Arkansas Meeting At 2:00

Big Blue Seek First Win

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The Rice Owls will try to keep their hopes for at least a piece of the Southwest Conference football championship alive tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock when they meet the Arkansas Razorbacks at Rice Stadium.

The Owls, holding an 0-1-1 conference record, must win this game to stay in the race. Arkansas, with a 3-1 mark in loop action, also would be virtually out of contention in the event of a loss. The Porkers have beaten TCU, Baylor, and A&M so far while losing only to league-leading Texas, fourth ranked nationally. The Owls' only loss was also to Texas, in addition to tying with SMU.

Mooty, Speed, and Belly-Wing

Coach Frank Broyles will bring the best Razorback squad since the title year of 1954 into the Rice game. Although the Hogs are relatively small, they boast very good team speed and one of the league's finest halfbacks in All-Conference Jim Mooty, a sure-fire All-America candidate. Other bright spots in the Porkers' dangerous belly-wing offense are veteran quarterback Jim Monroe and speedy halfbacks Lance Alworth, Billy Kyser, and Freddy Akers.

Meanwhile, the Owls are still deadlocked in their struggle with the injured list. Regulars Johnny Burrell, Charles Pollard, Rufus King, and Jon Schnable, who were wisely withheld from action against Clemson, are expected to be ready for the Razorbacks.

However, also joining the injured list were tackles Robert Johnston and Don Rather, guard Ray Alborn, and halfback Gordon Speer. The extent of their injuries was not known at the time of this writing.

With Burrell, Pollard, and Schnable back, along with the continued improvement of Billy Bucek, at quarterback, the Owls should be able to improve on their greatest weakness, the lack of a good passing threat. The Owls also hope to eliminate most of the mistakes which cost them the Clemson game—a pass interference penalty, a fumble, and an intercepted pass.

For the Owls, it's no longer a case of having to win. From now on, the games are going to mean a lot to a winless Rice team.