Owls to go tilting at strong UCLA

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It has been said that one advantage of a major football program is that it will put the old school on the map. If this is true, then this Saturday’s game with the number 2-ranked U.C.L.A. Bruins must be considered the most important game of the year.

The entire nation will be concerned with U.C.L.A.’s victory margin. An upset would ruin the Bruin’s whole season.

Those of you who watched the U.C.L.A.-Missouri game last Saturday had a real good preview of what to expect this week. From my living room the Bruins looked tremendous.

U.C.L.A. has more natural talent than any team that the Owls will face this year. They are not usually big, but they probably have the fastest team in the entire nation.

On offense they try to score on almost every play, and have succeeded well enough to score 112 points in three games. Beban, Farr (a Beaumont product), and Busby are all constant threats. Their only possible weakness is a lack of consistency.

By trying for the big home run so often, they haven’t had much chance to develop a consistent attack. But until they run into someone who can completely contain them, they won’t need one.

In case the offense isn’t convincing enough, consider the defense, which completely stifled a supposedly adept Missouri offense.

So what sort of chance does Rice have? Now that Tennessee has burst the bubble and reality has returned, we know that Rice cannot count on a miracle every Saturday. According to reports from Knoxville, Tennessee won last Saturday on four or five big plays. But four or five plays are what distinguishes a good team from an average one.

Rice could play well Saturday night and still lose by a large margin.