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lost valuable players in forward Keith Peterson and guard Tony Brown, said his team suffers from a lack of experience, especially at forward and center.

"I think the biggest question about our team is ... (the) play we get from our forwards," he said. "If we can find some kind of combination that has some kind of consistency, then we can have a good basketball team this year."

TCU, Jim Killingsworth: This year's "Killer Frogs," who won 16 games in 1981-82, aren't looking to break even this time around. With Doug Arnold, who averaged 19.5 points a game, and Darrell Browder, who averaged 16.8, the Horned Frogs are expecting to finish among the top three teams in the league.

"I can't win the conference," Killingsworth said. "But my players can. Actually there are a lot of teams that can win this

conference. I don't think it's just a matter of one or two teams."

In addition to Browder and Arnold, TCU returns Brian Christensen, Nick Cucinella and Jeff Baker. Killingsworth's probable starters are Browder and Baker at guard, Arnold and Joe Stephen at forward and Christensen or Cucinella in the middle.

"I think Arkansas and Houston are both going to put very good basketball teams on the floor, and so is Texas Tech," Killingsworth said. "I hope to have us in a position to challenge some of those people, but as everyone saw last year, any team is capable of beating somebody on a given night."

TEXAS A&M, Shelby Metcalf: Metcalf brings into the season four starters in Claude Riley, Tyren Naulls, Reggie Roberts and Roy Jones, who's coming off a knee injury. Metcalf said Sunday that he expects freshman guards Doug Lee and Kenny Brown, two of the team's

best shooters, to get considerable playing time.

But it's Riley, who averaged 16.3 points and 10.2 rebounds a game in 1981-82, who has Metcalf excited and other conference coaches feeling miserable about the prospect of playing the Aggies.

"Claude has always been an exceptional shooter for his size," Metcalf said. "He's a superb athlete ... he has great eye-hand coordination and he's very fluid. He can run, jump and time himself well."

"Last year, we probably let Claude (shoot) outside too much. We'll probably try to keep him within 15 feet of the basket this year."

"We're basically a senior-freshman team. We'll have three seniors, four freshmen, two juniors and a sophomore playing during the year. We don't have a backup for Claude, so he'll probably play 40 minutes a game. The only thing that might get Claude out of a game is injury or foul trouble."

TEXAS TECH, Gerald Myers: — The Red Raiders, who were 17-11 overall and 8-8 in SWC play last season, will bank much of their hope on guard Bubba Jennings, who averaged 11 points in only three games last season. Described by Myers as one of the best shooters the Red Raiders have ever had,

Jennings returns after breaking a foot in the third game of season.

Myers' other top returns are Charles Johnson (9.7 points a game) and Joe Washington (7.2 points a game). Myers whose team must play national ranked teams Alabama and North Carolina during the conference slate, said the team is inexperienced, but that he should be more depth and depth.

"I'd say our team is young and our practices have been inconsistent," he said. "And I believe you play the way you practice."

BAYLOR, Jim Haller: Haller one thinks the Bears would be in trouble making up for the loss of all-America forward Terry Teagle, Haller says he does not want to hear about it.

"I'm tired of people asking 'What are you going to do about that Terry Teagle is gone?' I think it's a challenge to us as an out staff to prove that we can play without Teagle," Haller said. "I have been surprised that our players have responded so well to the fact that we do not have to look for Terry anymore."

Haller, who will have several returning starters in Larry Baucham, Ozell Hall and J. Shaker, said: "I'm going to be disappointed if we're not better this year than we have been in the past. Terry Teagle or not."

Aggies finish third behind SMU, Texas

Prior to Friday's season-opening meet, the Texas A&M swim team had all the ingredients of a winning club — except confidence.

After Friday's Southwest Conference Relays in Fort Worth, the Aggies were impressive in swimming their way to a third place finish behind nationally ranked Texas and SMU. Aggie coach Mel Nash said the entire team should be commended for an impressive showing.

"I think we did an excellent job," Nash said. "Out of the 15 swimmers we took to the meet, only one didn't do as well as we were hoping. And he had mono, so I guess he's got a good excuse. It was the shortest three-hour drive we've ever had coming back from Fort Worth."

"I was very pleased with our performance. I think we did about as well as we could under the circumstances because Texas and SMU are about the two best teams in the country. I pick SMU to win the national championship. We've matured as a team and we're not afraid of anybody."

The Aggies' confidence was evident in the 300-meter butterfly relay, where Texas was a heavy favorite to win and Texas A&M was not expected to place in the event.

The Aggie trio of John Heldenfels, Roberto Salas and Cliff O'Neil, all freshmen, finished 0.5 seconds behind Texas to capture second place. Of the three Texas swimmers, one is the 100-meter butterfly world-record holder, another is the national high school record-holder and the third was an NCAA qualifier last year in the 100-meter butterfly.

Graduate assistant coach Tracy Johnston said: "It was really great. We weren't supposed to do anything in that event and we nearly won it. No one expected us to do so well."

Volleyball team 29-8 after trip

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After losing only four matches in their first 31 outings, the Aggie volleyball team might be in an outrageously losing four matches last week during a six-match tour of California.

But Terry Condon, Texas A&M's head coach, said that even though her team only won two matches against the California teams she thought it fared well against some of the best volleyball talent in the country.

"I wish we could have done a little better, but overall I think we did all right," she said.

The Aggies lost to San Diego State 15-13, 3-15, 10-15 and 9-15 on Wednesday in a warm-up match for the UCLA National Invitational Tournament, which started Friday.

In the tournament, the Aggie Ladies lost to SDSU again, 15-13 and 15-13 and beat New Mexico 15-10, 15-6 to post its two victories in the tournament, raising its season record to 29-8. Pacific finished first in the tourney and SDSU finished second.

Texas A&M did not place in the tournament, since only the two finishers in each of four brackets advanced to the finals. Condon said the trip to California helped more than just the Aggie Ladies' stunts.

"We learned that we can play with any of them (California teams)," she said. "Going into the tournament we were a little scared of them. They had a definite advantage (psychological). Once we got settled, I thought we played well. We only lost to Pacific 12-15, 12-15 and we were beating them in both matches."

"In the NCAA tournament we're probably going to have to beat one of these teams again, but now we know that physically we can beat them. The trip helped us. I just wish we could play them more often."

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