

Switched to pro-type offense

TCU will gamble to win

By MARK WEAVER
Sixth in a series of articles of SWC teams

Texas Christian University has changed its conservative ways and will be gambling for its life. After a 3-8-0 season a little risk couldn't hurt.

Head coach Jim Hofner, coming from the San Francisco 49er's to TCU in 1973, has changed the Frog offense from the Wishbone to a more gambling pro-type offense. This will mean more passing and looking for the big play.

"We'll try to have a big-play offense as opposed to a ball-control offense," Hofner said. "I doubt that we're physically strong enough to punch the ball down-field. And we shouldn't get shook if we have the ball three or four times and don't get anything but a punt, because down

the line we're going to hit something big."

San Francisco 49er's John Brodie and Gene Washington were visiting TCU during spring training paying special attention to the quarterbacks and wide receivers. Brodie led the Frogs in calisthenics before one scrimmage, showing the youngsters how they do it in the pros.

"Hofner will build a winning team," Brodie said. "He's just that kind of guy."

The Frogs will have 13 returning starters, but their lack of size and strength will probably hurt them. There are some bright spots on the 1974 team.

At quarterback, the starter will be junior Lee Cook (6-1, 181). He has some starting experience after replacing injured Kent Marshall last year for a couple of games.

In the backfield will be fullback Mike Luttrell (6-0, 205) who has rushed for 1,771 yards in his three years at TCU. He will bring all-SWC experience to an otherwise new backfield.

Junior Kent Waldrep (5-11, 180) will be at the halfback position and Dickie Powers (6-2, 180) will be at flanker.

Gary Patterson (6-1, 170) brings speed to split end as he ran high hurdles in 14.4 as a freshman at Frogland. New starter Alan Layne (6-0, 206) will be at tight end.

Seniors John McWilliams (6-1, 220) and Terry Champagne (5-10, 211) will be the offensive guards. Merle Wang (6-4, 247) and new starter Scott O'Glee (6-4, 230) will be the tackles.

Defense for the Frogs may be a strong point with the linebackers

leading the way. All-SWC senior Dedrick Terveen (6-2, 225) will be middle linebacker while Gene Moser (6-1, 225) and Mike Hanna (6-1, 225) will be the outside linebackers. All three were last year's starters.

Gene Hernandez (6-1, 175) and Allen Hooker (5-11, 175) will be the defensive halfbacks. Hernandez led the conference in interceptions last year's starters.

TCU may be held back by their small size, but the offensive backfield is definitely a strong point. The defense is strong and may return as the TCU trademark.

The offensive line will keep the Frog from competing as a real challenge. Without a line, the backs can't run. And without running TCU is really gambling.

Batt sports

CLUB SPORTS

SOCCER

The Soccer club will hold an organizational meeting Wednesday, Sept. 11 in room 306 of the Rudder Tower. Practice is held every weekday at 5 p.m. on the soccer field on Jersey Street. Anyone with questions may call Bo Stempel at 846-3675.

SWIMMING

Anyone interested in joining the women's swimming team should go to the natatorium after 3 p.m. Coach Dennis Fosdick is looking for trainers and managers for both the men's and women's swim teams. Interested persons should also go to the natatorium.

RUGBY

The national champion Aggie side is looking for more players. Practice is held daily at 5 p.m. on the drill field. Potential rugger should go by or contact George Alden at 846-1426. The first match of the season will be Sept. 14.

LACROSSE

Anyone interested in playing lacrosse should attend a practice at 5 p.m. on the drill field. Spring is the season for lacrosse but several exhibition games are on the drawing board. Included are possible games in the Astrodome and Texas Stadium.

WATER POLO

Among the new women's sports on campus is water polo. Girls interested should get in touch with coach Dennis Fosdick at the swimming pool after 3 p.m.

POLO

The polo team is welcoming members to the club. Anyone with a horse and interested in learning or playing is welcome. The team plays private clubs from Texas and also Northeastern intercollegiate teams such as Harvard and Yale. Practice is Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 3 p.m. Information can be obtained from Mike McCleary at 846-0659.

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