

USIU Gridders Start Workouts Here Monday

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U.S. International University won seven of 10 football games last season in the initial effort by coach Marv Braden.

It could do even better the second time around.

A total of 21 lettermen will greet Braden Monday when the Westerners begin twice daily drill to prepare for the season opener Sept. 19 against the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

Physicals will be given and equipment handed out Saturday with the club then scheduled to drill twice daily for the first two weeks.

The 21 lettermen are scattered among 13 on defense and 8 on offense, but the No. 1 question confronting Braden is where's my quarterback?

WILL MISS CLARK

The Westerners lost a good one when Wayne Clark tucked his diploma under his arm and took up residence with the Chargers.

Remaining in the wings is little Bill Miller who has to be tabbed of uncertain status after suffering leg injuries and resulting surgery that sidelined him for the season each of the past two years.

Should Miller prove unable, the job probably will go to sophomore Doug Omer from Anaheim who played last season as a defensive back.

Braden lost some other valuable material from his backfield but has a good one returning in running back Bill Nugent who averaged 8.3 yards per carry and a total of over 900 yards as the club's leading ground gainer a year ago.

WILL TRY AGAIN

Fullback Frazer Heaton, who was sidelined for the season before the first game last year, is expected to be back for another try at throwing his 200 pounds around.

Other offensive veterans returning include slotback Earl Cambridge, wide receivers Tim Titus and George Rowan, guard Dennis Cole and all-NAIA District 3 center Gary Miller.

Experienced defensive personnel returning are tackles Marv Bethea, Bob MacCubbin and Dennis Knauert, middle guards Ken Yamamoto and Joe Valdivia, ends Jeff Stevens and John Conlon and backs Cliff

Farrar, Terry Hatcher, Dave Krich, Mike Raney and Bill Noble.

"The defense looks good," admits Braden. "We will have some newcomers at the line-backer and secondary spots, but if they come through we should be a real competitive team again."

TOPS IN SCORING

Dale Curtis, the Westerners' fine kicker despite the loss of an arm several years ago, is also back after booting 11 field goals and 43 conversions last season to lead the club's scoring with 76 points.

Braden also has some high quality material coming in from the junior college circles. Alan Torretto, a 5-11 and 200-pound linebacker from San Diego CC, was rated by Braden as his best performer in spring drills.

Tight end John Moen (6-5, 220) from MiraCosta and defensive back Al Sanchez (5-10, 170) from Fullerton are two all-league selections joining the roster.

Andy Sanchez, San Diego CIF Player of the Year from Castle Park as a running back, heads the list of several impressive high school grads reporting.

Assistant coaches Lew Erber and Bob Bass will also be back this season while Braden has recruited three new aides from last year's playing squad, Jim Anderson, Dante Scarnecchia and John Turek.