

for more than a few minutes, and the half ended in a tie score.

The second half saw both teams come back as strong as ever; our boys with their confidence restored by their showing, and Rice determined to gain a lead and hold it. We cannot but think that if the Aggies had been more confident of winning the first game the result would have been different. But it seems to be the policy of the powers to cause pessimistic feeling to permeate the entire team. Not only that but the cadet corps was told the prospects for winning were slight. It has been our observation that athletic mentors always endeavored to instill some confidence in their charge, no matter who the opponents, with the result that even sometimes winners were produced of forlorn hopes. By this we do not wish to go on record as being in favor of optimistic braying, but it must be remembered that our team is playing its first year in college athletics and a word of encouragement would act as a wonderful stimulant while an indifferent attitude has the reverse effect.

The heart breaking game came to an end, Rice winning, 18 to 14. There were no individual stars on our team, all our boys played hard and valiantly showing the best team work of the season. Not among the inconspicuous of the participants was one Dwyer, fish, an erstwhile guard, who played a bang up game against Kingsland, the visitors seven-foot center and star performer. That Kingsland was prevented from playing his usual good game is "Nuf Sed." Longcope shot his quota of spectacular goals and eluded the Rice guards persistently. Wise played his usual strong game at guard and also managed to ring a couple of goals. Gouger and McQuillen played equally as hard, as did DeLee who played only the first half.

Aggies 25, Rice 21.

The second game was largely a repetition of the first with the only and important difference that we won. Fouls were plentiful on both sides, but it was our misfortune that Rice gained more than we did by this method of scoring. In fact, Timmons of Rice was very adept at shooting fouls, scoring about half of their points in this manner. For us, Longcope was not nearly as successful. But this was more than offset by his long distance shooting, he scoring 15 of the 25 points made. Wise and Dwyer each threw a couple of baskets and McQuillen threw the other.

Our team early took the lead and kept Rice playing on the defensive, and only once were the Owls ahead. The main cause for our winning, however, was that our team was confident of winning for they felt they were the Owls' superiors after their showing the night before. The first half ended with the score 13 to 11 in our favor.

The second half saw our team gradually increase their lead until they were eight points ahead. They played with a vim and enthusiasm that nothing could stop; and although Rice staged a rally they only succeeded in reducing our lead. The final gun saw our team win by 4 points, the same margin by which they had lost the night before, thus both teams scoring the same number of points during the series and breaking exactly even.

These games give us reason to believe our team is as good as any in the state. It has acquired that essential which is conducive to playing good basketball—confidence in themselves; without which no team can make a good showing.

FOOTBALL RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES 1917.

RECEIPTS:	
Incidentals ----	8.90
Box Seats ----	52.45
Season Tickets -	4,760.00
Gate Receipts --	17,504.80
Refunds -----	5.82

TOTAL OF RECEIPTS--\$22,331.97

EXPENDITURES:	
Incidentals ----	1,723.63
Office and Salary	3,430.36
Hotel and Trav'l	1,808.04
Equipment ----	1,186.47
Officials -----	798.80
Field and Permanent Im-	
provements --	754.61
Guarantees ----	6,672.61
Advertising ---	260.95

TOTAL OF EXPEND.----\$16,635.47

AMOUNT ON SEASON--\$ 5,696.50

Austin College:	
Receipts -----	124.50
Expenditures -----	374.90

Loss on Game ----- 250.40

Dallas University:	
Receipts -----	86.50
Expenditures -----	213.85

Loss on Game ----- 167.35

Southwestern University:	
Receipts -----	125.75
Expenditures -----	374.40

Loss on Game ----- 248.65

Louisiana State University:	
Receipts -----	4,234.65
Expenditures -----	3,558.83

Net. Gain on Game----- 675.63

Tulane University:	
Receipts -----	205.20
Expenditures -----	1,197.30

Loss on Game ----- 992.00

Baylor University:	
Receipts -----	3,437.65
Expenditures -----	394.79

Net. Gain on Game ----- 3,042.85

Texas University:	
Receipts -----	6,005.30
Expenditures -----	3,235.55

Net. Gain on Game ----- 2,769.75

Rice Institute:	
Receipts -----	5,090.00
Expenditures -----	608.95

Net. Gain on Game ----- 4,483.05

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When I consider changes war has brought
It seems as diff'rent as the day from night.
Now two nights have no artificial light
On Tuesday beans we eat, but meat is naught.
On Wednesday graham bread, not white, is bought
On Saturday's bill, pork we do not sight,
To make our tastes suit the fare, it takes our might
But 'tis for Uncle Sam—we know we ought!
Hoover said, "Less wheat," we tried days wheatless
When meat got scarce, we made Tuesday meatless
To share our sugar, we try tea sweetless
To raise money, all men are miserless,
But we'd do our level best—go eatless,
If we could make this old world Kaiserless!

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