

Tigers In Reconstruction For First Class A Season

By JACK HUMPHRIES

Last Monday morning the grass covered turf of Tiger stadium was once again the familiar scene of floating pigskins and whiteclad Tiger hopefuls, the combination of which will serve as the "national passtime" of the Lignite City for the coming three months. Eight lettermen, nine squadmen, and eight newcomers greeted Tiger mentor Bill Loggins as they assembled for this season's first drill session. At least one more prospect is expected to be added to the roster by the time the next week's curtain raiser with Mabank.

The general atmosphere around Malakoff High School this summer has been one of reconstruction and this season's football team is no exception. With only two starters back from last year's offensive-minded eleven there should be a wild scramble for the other nine positions. Gone from the backfield that averaged 27 points a game last season are all-district halfbacks Ken Andrews and Don Jordan, who is destined to achieve more gridiron laurels at Rice and all-district fullback Royce Shelton, who will give Coach "Bear" Bryant something to smile about down at Texas A & M this fall. Six veterans from that stingy Tiger line of last year, which allowed only an average of one touchdown a game to opponents, are also missing. They include Center Bobby Rogers, Guards Stanley Johnson and Ben Garcia, tackle Wayne Brown, and ends Howard Hardy and Dickie Darden. The returning starters are Senior all-district tackle Eddie Nokes and Junior quarterback, Neal Williams. Of the other six returning lettermen, two are halfbacks, Seniors Bo Johnson and Junior Joel Rogers. The other six returning lettermen, two are halfbacks; Senior Don Henderson, Junior all-district guard Marion Washum and Sophomores Paul Bankston and Lar-

ry Surls.

The nine squadmen from last season's eleven are Juniors Jerry Miller, Kenneth Carroll, and Tony Womack; Sophomores Willard Wood, Billy Robertson, Milburn Holt, Frank Garcia, Don Robertson, and Dennis MacMurtray. Another squadsman, Junior back Gary Spivey, will see only limited action the first few games because of a pre-season appendectomy. A relatively light Freshmen crop, four, consisted of Edward Jordan, Bill Kirby, Tony Price, and Walter Starks. Four other boys who hope to play their first football this season are Senior Kenneth Carter, Juniors Earl Andrews and James Cope and Sophomore Eugene Holliman.

Even with only one week remaining before the first game, it is still too early to try to name the "most likely-to-succeed" candidates for each position. Even the two returning starters are not assured of their old positions because they may be shifted to a new place in the lineup. Experience is the major item lacking. It appears that the Tigers may lack the offensive punch that was so consistent last season, but the defense could be the bright spot. The Tigers sport some big, husky linemen who are definitely capable of dealing any high-g geared offense misery. Hustle, teamwork and determination seemingly will tell the story of the Tigers' first year in Class A.

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