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BASEBALL

Pitching staff strength key to success in 2010

By Austin Pearson
Staff Writer

The Horned Frogs' pitching staff should be the team's strong point this season with 10 players returning from last year's squad and the addition of a first-round draft pick to the pitching staff.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said he had an idea of what the rotation will be but was not yet set on who will start.

"Some combination of Steven Maxwell, Kyle Winkler, Paul Gerrish, Matt Purke and probably Greg Holle right now," Schlossnagle said. "Those would be the five guys kind of fighting for four spots."

"As a freshman, (Purke) seems like he is ready to jump right into the rotation and help us get to the championship."

Steven Maxwell
junior pitcher

Gerrish, a senior, came out of the bullpen last year before becoming a starter against San Diego State University on March 28, 2009.

Gerrish posted a record of 7-2 with a 3.84 earned run average. He pitched 61 innings last season and led the team in 59 strikeouts. He also kept the Frogs from being swept by Texas in the Super Regional with a dominating pitching performance.

Winkler, a sophomore, had a strong start to his Horned Frog career last year, going 7-1 with 4.15 ERA and starting 14 games. He threw 73.2 innings in 2009 and struck out 48 batters. Winkler has also been invited to the national team tryouts. The lone loss he had last season was against Texas in the Super Regional.

Purke, a freshman left-handed pitcher, came to Fort Worth with high accolades. He was the 14th overall pick in the 2009 Major League Baseball draft and was drafted by the Texas Rangers. Rivals.com rated him as the top overall high school prospect.

Schlossnagle said Purke will be one of starters this season.

"As a freshman (Purke), seems like he is ready to jump right into the rotation and help us get to the championship," said Maxwell, a junior pitcher. "To see that from a freshman is a pretty huge deal."

Schlossnagle said two of the pitchers who made the biggest improvement in the fall were Holle and Maxwell.

"Maxwell has shown signs of being better after surgery," Schlossnagle said. "Greg Holle had a really, really strong fall, and we think he's finally got a chance to be the pitcher that we need him to be."

Holle started nine games last season. The 6-foot-8 pitcher struck out 26 batters in 41.2 innings and had a 5-2 record.

Maxwell returned from Tommy John surgery, or ulnar collateral ligament reconstruction, in 2009 to start 10 games for the Frogs. He went 3-2, posted a 6.10 ERA last year and struck out 27 batters during the 38.1 innings he pitched.

Maxwell said he worked on getting his confidence back in his pitches and getting his arm stronger after the surgery.

"My arm is feeling great and as strong as it ever has," he said. "My velocity has gone up to pass what it was before I even had surgery."

Maxwell has been telling the younger pitchers to make every pitch they throw count.

"One of the things I learned after having surgery is you never know when your last pitch is going to be," he said. "So you need to go out there and take every pitch as serious as possible."

BASEBALL



Senior first baseman Matt Curry attempts to tag San Diego's Easton Gust out March 29, 2009.

SKIFF ARCHIVES

Infield transitions with new starters

By Kylie Osterloh and Ryne Sulier
Staff Writers

Returning only one starting senior to the infield and slotting new starters in all but two infield positions usually doesn't bode well defensively for a baseball team that was on the cusp of a College World Series berth a season ago.

However, the No. 11 pre-season ranked Horned Frogs will lean on the experience of the two returning infield starters while hoping that the new starters, one being a junior college transfer, will make a smooth transition into their starting roles.

Senior Matt Curry will start at first base, and takes the position of last year's power hitter Matt Vern.

"Last year it was a great experience for me because I got to play behind him," Curry

said. "I'm going to try to step up this year and take his spot and be what he was for our team last year."

Curry had 38 starts last season as a designated hitter.

"I watched how (Vern) handled himself on the field," Curry said. "He took bats pitch by pitch. Hopefully I can do the same."

Curry also had nine starts as the first baseman in which the Horned Frogs posted a 7-2 record.

Junior Jerome Pena, a transfer from Western Nevada Community College, will start at second base. Pena was named as the 24th top prospect out of Nevada by Baseball America.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said transfers often take time to adjust.

