

Will face toughest opponents on the road

Razorbacks have good team, tough schedule

BY MARK WEAVER
3rd of a series of articles on SWC teams

The Arkansas Razorbacks have experience, talent and a new offense. Coach Frank Broyles knows how to win. The schedule seems to be their one drawback.

The Hogs play Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech on the road. In 1973, they beat only Baylor (13-7) and tied SMU (7-7) on the road.

Coming off a 5-5-1 season, Arkansas has 18 returning starters and 31 players who have starting experience. Broyles switched from the "I" to the Wishbone due to the abundance of quality running backs.

Donald (Ike) Forte (6-1, 190), a Tyler Junior College transfer, may be a key to the offense.

"The first time I saw him in a scrimmage last spring, he made five yards every try, sometimes more," said all-SWC defensive end Ivan Jordan. "He could be the new Dic-

key Morton." At Tyler, Forte scored 20 touchdowns his final season running the wishbone.

Scott Bull (6-4, 200), starting quarterback until a knee injury last August, will be back to reclaim his starting position. Mark Miller (6-2, 180) played defense last year trying to regain his cutting ability. He will also be trying for the quarterback job.

Mike Kirkland (6-1, 185) was the 1973 starter. As a sophomore, he ran for 461 yards, completed 75 of 151 passes for 990 yards and three touchdowns. The fact that he's a passing quarterback may be his downfall playing for a wishbone offense.

"We will have a good offense," said defensive coordinator Jimmy Johnson.

The rest of the backfield will consist of Alan Watson (6-0, 205), playing halfback with Ike Forte, and Marsh White (6-2, 209) as fullback. Other backs that will see action are Barnabas White (6-0, 177), Marvin Daily (6-1, 205) and Rolland Fuchs (5-10, 180).

On the front line offensively,

senior Lee King (6-2, 235), picked for all-SWC honors, will lead the way at tackle. Gerald Skinner (6-5, 250) will be at the other tackle with Richard LaFargue (6-4, 224) at center. Junior Russ Tribble (6-4, 220) and sophomore R. C. Thielemann (6-3, 224) will be the guards.

On defense, the Hogs will be as tough as last year. They gave up only four touchdowns combined to TCU, Baylor, Texas A&M, Rice and SMU in 1973. Nose guard and linebacker seem to be the only holes in the Arkansas defense.

Senior tackle Jon Rhiddlehoover (6-0, 200) was all-SWC last year and senior Brison Manor (6-4, 232) will be a returning starter at the other tackle.

Junior defensive end Ivan Jordan (6-2, 200) was also all conference last season and is a key man to the Porker defense. At the other end is sophomore Dennis Winston (6-2, 218).

With Danny Rhodes graduating, the linebacking corps of the Hogs was weakened. Senior Billy Burns (6-1, 198) will bring experience as

one linebacker and junior Hal McAfee (6-3, 200) will be another.

Harvey Hampton (6-1, 230) is only a sophomore, but is slated as the number one nose guard for Arkansas. The free safety is senior Floyd Hogan (6-0, 175).

Senior Rollen Smith (6-1, 180) was all-conference at cornerback last year. He will be joined by junior Brad Thomas (5-9, 172) at the other cornerback.

Dickey Morton and Danny Rhodes will be hard to replace, but

the Hogs have more experience, depth than last year. With the turning starters on defense, eyes on the Cotton Bowl.

They open against USC at Oklahoma State at home, and will be the test of the Hogs. If they win at home, winning on the road will be next to impossible.

"This team believes in themselves," Broyles said at the spring training. But they must win on the road.

Leaks uncertain about '74 season

Since Roosevelt Leaks first injured his knee last season, he has insisted that he will play in 1974. But with a little more than a week before the opening game with Boston College, the prospects look grim.

"It kinda depends on several things," Leaks said. "My knee would have a lot to do with the decision—that is, if I decided to ahead and play with the knee—because it's just that important what they think. But the more would have to be good before I would even consider it."

"I don't expect anybody to pay very much money for a knee, so I expect I'll be around next year," the Longhorn American fullback said. "That's don't get in this season."

The development of fresh fullback Earl Campbell may be a deciding factor on this year's playing status of Leaks. But at the moment, junior David Bartek is the Oakland Raiders to a 20-19 National Football League exhibition victory over the San Francisco 49ers Monday night.

A crowd of 52,538 and a national television audience watched the Raiders overcome an early 6-0 deficit to post their fourth victory in five games. The 49ers are 0-5.

Meeting scheduled for women

A meeting of intercollegiate women athletes is slated for Wednesday at 5 p. m. in the stands of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

Those interested in basketball, softball, badminton and volleyball are encouraged to come. Try-out dates will be discussed. For further information call Kay Don at 845-6841.

Swimmers are to contact Dennis Fosdick in the natatorium or call 845-3021.

Brother act on Hogs' grid roster

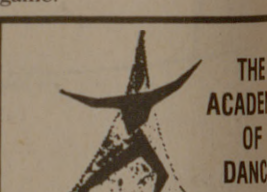
Mr. and Mrs. Melton Fulcher of Benton, Arkansas aren't feeding as many mouths since their three sons joined the Razorbacks.

Their twins Ronald and Donald are competing for offensive guard and linebacker, respectively. Richard, their youngest son is also a varsity linebacker candidate.

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"I'm still counting on being on for the Tech game," he said. "I maybe even get in the Wyoming game."



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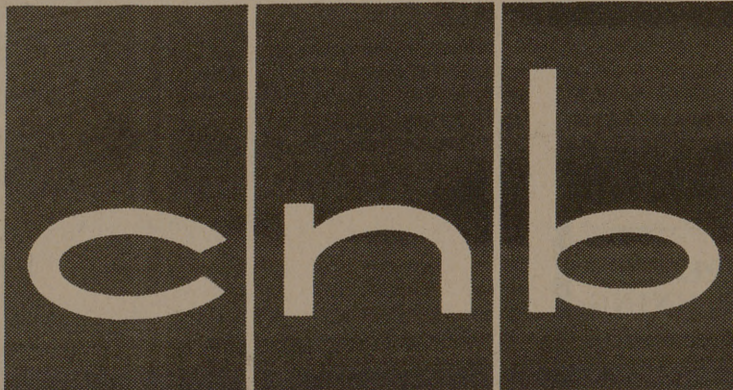
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