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Oklahoma State, currently ranked No. 9 in the AP poll with a 3-1 record, comes calling as Homecoming guest in Blacksburg tomorrow and Brent Blackman will direct the Cowpokes against Virginia Tech this past week’s co-Back of the Week, Don Strock.

The difference in the two QBs is startling. Blackman is 5-11, 162; Strock 6-5, 205. And they go about doing things in startlingly different ways. Strock using the pass (No. 1 nationally in passing and total offense), while Blackman prefers the rush (No. 8 individually, State No. 2).

Last year, when the Cowboys went 4-6-1 with Blackman laid low the last half of the season by an appendectomy, Oklahoma State rushed for 1,443 yards and tied for fifth in the Big Eight. This year, the Pokes lead the loop have beaten Colorado (31-6) and have rushed for 523 yards, there still is a matter of six more games after tomorrow’s meeting in Lane Stadium, which, by the way, will be the only time this year the Cowboys won’t be playing on artificial turf.

“He’s not big,” is the word on Blackman out of Stillwater, “but if we don’t have him, it’s like stealing a cadillac and not having a key to drive it.”

In the first meeting of the teams (OSU, 24-16, in Stillwater last year), Strock launched his assault on the Tech record books that reached that 34 of 53 for 527 yards peak last week. He was 23 of 46 for 240 against the Cowpokes.

For what it’s worth: Tech has won 10 of its last 11