailback. Mike Spruill and Kim Malone showed a lot of power at fullback last season, and Larry Caldwell is a top-notch flanker. Philip Wood is now all alone with the quarterback position.

Giant Ron Waedemon is on the line along with Paul Strahan at guards and Bill Batchelor and Brownie Wheelless at tackles.

The Rice defense abounds with talented players. The linebacking pair of Monte Hutchinson and Dale Grounds may be the best in the conference. Roger Roitsch is an All-America candidate at defensive guard, while Butch Robinson and Roger Collins are fine defensive ends.

The Owls have 22 senior lettermen, 15 of whom have won two letters. Top newcomer is tight end Gary Butler. The Owls meet the Aggies on Kyle Field on Nov. 14.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Speaking of a tough act to follow . . . Coach Darrell Royal's team comes into this season with a 20-game winning streak, including two straight Cotton Bowl wins. This doesn't include the national championship, either.

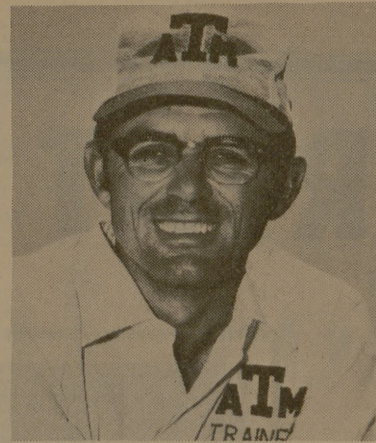
However, the quarterback who took Texas to those wins is gone, along with several other top flight players. James Street has completed his eligibility as have All-America tackle Bob McKay, center Forrest Wiegand, halfback Ted Koy, tight end Randy Peschel, linebacker Glen Halsell, Mike and Tom Campbell and defensive tackle Leo Brooks. Fred Steinmark, safety, and defensive guard Greg Plotz are also gone.

But the Longhorns aren't hurting for talent. Cotton Speyzer, the speedy split end, is back, along with All-America fullback Steve Worster, All-SWC halfback Jim Bertelson, tackle Bobby Wuensch, guards Bobby Mitchell and Mike Dean, defensive ends Bill Atessis and David Arledge, and linebackers Scott Henderson and Bill Zapalac.

Eddie Phillips, No. 2 behind Street, is top candidate for quarterback. Gary Keithley, a precocious soph who can throw as well as run, is also a prospect. Billy Dale has taken over Koy's vacated halfback slot.

Outstanding sophomores Bruce Gaw, Jerry Sisemore, Bill Rutherford, Stan Hicks and Steve Oxley are vying for positions in the offensive and defensive line, while Julius Whittier, another sophomore, has been moved to linebacker.

Texas will clash with the Ags on Nov. 26 in Austin.



Billy Pickard
Trainer

Green

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are James Dubcak, 232, a sophomore and Barb Hinnant, 204, a junior letterman. The guards are senior letterman Dale Watts, 216, and junior letterman Wayne Wheat, 229. Behind them are ends Dan Peoples, 196, sophomore and Ralph Sacra, 217, sophomore, and guards Tommy Deaton, 198, junior s q u a d m a n, and Butch Kampas, 237, sophomore.

The linebackers slots show pretty good depth. The battles were close in the spring with Clifton Thomas, 234, sophomore; Kent Finley 193 and Mike Lord, 202, junior letterman, leading the way. Next came Steve Luebbehusen, 193, junior letterman, Dennis Carruth, 206, sophomore and Bruce Best, 229, sophomore. Others include Gardy Hoermann, 210, sophomore and Gary McCaffrey, 212, sophomore.

Three starters return from last year in the defensive secondary. They are Elmendorf, 200-pound senior; Ed Ebrum, 188, junior and David Hoot, 194, junior. Other returning lettermen are Chris Johnson, 189, junior; Corky Sheffield, 183, junior and Mike Bunger, 195, junior. Murski also figures in the picture as do squadman Lee Hitt, 180 and place-kicking specialist Mike Bellar, 176.

Punter Jimmy Sheffield and place kicker Mike Bellar both return from last year. Mitch Robertson also may do some punting and sophomore Ralph McDermott, a soccer-style kicker, may do some place kicking.

The 1970 Aggies will be bigger, stronger and perhaps a bit faster than last year's club. Ability, in many cases, will compensate for lack of experience.

Coaches ready

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at Jacksonville High School was followed by two years as an assistant at Southern Methodist and one year at Oklahoma State.

Young coached in the '68 Astro-Bluebonnet Bowl while at SMU which the Ponies won over Oklahoma, 28-27.

He will recruit for the Aggies in the West Texas area.

BARNEY WELCH, who played for the Aggies in '42 and again in '46 and '47, joins the A&M staff this fall as an assistant varsity coach and coordinator of Aggie football recruiting.

He was born in Hico but grew up in Stephenville where he played football, basketball, tennis and ran track.

After his soph year at A&M in '42, WELCH entered the military and served three years as a technical sergeant in an infantry unit of the Third Army in Europe during WW II.

After his discharge, he returned here and was a halfback, outstanding pass receiver and defensive back in '46 and '47.

He immediately became director of intramural athletics here after his graduation in January, 1948. He went into the insurance business with Mercantile Security in 1961 and has been with that company ever since.

Welch was one of the top SWC football officials for a number of years.

JIM KELLER, freshman coach, had one of the most auspicious starts in football coaching during the '68 and '69 seasons when his Aggie fish won nine in a row before their first loss.

He served one season as a student assistant here before getting the head freshman coach job.

Keller was a standout athlete during his undergraduate years at Aggieland. He came here on a basketball scholarship and played two seasons of varsity ball as a forward in addition to three varsity seasons as a football quarterback-safety.

He was a two-year all-state football player at Terrell High School and was all-state in basketball one year.

He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from A&M in '64 and his master's degree in education in '65.

Keller helps recruit in the Dallas area.

HARVEY ASCHENBECK, varsity assistant, was an outstanding defensive tackle on the '67 Aggie SWC championship club. He will join the coaching staff in the fall and will work with the defensive unit.

Aschenbeck, who completed his eligibility in '68, worked with the fish last season as a student assistant and worked with the varsity last spring as a student assistant. He will be a full-time varsity assistant in the fall.

Aschenbeck was an all-state guard at Bellville High and was team captain. He played three seasons of varsity football for A&M as a defensive guard his sophomore year and defensive tackle the final two seasons.

He made the all-Bowl team after A&M's 20-16 win over Alabama in the '68 Cotton Bowl game. He has a degree in Physical Education from here.

BILLY PICKARD, trainer, will take care of the physical ailments of all the Aggie athletes. He is in his sixth season as the A&M athletic trainer.

He was graduated from Central Catholic High in San Antonio in '52 and attended A&M. He was graduated from here in '56 and during his undergraduate days was a student trainer under Charles E. (Smokey) Harper.

After graduating, Pickard worked one year as trainer at Port Arthur Jefferson High and then served 7½ years as trainer at Brazosport High. He joined the Aggie athletic department in January, 1965.

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sively and defensively. He won r varsity letter there last year.

An All-district tackle at Liberty-Eylau High School, Fields earned a freshman numeral as an offensive tackle. He was held out one year, then lettered last year as a part-time starter at guard and tackle.

Philly was an All-district end and defensive end-tackle and best offensive lineman at Temple High. He won the starting post at offensive tackle last year.

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