

Aggie grid schedule will be tougher than tough

The University of Texas at Austin was the nation's number one college football team. They won eleven games. They didn't lose. The University of Arkansas was runner-up to the Longhorns in the Southwest Conference race, while posting a 9-2 season. The Ohio State University Buckeyes were the number one team until they were upset by Michigan in the final game of the season. The University of Michigan, with its upset of the Buckeyes, won the Big Ten title on the way to a 8-3 season. The Louisiana State University Tigers won 90 percent of their games last year and still didn't get an invitation to play in a post season bowl game.

These five schools combined last season for a 46-7 record.

They all return formidable football teams for the coming season.

Between the dates of Sept. 19 and Nov. 26, Texas A&M will play 10 football games, five of them will be against the teams listed above.

Schedules don't come any tougher than this.

Listed below will be a short resume on the football opponents for the coming season.

WICHITA STATE

The Wichita State University Shockers are a young and growing bunch. Although they haven't been winners in the past, they have made progress since Coach Ben Wilson took command at the start of the 1969 season.

"We have plenty of room to improve," Wilson said, "and we're going to do it," while referring to the patchup job when he took over. His first year produced only a 2-8 record for the Missouri Valley Conference school, but things are looking up with 21 letterman back.

In his first year with the Shocker, they played good defense but couldn't muster enough offense. That seems odd because three of the four backs return and five of the seven linemen.

Speedy Randy Jackson, an All-

MVC pick, returns at fullback with 469 yards on a six-yard average. In the spring game, Jackson really turned it on when he ran for 240 yards and scored three times.

Wingback Tom Owens and quarterback Bob Renner also return. Renner who does the punting chores for the Shockers is both an able runner and passer.

The tackle spot was the biggest line loss. The Shockers must replace two starters, including All-MVC choice Lynn Duncan.

If they fail to find a couple of top-notch replacements, opposing backs will still find linebackers John Hoheisel and Steve Moore waiting. Hoheisel was credited with 116 tackles last year and Moore had 84, plus two interceptions and a blocked kick.

LSU

The Bayou Bengals will be foaming at the mouth for the 1970 season. Following a 1969 campaign which saw the Louisiana State University 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 number one, 1969 sophomore, versatile Tommy Casanova. Casanova plays in the defensive secondary and the offensive backfield and also returns punts and kickoffs.

All-SEC linebacker Mike Anderson and guard Mike Demarie the top veterans, along with defensive tackle Mike Wright.

There are some holes, though. Quarterback Mike Hillman and fullback-punter Eddie Ray are gone. But the Tigers used three quarterbacks in defeating the Aggies last year. Two of those—Butch Buhe and Buddy Lee—are back.

Ray won't be missed, with Art Cantrelle, Allen Shorey and Casanova in the backfield.

The big loss in defense was All-America linebacker George

Beven. Lineman Buddy Millican, Art Davis, Buddy Joe King and Joe Sage make a solid front wall. Louis Cascio, Lloyd Frye, and Richard Piceu, all juniors, will be battling for linebacker spots.

The defensive backfield returns intact. Casanova and James Earley are at the cornerback posts. Don Addison and Bill Norsworthy will man the safety spots. That pair intercepted 18 passes between them last year.

Mike Lumpkin returns as place kicker, where he has been successful enough to be the LSU pace setter among place kickers.

OHIO STATE

Touted by some observers as possibly the best team in the history of college football, the Ohio State University 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 now seniors.

Rex Kern, Jack Tatum, Larry Zelina, Jan White and Jim Stillwagon are two-year lettermen from teams that won 18 of 19 games. There are 15 starters, eight on offense and seven on defense, who are back to see that last year's near miss doesn't happen again.

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

Tatum, who has been called by some as the best player in America, was nominated for the Heisman Trophy as a junior. He heads up a defensive secondary which boasts Mike Sensibaugh and Tim Anderson, who were All-Big Ten selections.

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-American tight end Jim Mandich, top fullback Gracie Craw and defensive backs Tom Curtis and Barry Pierson.

But the Wolverines won't be lacking talent. Bill Taylor, All-Big Ten halfback, and Glenn Doughty combined for 1,540 yards last season. Doughty averaged 4.19 yards per carry and 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 enthusiasm is running red in the camp of the Texas Tech Red Raiders this fall as they prepare for their first season under their new coach, Jim Carlen.

Carlen comes to Lubbock from the University of West Virginia, where, in four years he built them from a 3-5-2 in 1966 to 10-1 in 1969.

The hopes are at Tech that Carlen will lead the Raiders out of the wilderness like he did the Mountaineers.

The Red Raiders had a 5-5 standing in 1969 and return 31 lettermen, including nine offensive and six defensive starters.

The Raiders will probably be strong in their ground attack. The new mentor has a reputation for building strong rushing offenses.

Veteran Danny Hardaway, the team's leading rusher last year, returns, along with another top performer Miles Langehenning.

Top sophomores include Doug McClutchen and Don Crocker who was red shirted last fall.

Charles Napper returns to give the Red Raiders a veteran signal caller. His 901 yards passing shows the way for the Tech passing game.

Johnny Odom, who caught 23 passes to lead the team last year as a flanker, has been moved to tight end this year. He and split end Ronnie Ross will give Napper a couple of seasoned targets.

The Red Raiders kicking game will be completely new, with the graduation of Jerry Don Sanders leaving the Tech men without a punter or place kicker. Odom is slated to do the punting, judging from spring practice, and sophomore Dicky Ingram will do the place kicking.

Defensively the Raiders are sound in front and in back but will be a little thin in the middle.

Three experienced defensive backs and four defensive linemen return to the Texas Tech fold, but only starter Larry Molninare is back at linebacker.

Mike Watkins returns with a little experience at the position. Carlen shifted running back Reagan Young to linebacker in the spring to help the situation.

Judging from the success of Carlen in the past, he will build a winner at Tech. As to whether he will be able to make this year's group a winner is yet to be seen, but after he's had some time to get his program going, watch out.

TCU

The Texas Christian University Horned Frogs face the new football season with a lot of optimism for its sophomore but also realize they must fill the shoes of a lot of seniors from last year to be successful.

The TCU superlatives start with Steve Judy, a sensational sophomore last year, who is already rated as one of the best quarterbacks around.

Judy had over 2,000 yards total offense last year as he established himself as a passer and runner.

Three veteran running backs graduated off the Frog roster, including the number one draft choice of the Baltimore Colts, Norman Buliach. But TCU has hopes for sophomores Lee Harris, Bobby Hickey, Steve Sanford, James Hodges and Lane Bowen.

The Frogs lost All-SWC re-

ceivers Linzy Cole and Jerry Miller but hope to fill at least part of the gap with sophomore sensation Raymond Rhodes. Tight end John Beilue is rated highly as a veteran Larry Speake is a tight receiver at flanker.

The offensive line is anchored by three veterans, two of whom have started all 20 varsity games they've played.

Center John Ruthstrom and tackle Gerald Kirby haven't missed a game and guard J. Eubanks has one letter.

The TCU front wall will be one of the largest to come along with five of the top candidates weighing in at 230 or bigger.

That group includes four sophomores. After that the TCU defense is almost void of experience, as they must replace all three linebacker posts and return safety Greg Webb in the backfield.

Top candidates, based on performances in the spring, include junior Doug McKinnon and sophomore James Helwig.

Danny Joe Colbert and Eric Garnett are rated highly as sophomore prospects for the varsity in the defensive backfield.

The kicking positions are also void, with three-year vet Wayne Merritt gone. Senior Busy Underwood is expected to do the

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