"Junior college transfers, just like freshmen, usually take two years before they figure it

out," Schlossnagle said.

Returning to the shortstop position is sophomore Taylor Featherston. He appeared in all 58 games last season, starting 48 times at shortstop. He also led the 2009 team with 22 multiple hit games.

"After last year I feel like I gained a lot of experience," Featherston said. "I understand how it works now, and I have the second and third basemen that are new under my wing. Curry and I have to show them how we operate."

Redshirt sophomore Jantzen Witte is one player slated to take over at third base. The other is Davy Wright, who was granted a medical redshirt after an injury as a true freshman last season.

"Even though Witte and Wright didn't play last year, they've been around college baseball enough to hopefully get more out of them than you

would a freshman," Schlossnagle said.

Wrapping up the lineup is senior Bryan Holaday, the only returning player in the infield who has started for over a year.

"My biggest personal challenge is trying to help the younger guys on the team step up and eliminate adversity," Holaday said. "I'm confident in the way I play, the ability of the team and what we're going to be able to accomplish."

Schlossnagle's said his goal is to ideally post a fielding percentage of over .970 and ERA under 4.0. Even with all of the new talent, he said he is aware that the season ahead will be a challenge.

"You want to have pride in the fact that TCU is a good program and we can certainly host a regional," Schlossnagle said. "It's really tough to get there, but it's even harder to stay."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Potential for championship

By Josh Davis
Staff Writer

Track and field head coach Darryl Anderson knows all teams are not created equal. His expectations for the men's and women's squads are different, but Anderson still believes there is championship talent on both teams.

"On the women's side, it's going to be a work in progress, because we just added three girls at semester... And we feel really good about all three of them, but it's going to take them some time to really get their legs underneath them," Anderson said.

The Flyin' Frogs season began with the Texas A&M Reveille Invitational on Dec. 12. Freshman Charles Silmon led the team with the 8th-best finish in school history in the men's 60-meters, on the way to TCU winning four events and breaking 12 previous meet records. Another freshman, Cameron Tabor, finished third overall in the men's weight throw while setting a school record. He followed that by winning the men's shot put with a meet-record throw of 55 feet, 7 inches.

Anderson has been impressed with Tabor so far.

"He was one of the top high school discuss/shot guys in the country last year," Anderson said. "He's just a tough, hard-nosed, competitive kid, and he's got great work ethic. And those are the things you need if you're going to be good in that event."

Not to be outdone, junior Stormy Harrison won the women's shot put with a meet-record throw of her own.

The women also scored big in the long jump, led by 2009 All-Americans sophomore Whitney Gibson and senior Neidra Covington. They finished first and second, respectively, in the event.

"I thought (the meet) went really well," Anderson said. "We had pretty good performances, obviously from (Gibson and Silmon.) They got Mountain West Athletes of the Week because of those performances, so we were quite pleased with that."

The men's 4x400 relay team also finished second in the Reveille Invitational, but Anderson has high expectations for that team.

"So far, so good," Anderson said. "We're wanting to secure ourselves a spot in the National Championship Meet. We've got a ways to go, but we've run as fast as we ran last year in March, already (this) January...I feel good about that team."

The 4x400 relay team has seven men to choose from for their competition team, and all seven have NCAA National Championship meet experience, Anderson said.

The Frogs returned to action Jan. 16, once again in College Station. This time,



SKIFF ARCHIVES
Junior distance runner Jeff Pels runs at the TCU Invitational on April 18, 2009.

the Frog men placed fourth overall in the Texas A&M Invitational led by Tabor and senior Festus Kigen, while the women placed sixth.

Kigen in particular dominated the men's 3,000 meters with a time of 8:09.92. The time set a new meet record and was the fourth best time in TCU's history.

"(Kigen) is starting to get to (his talent and upside) now," Anderson said. "His training over the fall had been great. He's done things in the fall he hadn't been able to do in the past. He's healthy again,

"You go in to Big 12 country, then you roll in to SEC country, so we've really jumped out the gate and competed in meets that are a very high level as far as competition is concerned."

