

Aggie newcomers make swim scene brighter

When Coach Dennis Fosdick's swimmers enter their first swim meet this fall, A&M will be fielding one of the strongest teams that it has had in the sport for a number of years.

Pulling in swimmers from opposite corners of the United States, Fosdick has recruited swimmers that are national caliber swimmers from both junior college and high school levels — ones that may place for A&M in next spring's national competition.

Heading the list of new Aggie

tankers is an outstanding athlete from Seattle, Washington, Kent Berryman. His major strokes are the individual medley, butterfly, and distance freestyle.

"It's going to be hard to figure out just where to place him in our swim meets," says Fosdick. "Really, he can swim well in just about anything he is placed in."

Also heading the list of Fosdick's new recruits are Lester Hamman from the College of San Mateo in California; Scott Jones, an ace backstroke and

butterfly from San Jose, California; and Doug Meadon, from Houston, a national qualifier in distance freestyle from state high school champion Memorial.

In addition to these four scholarship athletes, Coach Fosdick has picked up quite a few walk-ons who show great promise for A&M possibly this year and definitely in the near future.

Walk-ons include Ben Stephenson, a sprint freestyler from Dallas Bryan-Adams; Bill Beams, a sizzling breaststroke from Dallas St. Marks; Jim Collins, an-

other breaststroke from San Antonio Churchill High; Bill Loeffler, a distance freestyler from Houston Bellaire; Wade Matingly, a breaststroke and sprint free styler from Houston Memorial; and Charles Puckett, a butterfly from Amarillo Tascosa.

Point makers returning from last year's team will include Kim Blakeman, Doug Carson, Duncan Cooper, Mike Hicks, John McCleary, Steve Prentice, Greg Rippey, Dan Sonnenberg, Gordon Taylor, and Eric Wolff.

Others returning for the Aggies are John Allred, Martin Litteken, Fred Meyers, Steve Sonnenberg, and Mike McClellan.

Through the month of November, the Aggie swim team will be filling its time with two-a-day workouts for a water polo season which sees the University of Texas at Austin facing the Aggies in the first confrontation of the season on October 16.

This coming Tuesday, there will be an organizational meeting for the new Aggie girls' swim team which will be coached by Fosdick. All girls interested in joining the team should either come to the meeting or come by Fosdick's office in Downs Natatorium.

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Southern football rated high for '71

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ATLANTA (AP) — Auburn's Pat Sullivan and Florida's John Reeves' two of the nation's top collegiate quarterbacks, headline the list of returning stars in southern football, but neither appears headed toward a career-ending conference championship.

Sullivan, operating with fleet wide receiver Terry Beasley, led the nation in total offense a year ago, averaging 285 yards per game.

Reeves, more appealing to the pros because of his 6-foot-3, 207-pound frame and classic drop-back passing style, needs only to maintain his two-season average to crack Jim Plunkett's all-time total offense record.

However, in the Southeastern Conference race, Auburn and Florida face rugged schedules that could shove them to the middle in the 10-team race.

Florida faces Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana State, the defending champion, on consecutive Saturdays. Auburn must

battle Tennessee, the nation's No. 4 team last year; Georgia and Alabama. And the two play each other.

The schedule and talent favors LSU and Tennessee, with Georgia looming as the leading dark-horse contender.

Two other returning league winners also are given good chances to repeat — Wake Forest in the Atlantic Coast Conference and William & Mary in the Southern Conference.

Georgia Tech is the leading independent and the Yellow Jackets could be one of the strongest clubs in the South. Tech returns with an established defense and two exciting offensive backs — Eddie McAshan, the team's first black player, and halfback Brent Cunningham, a 170-pound speedster.

LSU's toughest SEC tests are in the den of Tiger stadium against Florida and Alabama. Charles McClendon has built a winner with defense, capturing national rushing defense titles the last two seasons.

Two-time All-SEC fullback Curt Watson is back at Tennessee. The Vols' strong point will be defense, with eight starters back, including linebacker Jackie Walker and safety Bobby Majors.

Georgia will field a solid first unit, but the Bulldogs will be in trouble if injuries strike because of a lack of depth.

Auburn's defense is questionable. Florida has a healthy Carlos Alvarez back to catch Reeves' passes.

The leading rusher in 1971, Johnny Musso of Alabama, triggers an explosive offense at Alabama where Paul "Bear" Bryant is on the verge of bringing the Tide back into national prominence.

Mississippi is ruled out of the title picture for the first time in years as the Rebels rebuild under Billy Kinard, successor to longtime coach Johnny Vaught who retired after suffering a heart attack last season.

Mississippi State, Vanderbilt and Kentucky continue to improve, but again will be battling each other to escape the cellar.

The ACC race should be a two-team battle between Wake Forest and North Carolina. The Deacons attacks from a veer formation engineered by Larry Russell, who gained more than 1,300 yards offensively last fall.

Defense is the key at North

Captains named for Owl-UH battle

HOUSTON (AP) — Rice coach Bill Peterson named four Owl captains for the Sept. 11 season opener against the University of Houston.

Offensive captains will be Randy Lee, a senior guard from Port Neches, and Stahle Vincent, a senior halfback from Greensboro, N.C.

Defensive captains are Mike Taylor, a senior defensive back from Waco, and Dale Grounds, a senior monster man from Dallas.

Woodard returns to UT workouts

AUSTIN (AP) — Coach Darrell Royal told safety Tommy Woodard to put on the pads Tuesday and the 6-foot-2, 215-pounder responded with smashing collision with a would-be pass receiver.

"It sure didn't look like he was favoring his back on that one, did it?" Royal said, obviously pleased.

Woodard admitted later that the blow hurt. He will have to live with pain if he wants to play his senior season, he said.

Woodard hurt his back a month ago lifting weights. Treatments have failed to bring it around, and he rejected an operation that would make him miss the season.

Doctors have assured him he will risk no permanent damage by going full blast, he said.

"Over-all, I'd say the pain is about the same as before," he

said. "If it doesn't get any worse, I can tolerate it and play."

"We felt it was best for all concerned to go ahead and see what Tommy can do," Royal said, explaining why he gave the suit-up order mid-way in Tuesday's practice. "If he's ready to go, we want to know. And if he is not, we'd like to find that out too."

Woodard is determined to be ready for the UCLA game Sept. 18, but defensive back coach Fred Akers said: "Tommy moved real well, but you could tell he was in pain. And he hasn't worked out for five weeks. He'll have trouble getting in shape for UCLA."

Also facing conditioning problems is defensive end David Arledge, still recovering from a knee operation. He will begin contact work Monday.

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