Now Is The Time For All Good Owls To Beat Army

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ARMY'S FABLED Black

Knights of the Hudson, boasting
its finest team since the post-war
days of Doc Blanchard and Glenn
Davis, invades Houston Saturday
afternoon to do battle with Coach
Jess Neely's upset-minded Rice
Owls. Game time for this Home-
coming day encounter is 2 pm
in Rice Stadium.

A STANDING-room-only crowd
of 72,000 is expected to witness
the encounter, pitting the num-
ber three team in the nation and
number one team in the East,
Coach Earl Blaik's Cadets,
against the currently high-riding
Owls, now perched in the South-
west Conference driver's seat.

BANKING on the one-two
punch of halfbacks Pete Dawkins
and Bob Anderson, second only
to the neer-to-be-forgotten Mr.
Inside and Mr. Outside duo of
Blanchard and Davis, the Army
toers the game as a seven-point
favorite. Victories over Penn
State, South Carolina, Virginia,
Notre Dame, a 14-14 tie with
Pittsburg, and last week's eye-
catching 68-6 win over little Col-
gate only add to the West Point
publicity parade.

EARLY LAST spring Coach
Blaik summarized the situation
as follows: "We are still plagued
by a lack of depth which hurt
us considerably last fall. For that
reason we intend to go to a more
open game." Fans will get to see
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Army’s “more open game” in the form of the lonesome end formation and a Cadet team which will pass from within their own ten yard line frequently.

ON THE RICE side of the ledger, Alvin Hartman will open up as the Owls number one quarterback. A bruised hip will hold regular starter Jon Schnable out except for spot appearances. Otherwise the Big Blue squad is fit and able with the return of tackle Gene Miller to action.

COACH NEELY will probably put a Rice team on the field which consists of Gene Jones and Buddy Dial at the ends; Don Rather and J. D. Smith at tackles; Cliff McGraw and Rufus King at guards; and Boyd King at the center post. In the backfield besides Hartman will be Pat Baily and Gordon Speer at the halves with Hart Peebles at the top of the “T.”

AN OPEN date last weekend helped Rice get ready for this fray. In the best condition of the year, the Neelymen could spring an upset like last year’s A&M victory over Texas.