

# SWC

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Brad Taylor returns to try and direct Hatfield's "flexbone" offensive scheme. Taylor has been used to throwing the ball while at Arkansas, but in the flexbone he'll run just as much as the next running back.

Speaking of running backs, the Hogs have got those bases covered as well.

Halfbacks Carl Miller and Bobby Joe Edmunds return to run hog wild behind an offensive line which returns four starters for last season, including pre-season All-SWC candidate Marcus Elliott at guard.

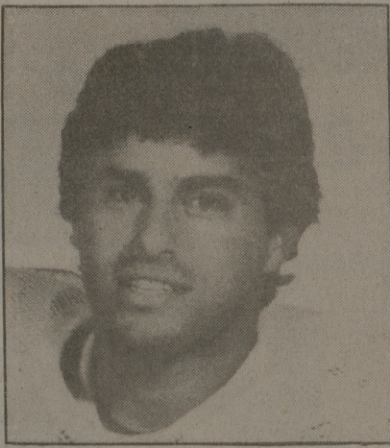
Strong safety Greg Lasker, another All-SWC candidate for '84, heads up the Hog defense in which eight players return.

## TCU

You can bet TCU will be vastly improved this season in Jim Wacker's second year as head coach, but the Horned Frogs are still a few years away from being realistic contenders.

The Frogs must still learn to win under Wacker, and then win consistently.

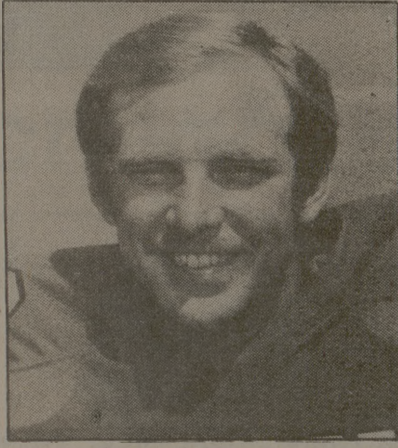
Anthony Gulley and Anthony



TCU's Anthony Sciaraffa

Sciaraffa will battle for the No. 1 quarterback spot and with All-SWC wide receiver James Maness as a target, look for the Frogs to light up the scoreboard even more this season.

A young defensive unit with only four starters returning will probably be the weak point at TCU in '84. Egypt Allen and All-SWC pick Byron Linwood highlight the defense



Tech's Perry Morren

with their fine play in the secondary.

Like a fine white wine, the Frogs need only to age properly to become the best.

## TEXAS TECH

Eight returning offensive starters gives Head Coach Jerry Moore alot to be optimistic about this season, but he's still got a problem.

Runningbacks Robert Lewis,

Freddie Wells and Troy Smith all return to the Tech backfield along with the entire offensive line, but Moore still has a problem.

Seven starters return defensively for the Red Raiders, but Moore still has a problem.

What's Moore's problem? A big fat question mark at quarterback.

Senior Perry Morren has never started a down in his five years at Tech. Sophomore Monte McGuire hasn't been around as long as Morren, but probably knows just as much.

If only Moore could manufacture another Tech quarterback legend like Ron Reeves, Rodney Allison or Joe Barnes, then the Red Raiders could rest a little easier.

## RICE

Watson Brown moves into his first season as head coach of the Owls with nothing but optimism written all over his face. He says the Owl players want to be winners and that they won't give up until they accomplish that lofty goal.

# SWC Coaches' Predictions

## Hogs

United Press International

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — While it is wonderful to have returned to the University of Arkansas, I'm not so sure I'll recognize the Southwest Conference once we open our league season.

Things have changed dramatically since I played for the Razorbacks in 1962-64.

Our shootouts with Texas nearly always determined the conference championship throughout the decade Ole Miss. We think our first team can be competitive with everyone on our schedule. Our top priority before we play Ole Miss is to develop some quality depth.

In order to have a good season, we think one of the key ingredients will be our kicking game. With Greg Horne handling placements, Brad Taylor punts, Carl Miller kickoff returns and Bobby Joe Edmunds or



Ken Hatfield

Kevin Wyatt put returns, we think we can be solid in the kicking game. We think it will be something we can hang our hat on.

Offensively we have some experience. We probably will start five seniors and four juniors. Taylor did a good job of picking up our offense

in the spring and should be one of the premier quarterbacks around. He will learn with each game and we expect him to be much better after two or three games.

Carl Miller and Terry Tatum give us a pair of good running backs and Derrick Thomas and Marshall Foreman should be a solid one-two punch at fullback in the flexbone, the offense we brought with us from Air Force.

We have quality receivers, but they are young. Our tight ends are among our strengths. Luther Franklin, Eddie White and theo Young all have played.

We have some question marks on the offensive line but Marcus Elliot isn't one of them. We think he can be an All-American at guard. Depth on our offensive line will be critical.

Defensively we should be very solid with our starting unit, even though Mark Lee and Nathan Jones will be the only seniors starting. We will be young on defense but I have confidence in our defensive players.

The key to our defense will be the return of experienced players like

Bobby King, Rodney Beachum, Greg Berry, John Ed Goodman, Greg Gaston and Charles Washington, all of whom missed spring practice because of injuries. We must have those players in excellent physical condition and ready to start pre-season practice.

Our interior line will be extremely important to our defense. At the close of the spring, two redshirt freshmen, Tony Chericco and John Stutton, were holding down two of the three starting positions. Jeryl Jones, originally a walk-on, had the other spot.

We hope Ravin Caldwell at end will be a big playmaker for us. We plan to utilize him in much the same manner as Billy Ray Smith was utilized at Arkansas two years ago.

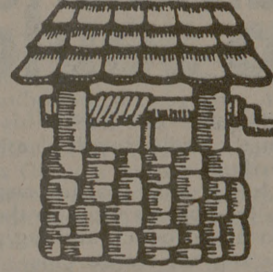
The top four linebackers from last year are gone, but we feel good about David Bazzel, Nick Miller and Eric Whitted. Our secondary should be a strength with Greg Lasker and Wyatt back and freshman redshirt Kevin Anderson having such a good spring that Gatson may have trouble earning his job back.

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