3 DOWN, 3 TO GO

OWLS ARE ARMED FOR VICTORY OVER AGGIES

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This Saturday Rice plays host to the Texas Aggies in what the Rice students would like to call the first annual “Sammy” Bowl. Despite the fact that the Farmers have only one victory in four conference starts they should not be taken too lightly by the league-leading Owls.

The Cadets undoubtedly have been the most injury-riddled team in the conference this season. However if the injured Charlie Milstead is recovered well enough to see service Saturday, the Aggies might put together that supreme effort which their supporters have been waiting for all year.

With Milstead and two fine receivers in John Tracey, and Randy Sims, the Cadets are certain to give the Owl secondary another severe test.

The A&M forward wall will be led by two tested and experienced performers, Ken Beck and Allen Geohring.

The Aggie running attack, which has been the weakest in the history of single wing football, should also be improved this week as the Farmer’s injury plagued backfield reaches a semblance of stability for the first time this season.

For Rice this game will mark the return to full form of two of the Owls’ finest all round performers, Gordon Speer and Jon Schnable. But more important it will be the last chance for Rice’s biggest question mark, their second string line, to return to the form they displayed against Texas before their big test against TCU. Despite the fine play of Lester Veltman, Bill Simmons, and Bob Lively the second string forward wall failed to impress against the Black Knights.

One thing for sure, if student support helps a football team, the Cadets will certainly be ready to play football this Saturday, for the Aggie student body will surely want this game after last year’s loss to the Owls.