Pigskin Season Opens For Rice Lightweights

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Football starts early this week with the Rice freshman playing SMU’s freshman Thursday and Cecil Gregg’s Lightweights playing Austin College “B” team Friday.

Rice’s lightweight squad is made up of volunteers who are not on grid scholarships but who enjoy playing tackle football. They are students who, because of ability, size, or heavy study loads, have not gone out for the varsity. Coach Griggs, member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame, is no stranger to Austin College having been a star athlete and former coach at the school.

Rice will start an experienced backfield of four veterans in its first lightweight game of the season. The starting line-up includes ends Bill Redwine and Pat Calahan, tackles Arnold Atkins and Don Lewis, guards Mike Winters and Finis Jeffres, center David Hunter, halfbacks Dean Harris and Fred Lawrence, fullback Greg Holland or Gary Zintgraff, and quarterback Don Saunders.

The Austin College “B” team has already played a game in losing to University of Houston Freshman team 6-21, but they are heavy compared to Rice’s very light (160 lb average) team, and should prove a formidable opponent.