Darryl Anderson
track and field head coach

and we're starting to reap the benefits from all that."

Most recently, the team traveled to Fayetteville, Ark., for the Razorback Invitational to see more of the same. The men's 4x400 quartet of seniors Dell Guy and Clemore Henry and juniors Mychal Dungey and Matthew Love clocked their season-best time of 3:07.59, while Kigen lowered his personal best on the 3,000 meters to 8:00.16.

Anderson said he is still waiting for the teams to get up to full speed, but he has liked their progress so far. In particular, he was impressed with freshman Chaniqua Co-

rinealdi, who graduated from high school early last December and is already competing.

"This is a totally eye-opening experience for (Corinealdi)," Anderson said. "She gets off the bus, and she's in college now, and she's competing against college competition. And competition in college compared to high school is night and day."

This weekend, the Flyin' Frogs will close out the month in the New Mexico Invitational before returning to Fayetteville on Feb. 12-13 for the Tyson Invitational. After that, the team will compete in the Mountain West Indoor Championships Feb. 25-27. The NCAA Indoor Championships will be held Mar. 12-13.

Among the other highlights for the season should be the Horned Frog Invitational, held at TCU Mar. 19-20, and the Mountain West Outdoor Championships May 13-15 in Albuquerque, N.M.

Anderson hopes the test his team has faced early this season will lead to championship results.

"We've had three really competitive meets so far," Anderson said. "You go in to Big 12 country, then you roll in to SEC country, so we've really jumped out the gate and competed in meets that are a very high level as far as competition is concerned."

He said the team has reasons to be confident.

"We have really high expectations with this team," Anderson said. "The women, they're young, and we're going to grow them up. And we have a lot of experience on the men's side, so we're trying to get out of the gate fast and raise the bar. Because the faster you start, the faster you can finish."

CLUB SPORTS



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The lacrosse club tangled with the Claremont College Cougars, resulting in a 12-11 win for TCU on March 14, 2009.

Club teams active in spring season

By Vicky Watson
Staff Writer

One club sport has already begun its spring season, and others will start this weekend or in the coming months. Here's a look at some of the university's club teams and their plans for this semester.

Ultimate Frisbee:

The ultimate frisbee club team began its spring season after splitting the co-ed team from the fall into separate men and women's teams. The team usually competes in one tournament a month with a

sectional tournament in April. If the team is successful at the sectional tournament, it may earn a spot to a regional tournament or a national tournament, which it has never achieved.

Men's Lacrosse:

The lacrosse club team will begin its season Saturday in Fort Worth against Centenary. The team is returning 18 veteran members and welcoming five new players.

"We're expecting great, great things out of this season," said senior engineering major and team president Steele Struble.

Baseball:

After a successful fall season, the club baseball team begins its spring run March 20 with plans to host games against Missouri and Sam Houston State. The team will also be traveling for games against the University of Texas, Texas A&M and Texas Tech.

Wakeboarding:

The wakeboarding team is planning to travel to tournaments in Dallas, Beaumont and Austin. The team will begin practicing in March, and the first tournament will be in April.





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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Coach: Squad aiming for Top-20 ranking

By Nathan Wall
Staff Reporter

The women's tennis team has already bested its 2009 national ranking without even stepping onto the court.

The Frogs, who are set to make a play at the national championships, opened the season ranked two spots ahead of last year's finish.

The Frogs were ranked No. 27 on the initial Campbell/Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll.

Head coach Jefferson Hammond said that it was nice to be ranked in the top 30, but that his expectations were not yet met.

"Obviously, in the end, (our ranking) doesn't mean a lot, but it's a starting point," Hammond said. "Our goal is to be top 20 and get to the Sweet 16 this year and the NCAA championships."

During the course of the season, the Frogs will take on 10 teams ranked in the top 25.

Hammond said the tough schedule is no accident, and the experience of playing tougher opponents will only make the team better.

"We go for a really tough schedule," Hammond said. "We know every match is (going to) be tough and will challenge us for sure. (We're) going to see what we're made of."

Chris Del Conte, athletics director, said he is optimistic about the season but is look-

ing forward to the team building on its ranking.

