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Iowa: lettermen, optimism abundant



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IOWA CITY, Ia. — Optimism is the key as Coach Frank Lauterbur starts his third season at the helm of the Hawkeyes.

Iowa returns 40 lettermen, including 28 who have started at least one game. A total of 15 freshmen earned letters last season and ten rookies started at one time or another.

With letter winners returning at every position, Iowa's defense will carry the team in the early going.

"Defense will definitely be our strong suit," says Lauterbur. "We'll be depending on it until our young offense gains some experience."

Spearing the Hawkeye defenders will be end Dan Dickel and linebacker Andre Jackson.

Dickel, a co-captain, was Iowa's MVP last season. He led the Big Ten in tackles for minus yardage.

A walk-on, Jackson led the Big Ten in tackles last year (69 solo, 75 assists). The rugged sophomore was a second team All-Big Ten selection and made the Football News All-America rookie team.

Free safety Rick Penney ranked second in the league in interceptions, eight in tackles and earned second team All-Big Ten laurels.

Another second team selection is Earle Douthitt. He led the league in kickoff returns with 24.5 yards per return.

Iowa's defense ranked sixth in the Big Ten last season. Lauterbur expects it to improve. The major area for improvement, however, is the offense.



*DE Dan Dickel
and DT Tyrone Dye*

"We have to generate more consistency in our attack," says Lauterbur. "We're awfully young, but we've got more speed, size and strength than we've had before."

The quarterback situation is currently a tossup between senior Kyle Skogman and sophomore Butch Caldwell. Sophomores will make up the rest of the Iowa backfield.

Tailback Royce Mex had the Big Ten's longest run from scrimmage, a 92 yard TD sprint against Illinois.

Fullback Phil Hayman was the star of the spring game. The 6-4, 224-pound sophomore reeled off 164 yards in 22 carries and scored two touchdowns. Rod Wellington, a sprinter on the track team, is the flanker.



*Center Roger Jerrick and
QB Kyle Skogman*

Co-captain Brian Rollins heads a talented receiving corps. Rollins ranked second in the Big Ten last season with 29 grabs for 378 yards and two touchdowns.

The kicking game will once again be handled by senior Harry Kokolus. The soccer style kicker booted four field goals in 1972.

The Hawkeyes' first three games are with Michigan, UCLA and Penn State. How Iowa withstands that early onslaught could determine the amount of success achieved this season.

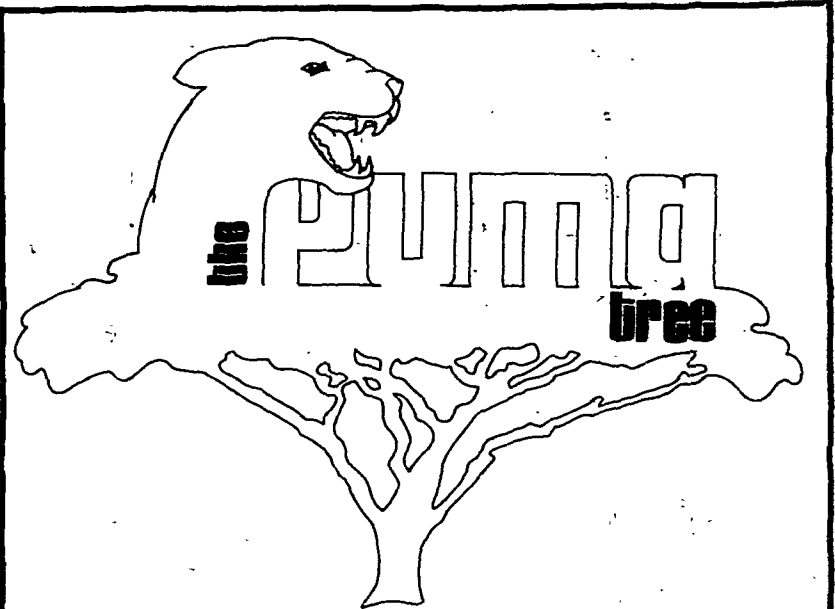
'TV Quarterbacks' returns

UNIVERSITY PARK — "TV Quarterbacks," the popular series highlighting the Penn State Nittany Lions football season, begins its first full-color season with a special pre-season program Wednesday at 7 p.m. on WPSX-TV, Channel 3.

The first three programs in the series will be seen at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays so that WPSX may continue recorded coverage of the Senate Watergate hearings beginning at

8 p.m. In October, "TV Quarterbacks" will be seen at its regular 8 p.m. time slot on Wednesdays.

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