Virginia Tech will take its hard-hitting defense, enthusiasm and have-fun philosophy of football to College Station, Texas cast in the same giant-killer role it found itself in last season when it went south to play Auburn.

Most of the similarities probably end there. The Aggies unquestionably have more talent--and a lot more horses--than did Auburn last year, although the Tigers had the manpower to win more than they did.

A & M, which was tops in the nation last year defensively is said to be that strong or stronger this year. The Harmon Forecast predicts an Aggie win as will other forecasts and strictly on paper Texas has the edge.

As coaches are fond of pointing out, games aren't won on paper and Tech has every intention of putting it on Texas A & M as it put it on Auburn. The Hokies realized more of their potential than some had thought possible against a tougher, stubborn Wake Forest last Saturday. They must realize a lot more to pull off a national upset this week.

An entire game of the vitality and resourcefulness that caused Tech's turnaround in the second half against the Deacons could run the Orange and Maroon season mark to a hard-won 2-0.