"It's a reflection on last year's team," Del Conte said of the ranking. "Anytime a pre-season ranking comes out, they look at who did you return and (who) did other teams lose."

Del Conte acknowledged the tough schedule and said he isn't concerned about winning all of the games this season.

"I'm not worried about winning in January," Del Conte

"Our goal is to be top 20 and get to the Sweet 16 this year and the NCAA championships."

Jefferson Hammond
coach

said. "You (want to) win at the end of the spring when you're getting ready to enter the tournament?"

Jaime Handy, an athletic media relations graduate assistant, said that it's important for the team to get a few wins under its belt in order to get some confidence.

He said that two wins at Vanderbilt University on Friday would put the team in the National Indoor ITA championships in Madison, Wis.

"That (will) give us a chance to play more ranked teams and a chance to get better," Handy said.

The women's tennis team has made the NCAA tournament six years in a row, the most in school history. However, the team has only made it to the Sweet 16 round once.

Del Conte said that this year's team will have plenty of opportunities to be tested and prepared for post-season play.

However, he said the biggest issue is just making a tournament.

"You never know what team is (going to) get hot," Del Conte said. "That's the magic of college athletics."

Handy said one potential springboard for the team could be at home against Texas A&M University on March 6.

"I think the A&M match at home will be a big motivator," Handy said. "Either (that match) will motivate us to spring into conference play...or it can be one of those things where we'll have to see where the team is at, at that point."

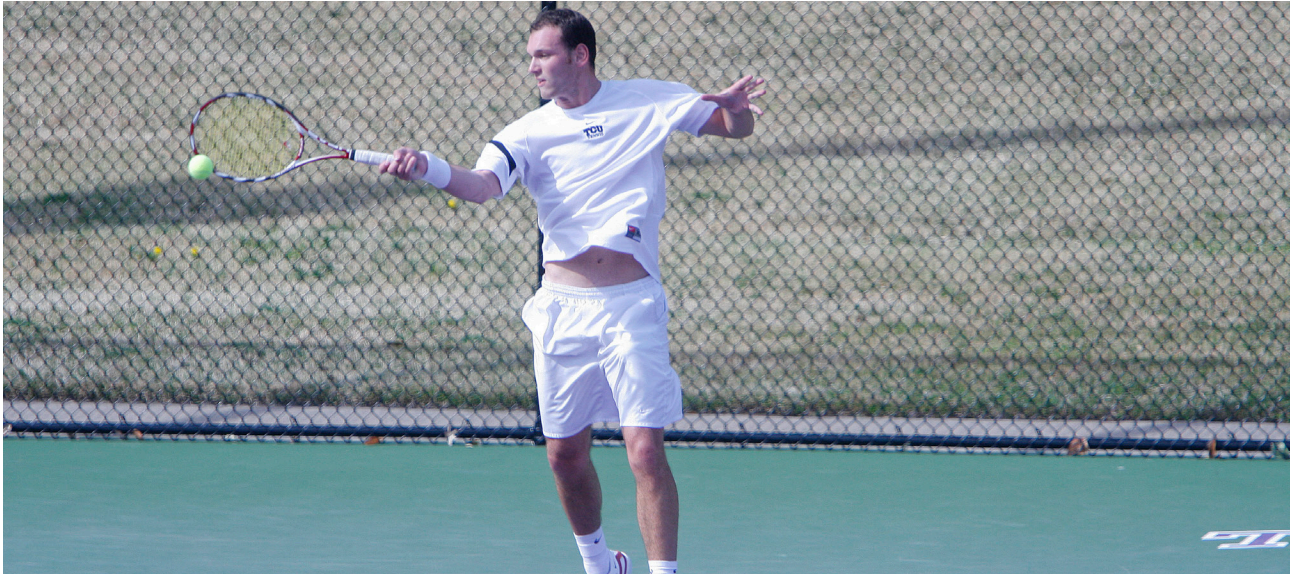
No matter what happens through the course of the season, Hammond said, the experience of the team will help the players handle whatever pressure they face.

