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Ags travel to Arkansas to play the Razorbacks

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The Aggies take a 1-2 conference record into the Ozarks tonight to do basketball battle with an Arkansas Razorback team that will be glad to get home.

After defeating Houston convincingly in Fayetteville, the Hogs went to Rice and defeated the Owls by only nine points. Texas then handed the third-ranked Razorbacks their first defeat of the season in front of 16,289 fans in the Longhorn's Super Drom 75-69.

Now ranked sixth in the nation, the Hogs return to Barnhill Arena where they have won 22 straight games.

Arkansas' starting five includes 6-foot-11 junior Steve Schall and 6-foot-7 senior Jim Counce. Coach Eddie Sutton's pride and joy, however, is his 6-foot-4 trio of Ron Brewer, Marvin Delph and Sidney Moncrief. That trio is the driving force that took Arkansas to the Southwest Conference title last year and made them pre-season favorites to repeat their championship this season.

Brewer and Dolph are in their last year at Arkansas but Moncrief is only a junior. Thirteen games into the season, Moncrief was the Porkers' leading scorer and leading rebounder. He averaged 20.7 points and 9.8 rebounds per game. He was also high-point man in seven of those 13 games, with a 29-point high game against Hofstra.

Brewer is Arkansas' second leading scorer this season with an 18.1 average. Delph, who averages 16.6 points per game, needs a 20-point average through the rest of the season to become Arkansas' all-time leading scorer.

Despite their leading roles in the Hogs' efforts on the basketball court, Sutton is not afraid to give his starters a breather now and then.

"Chris Bennett (sophomore) and Chyless Reed (freshman) have improved to the point we have much confidence in our bench," Sutton said. "We're right where we had hoped to be at this stage."


Aggie coach Shelby Metcalf's best counter punch would seem to be the hot hand of senior Willie Foreman, who pumped in 34 points in the Aggies' come-from-behind victory over SMU.

"We will definitely be ready for Arkansas," Foreman said. "I don't think we'll have any problems getting psyched up for them."

The key to Texas' victory over the Hogs was the Longhorns' ability to

put a wrench in the gears of Arkansas' quick, experienced offensive machine. Texas junior John Moore, with seven steals, led Texas' defensive effort. The Aggies will also have to play an alert defensive game to stop the Hogs. Metcalf's men should not count on another come-from-behind game against the Razorbacks.


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