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Texas Men's and Women's SWIMMING AND DIVING PREVIEW

Texas men's swimming and diving head coach Eddie Reese and women's swimming and diving head coach Kim Brackin may not share much in common in terms of their experience at UT—Reese begins his 29th year at the Forty Acres while Brackin begins her first—but these successful coaches do have one common denominator: their reputations for developing world-class swimmers. Longhorn fans will have the opportunity to see this for themselves this month when the Texas swimming and diving teams take to the pool at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swimming Center.

The Texas women will take part in the annual Orange-White intrasquad exhibition meet on Friday, Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. in their first organized meet under Brackin's leadership. Brackin joined the Texas program last spring after completing

a one-year stint at USA Swimming, where she worked with the organization's DartSwim eCoach program. Before joining USA Swimming, Brackin served as the co-head coach of the Auburn women's swimming and diving team, whom she led to consecutive NCAA championships from 2002-2004.

The Longhorn women return to the Jamail Texas Swimming Center for their first regular-season meet on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27-28 when they host Stanford. UT welcomes Indiana on Saturday, Nov. 4 before co-hosting some of the nation's top teams alongside the Texas men for the Texas Invitational, set for Nov. 30 - Dec. 2.

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eighth at the NCAA Championships. Senior Elizabeth Tinnon (Bowling Green, Ky.), one of the eight returning All-Americans, was recently selected by USA Swimming to represent Team USA at the 2007 Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The UT women also feature an excellent corps of divers under diving coach Matt Scoggin. The group is headed by juniors Jessica Livingston (Houston, Texas) and Mary Yarrison (Springfield, Va.), who enjoyed tremendous success over the summer at the USA Diving National Championships. Livingston captured the women's platform diving title, while Yarrison teamed up with Abby Johnston to claim the three-meter synchronized diving crown.

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Reese, who was selected on Sept. 8 to coach the USA men's swimming team at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing, China, has another Longhorn team ready to contend for the NCAA team title. The Longhorns return 11 All-Americans from the 2006 squad that took fourth place at the NCAA Championships. Senior Garrett Weber-Gale (Fox Point, Wis.) returns for his final season after capturing the 100-yard freestyle at the 2006 NCAA Championships. Weber-Gale recently was selected as an alternate to represent the United States at the 2007 FINA World Championships in Melbourne, Australia.

Senior Tyler O'Halloran (Boardman, Ohio) will contend for an NCAA individual title after placing fourth nationally in the 100 breaststroke last season. Sophomore Michael Klueh (Evansville, Ind.) was a force as a freshman, as he took fourth in the 1,650-yard freestyle and fifth in the 500-yard freestyle at the 2006 NCAA Championships.

Junior Matt Lowe (Minot, N.D.) collected All-America honors last season by taking fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke and sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke at the 2006 NCAA meet. Junior Matt McGinnis (Raleigh, N.C.) will join Klueh, Lowe and O'Halloran on the Team USA roster for the 2007 World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand.

Texas also will benefit from the services of senior diver Bailey Gao (Delta, British Columbia), who garnered All-America honors in the three-meter diving event last season under Scoggin's tutelage.

The Texas men kick off their season on Friday, Sept. 29 with the Orange-White exhibition and begin the home portion of their regular-season schedule on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4 against California and Indiana. UT hosts the Texas Invitational from Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 at the Jamail Texas Swimming Center.