"We have a veteran team, and we've got high expectations," Hammond said. "The idea is that, as you get older you continue to get better, and we've got opportunities to use our experience to our advantage this year."



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Junior Katariina Tuohimaa comes up with the clinching win in the Horned Frogs' 4-3 victory over Brigham Young University on Apr. 14, 2009.

TENNIS



SKIFF ARCHIVES
Junior Emanuel Brighiu returns the ball during singles play against Duke in Fort Worth on March 9, 2009.

Teams start off with preseason ranking

By Jessica Reho
Staff Writer

The No. 38 ranked TCU men's tennis team opened its spring season Sunday with wins against UT-Pan American and UT Arlington. The Frogs are one of seven Mountain West Conference squads that appeared in preseason rankings.

The men's team finished the 2009 season rated No. 38 after winning the Mountain West Conference's regular season championship and advancing to the first round of the NCAA Championships.

Seven players from the team are returning, including juniors Emanuel Brighiu, Zach Nichols and Christopher Price, and sophomore Slah Mbarek, all regulars from

TCU's 2009 dual match lineup. Also returning this spring are senior Kelubia Mabatah, junior Cameron Nash and sophomore Paul Chappell. Three freshmen have been added this year: Santiago Centeno, Marius-Adrian Cirstea, and Soren Goritzka, a highly sought-after recruit from Germany.

Head coach Dave Borelli, in his fourth season leading the men's program, said he would be disappointed if the team didn't finish the season ranked higher than No. 38. He said he thinks this year's team is at least a top-30 program, calling his players "the hardest working, most accountable, smartest group of guys."

"We're a team people would not want to play," Borelli said.

The TCU women's team

begins its season ranked No. 27 in the Campbell/Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll. The Lady Frogs also have a singles player and a pair of doubles squads listed in the national rankings. They are the highest ranked Mountain West Conference squad.

Head coach Jefferson Hammond and the 2010 team are looking to make their seventh consecutive trip to the NCAA Championships this season after returning six players from last year's MWC tournament title team. Returning players include senior captain Nina Munch-Soegaard, who finished last year ranked No. 22, juniors Maria Babanova, Idunn Hertzberg and Katariina Tuohimaa, and sophomores Kayla Duncan and Gaby Mastromarino.

The Lady Frogs also welcome newcomer Shalini Sahoo of New Delhi, India.

Both teams will compete this weekend in the ITA Kickoff Weekend tournament.

The men's team will face No. 58 Texas A&M Corpus Christi Saturday at 10 a.m. in Waco. If the Frogs win this game, they will face either No. 6 Baylor or No. 60 Iowa Sunday. The team that wins both of its matches during the weekend will advance to play in the ITA National Indoor Championship in Charlottesville, Va. February 12-15.

The women's team begins its season today in Knoxville, Tenn.. It will face No. 22 Vanderbilt. The team faces a tough dual match schedule, playing 16 NCAA qualifiers from 2009.

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BASEBALL

Bullpen adds depth to strong pitching staff

By Austin Pearson
Staff Writer

The bullpen should be strong this season as members of the baseball team return with more than 20 appearances each.

TCU baseball head coach Jim Schlossnagle said the pitching staff would have a little different setup this season with senior Tyler Lockwood returning to the bullpen and joining junior Trent Appleby in the long relieve role.

“The last two years (Lockwood) was one of our top two or three pitchers but really his best role is as a relief pitcher,” Schlossnagle said.

In the short relief role will be sophomores Erik Miller, Kaleb Merck and Walker Kelly. Senior Eric Marshall will be the closer again this year, Schlossnagle said.

“Eric Marshall was our closer last year, and I have nothing but confidence in him of doing that again,” Schlossnagle said.

Sophomore Kyle Winkler said it is great having a strong bullpen to back up the starters.

“We have a shutdown bullpen, and if we have a close game, our bullpen is going to be able to shut it down for us,” he said.

Junior Steven Maxwell said he felt good about his teammates.

“It’s a heart-warming feeling that you know the guy behind you is going to be just as good or better,” Maxwell said.

