Bengal Tigers burning brightly

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This Saturday night in Houston’s only major open-air sports stadium, featuring real, live, and growing green grass, the ambitious and undefeated Rice Owls will be confronted by the always powerful Bengal Tigers from Louisiana State University.

This will be the first of many games in which we will be a heavy underdog. The only encouraging word about the Owls in preseason newspaper magazine articles has been that we plan to suit out for every game.

On paper, we seem to suffer from a general, overall lack of talent. But then one should not become too convinced about a team until he sees them in an actual game when it counts.

It is obvious, however, that we aren’t exactly shooting for the National Championship this year, and now that we have replaced Tulane as the nation’s most popular intersectional opponent (weak team, name school, prestige conference, and 70,000 plus capacity stadium), things do look rather gruesome.

This Saturday’s game should be an entertaining one. LSU is always loaded with hard-hitting, fundamentally strong players. This year the Tigers are supposedly smaller and faster and in general superior to the team that crushed the inexperienced Owls last year 42-14 and then beat powerful Arkansas on New Year’s Day. Furthermore, they will be urged on by the usual multitudes of not-so-sober cajuns.

We are still inexperienced, but Rice, in the past, has played some truly remarkable games against these Tigers. Perhaps we can witness another one this year.