Familiar Names On Freshman Roster

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Rice coaches and fans are keeping a sharp eye on the young Owlets this season. Since 16 senior lettermen are due to complete their college eligibility this fall, Owl coaches will be taking a long look at the freshmen in an effort to find replacements for the retiring veterans.

Head freshman coach Nick Lanza is getting excellent assistance from a trio of student coaches. Helping tutor the Owlets are Dan Brast, working with the ends, Johnny Stephenson with the backs and Bob Lively with the inner linemen. Coach Lively will quiz on occasion for any outstanding varsity prospects among the Owlets, singled out guard Ronnie Ulrich of Hondo and center Malcolm Walker of Dallas as their best linemen. But said "it's really too early to tell—they all need a lot of work on fundamentals.”

A look at the freshman roster this year includes several names that are already familiar to Rice fans. Russel Wyatt, the 215 pound all-state halfback from White Oak, is the younger brother of senior Bob Wyatt. Tackle Floyd Woods of Sweetwater is the 230 pound "little" brother of Dickie Woods. Richard Karam is also the cousin of senior tackle George Karam. It’s a sure bet the younger will be trying to follow the footsteps of their seniors in making a name for themselves.

CURRENTLY THE OWLETS number 36 men, but if they had to play a game this week they’d have a hard time fielding a team. Almost one-third of the squad is on the injured list. However, all but a couple of the injured should be ready for the October 20th opener in Dallas against the SMU Colts.

THE "FEATURE" attraction on the Owlet Slate this year will be the November 9th beefit game with the Texas A & M Fish. All proceeds from the game will go to the Good Samaritan Club program, which provides scholarships for nurses. The highlight of the game will be the halftime show, which in the past has featured such top entertainers as Bob Hope and Jerry Lewis.