Marshall is the ace of the bullpen. He had nine saves and posted a 1.48 earned run average in 2009. He had a record of 2-2 and struck out 20 batters in 30.1 innings.

Lockwood will look to improve on his performance this season after his numbers dropped last year from those he put up during his sophomore

campaign when he was named first-team All-Mountain West. Lockwood went 4-2 last year with a 4.71 ERA. He started nine games and came out of the bullpen eight times, striking out 44 batters and throwing 70.2 innings in 2009.

Lockwood went 7-2 his sophomore year with a 2.75 ERA while striking out 71 batters and throwing a league high 104.2 innings.

Appleby is one of the long relievers for the staff. The first-team All-Mountain West selection tied for the team lead in appearances with 24, and he had a record of 4-1. The 6-foot-2 pitcher threw 57.1 innings and struck out 47 batters. Appleby also posted a 3.61 ERA and recorded one save in 2009.

Miller is the other pitcher that made at least 20 appearances last season. The 6-foot-3 right-hander had a 4.50 ERA in his campaign for the Frogs. He was second on the team in saves with three, and he struck out 25 batters during the 26 innings he pitched.

The other two returning pitchers are sophomores Merck and Kelly.

Merck, who is also a utility infielder, made 17 appearances during his freshman year and had a 5.94 ERA. He struck out 22 batters in the 16.2 innings he pitched.

The left-handed pitcher Kelly only pitched 11.2 innings in 2009 but struck out 18 batters. He made 11 appearances and one start during his freshman year and compiled a record of 1-2 with a 7.71 ERA.

Along with freshman Matt Purke, the Frogs added three more pitchers to the team with freshmen Steven Murray, Griffin Davis and Tyler Duffie. Schlossnagle said he would probably redshirt them this year.

BASEBALL



Freshman Kyle Winkler pitches against the San Diego Aztecs on March 29, 2009. Winkler, now a sophomore, recently earned an invitation to the 2010 National Team Trials.

Young players fill the outfield

By Kylie Osterloh
Staff Writer

With the loss of senior leadership, a young roster of outfielders will have to step up for the 2010 season.

“We need to get better than we were last year defensively,” head coach Jim Schlossnagle said, never mentioning his team’s accomplishment of making an appearance in the NCAA Super Regional last June.

“I don’t think you can assume anything,” he said. “I’ve

tried to preach that to our guys.”

On a youthful team that considers sophomores veterans, Jason Coats, the probable starting left fielder, said he is expecting to use his experience to mentor new players. He played in 57 games last season and started in 54.

“I’m prepared to step up and become a leader on the team,” Coats said. “That’s what the coaches want me to do.”

One of the recruits, freshman Kyle Von Tungeln, will

potentially be placed in center field.

Schlossnagle tagged him as one of the upcoming players to watch this season. Tungeln was ranked as the 77th prospect in Texas and has a decorated high school career.

Tungeln said that shifting to the college level wasn’t easy.

“It took a little bit of adjustment,” Tungeln said. “But I think I made it and fit well into the program.”

Schlossnagle hasn’t yet

determined who will be the certain right fielder, but said to look for redshirt sophomore Zac Jordan or freshman Josh Elander.

Elander was drafted in the 37th round by the Washington Nationals, but turned down the offer to play college baseball. He was also named an Under-Armour All-American in both his junior and senior year.

“Tungeln and Elander have the chance to be very strong players,” Schlossnagle said.

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BASEBALL

Baseball team gears up for another successful season

By Chris Blake
Staff Writer

The Horned Frog baseball team accomplished some important firsts last season: hosting an NCAA regional, advancing to the first Super Regional in program history and falling just one game short of reaching the College World Series.

Redshirt junior pitcher Steven Maxwell said the team will have its sights on taking one more step this season.

“We completely expect to be in Omaha playing for the national championship at the end of the season,” Maxwell said.

Head coach Jim Schlossnagle said The Horned Frogs will try to make a run at Omaha with a team that will rely heavily on a pitching staff that is the strength of the team on paper. Senior Paul Gerrish, juniors Greg Holle and Steven Maxwell, sophomore Kyle Winkler and freshman Matt Purke will all compete for starts.

Maxwell went 3-2 in 12 games that included 10 starts, and he said he is ready to be challenged by the rest of the pitchers.

“The competition within the team is awesome,” he said. “There’s not a selfish guy on this staff, and they all want to see each other succeed and they want to compete at the same time. When you get a staff like that, (it could be) a very special season.”

The pitching staff is so deep that it will force senior Tyler Lockwood to the bullpen full-time after Schlossnagle used him as a starter during each of the past two seasons.

Lockwood will join three relievers who each had an

earned run average of 4.50 or below with junior Trent Appleby and sophomore Erik Miller returning in setup roles. Senior Eric Marshall, who had nine saves last season and was named a Ping! Baseball Third Team All-American, will be the team’s closer.

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Jim Schlossnagle
head coach

“If you can say you really feel good about your pitching staff, that’s 80 or 90 percent of the battle,” Schlossnagle said. “If I was sitting here saying, ‘I love our offense, but I don’t know if we’re going to be able to pitch,’ then that’s scary. The person on the mound is the ultimate equalizer between teams. You can have a really bad team play a really good team, but if the bad team has a really good pitcher, then usually things are going to be pretty close that day.”

Away from the mound, five Horned Frog seniors, who played every game, graduated after last season, including all-conference performers third baseman Matt Carpenter, utility outfielder Chris Ellington and

first baseman Matt Vern.

Schlossnagle said replacing the leadership that the seniors brought to the team would be a challenge, but there are others on the team who have stepped up.

“You don’t have to be a senior to be a leader. (Sophomore utility infielder Taylor) Featherston and (sophomore utility outfielder Jason) Coats both have leadership ability, and they both played a lot last year,” Schlossnagle said. “There’s no replacement for experience. You just have to go out there and play.”

Senior catcher Bryan Holaday, the only returner who has started for more than one season, said team unity, in addition to Featherston and Coats, has helped alleviate any pressure he felt to fill a leadership role by himself.

The team reloaded with Baseball America’s fourth-ranked recruiting class, which included two position players taken in June’s Major League Baseball draft who Schlossnagle said will compete for an everyday job: freshman catcher and utility outfielder Josh Elander and junior transfer utility infielder and outfielder Jerome Pena.

The remnants of last season’s everyday lineup include Coats, senior first baseman Matt Curry, Featherston and Holaday. All four players hit .300 or better in regular playing time.

Despite the team’s success a year ago, Holaday emphasized that nothing is guaranteed for the Frogs.

“We’re going to build off last year, but we’re not going to use it for anything else,” he said. “We know what we are able to do this year, and we just have to come together and prove it on the field.”



SKIFF ARCHIVES
Sophomore Taylor Featherston slides into home base in a 10-7 win over Texas A&M-Corpus Christi on April 22, 2009.

New athletes added to rosters

By Lawrence Embry
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Across baseball, men’s and women’s tennis and men’s and women’s track and field, TCU will have introduced about fifty new players to the field, courts and track by the end of this semester.

Featuring a bevy of freshmen and transfers from other colleges and universities, the teams that TCU fields this semester will have quite a few new faces for fans to become familiar with.

On the baseball field, TCU will introduce seven fresh-

men, including Matt Purke, a left-handed pitcher who was drafted by the Texas Rangers with the 14th overall pick of the 2009 Major League Baseball draft.

Rivals.com ranked Purke as the No. 1 high school prospect in the country.

In addition to the freshmen, three transfers, Jerome Pena, Kyle Starratt and Joe Weik, will play for the Horned Frog baseball team for the first time this season.

The men’s tennis team has four new faces this spring, including Indiana University transfer Paul Chappell.

He will get to play tennis for the Frogs this season after sitting out last season because of the National Collegiate Athletics Association’s transfer rule, which stipulates that a transfer must spend a year in residence at his or her new school before participating in an NCAA event.

The women’s tennis team features two transfers, right-handed players Megan Alexander and Shalini Sahoo.

The track teams boast a total of 22 new faces this season. Three of those new faces are transfers from other schools.



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