

Cage Round-Up

It's Early--But Rice Looks Best

By BILL TURNER
Guest Columnist

Rice Institute went into Monday night's roundball affair against Vanderbilt with a chance to raise the Southwest Conference's cage reputation by leaps and bounds.

The Owls did it, convincingly. They ripped a good Vandy team, 79-60, for their seventh straight victory this season.

Rice also established itself as a big favorite in the forthcoming Southwest Conference tournament slated for Houston Dec. 28-30. Vandy had whipped Baylor and SMU.

Owls In Whirlwind Start

Previously, the Owls had done more for Southwest Conference basketball than any team in recent years. Coach Don Suman's crew had started the cage season like a whirlwind, winning over little Sam Houston State twice with ease and another small college bunch from Stephen F. Austin of Nacogdoches.

That alone caused little eye-brow raising... but the Owls followed with three more wins that had everybody in the league talking.

First, it was Tulane, the Greenies still mad about last year's upset by the Rice crew. Rice won 56-49, but it was much easier than the score indicated.

Then the Owls gained what Coach Suman termed "the most satisfying victory" in his tenure at Rice. They edged powerful St. Johns, 85-81, in Madison Square Garden. Next came Tennessee—and the Owls won easily, 78-66.

TCU Probably Toughest in Stretch

With their start, the Owls most likely will be the class of the upcoming tourney. Later on, when the conference wars begin—and when results really begin to count—most observers think it will be a battle between the Owls and Texas Christian's Horned Frogs.

The Froggies, off to a slow start with a 2-6 record, have absorbed defeats by Utah and Brigham Young in inter-sectional play. They have won only from two small-college Texas clubs, Abilene Christian and Austin College. All this happened, however, with a Frog regular, Ray Walden, riding the bench due to injuries.

Texas, Arkansas, Baylor and SMU—strictly on early season play—look fairly even and should battle for the third spot, with any one of four capable of surprising Rice and TCU. Only the Texas Aggies seem out of it.

A&M, with inexperience taking its toll, is off to a not-too-surprising start. The Aggies may make it tough for any one of these in season play.

Aggie Cagers Look Toward Tourney After Slow Start; Play Rice in Opener

The Texas Aggie basketball team wound up its pre-Christmas affairs last week with a 55-58 loss to Texas Tech and the next item on the agenda for Coach John Floyd's Cadets will be the annual holiday Southwest conference tournament in Houston, Dec. 28-30.

Both teams led by nine points before Tech finally won out with their greater height. The Raiders constantly threw up a barrage at the basket with their four men over 6-4 and out-rebounded the Aggies, 54-34, out-manning A&M on the boards by 20.

As the Aggies prepare for the SWC tourney—they open with Rice in the 7:30 p.m. game Monday night, Dec. 28—Center Ray Martin, the 6-8½ Waxahachie junior, continues to lead A&M scoring with 37 points in six games for a 14.5 average.

Next is Guard Rodney Pirtle, Coleman junior, with 66 followed

by James Addison of Lipan with 54, John Fortenberry of North Little Rock with 44, Don Moon of Minden with 27 and Joe Hardgrove of Fort Worth with 23.

The seven SWC teams plus the guests from Alabama open the loop tournament at Rice gym Dec. 28 and there will be two games nightly and two each afternoon daily through Dec. 30. Every team will play three games. Monday winners go into the semi-final round Tuesday night with finals set for 9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30. Southern Methodist won the tourney in Dallas last December with TCU grabbing the conference crown in March.

A&M opens the regular conference warfare Jan. 5 against Baylor at College Station. The new field-house will not be ready for play until later in the season, probably late February.



PREP FOR GATOR BOWL—Bobby Cavazos (left), great halfback of the Texas Tech football team and second team All-America, follows teammate tackle Jimmie Williams, 210 pounds, as they prepare for their January 1 meeting with Auburn in the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla. (AP Photo)

Basketball Scores

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rice 79, Vanderbilt 60.
Tulane 57, Wisconsin 55. (Overtime.)
LaSalle 62, UCLA 53.
Ohio State 106, Miami, Fla. 81.
Cincinnati 81, Michigan 62.
Loyola, (New Orleans) 79, Detroit 63.
Oklahoma A&M 65, Illinois 60. (Overtime.)

Iowa 78, Colorado 72.
Louisiana State Univ. 79, Northwestern 51.
Memphis State 71, Baylor 64.
Western Michigan 80, Loyola, (Chicago) 68.
Bradley 79, Southern California 64.
Kentucky 85, Duke 69.
Oregon 84, Nebraska 68.
Regis 74, Hardin Simmons 43.

Indiana Holds Top Cage Spot; Rice Moves Up to Eleventh

By ORLO ROBERTSON

NEW YORK—(AP)—Indiana's unbeaten Hoosiers and Kentucky, winner of all five of its games, are still running one-two as the nation's leading college basketball teams.

The Hoosiers, picked in the pre-season poll as the team most likely to succeed and on top ever since, rolled up 933 points in this week's Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters. Kentucky, seeking to regain the No.

1 spot after a year of enforced idleness, stayed close to Indiana with 896 points and actually received more first-place votes—36 to 35.

Duquesne, with nine first-place votes and 692 points, held to third place on the basis of a 7-0 record. Illinois also remained in the fourth spot with 514 points but, after the ballots were counted, the Illini dropped their first game of the campaign 65-60 to the Oklahoma Aggies.

The Aggies 8-1 moved up a coup-

le of notches into fifth place and Western Kentucky 9-0 took over sixth after being 10th last week. Fordham 6-0 also jumped two places into the seventh spot, followed by Minnesota 5-0. Holy Cross was the only newcomer to the top 10. The New Englanders were ranked 14th a week ago.

Louisiana State 5-1 dropped all the way from fifth to 14th.

The top 20 with number of first-place votes in parentheses:

1. Indiana (35) 933
2. Kentucky (36) 896
3. Duquesne (9) 692
4. Illinois 514
5. Oklahoma A&M (4) 358
6. Western Kentucky (2) 331
7. Fordham (1) 229
8. Minnesota 226
9. North Carolina State 173
10. Holy Cross (1) 159
11. Rice 122
12. Oregon State (2) 118
13. UCLA (2) 100
14. Louisiana State 92
15. Oklahoma City (3) 75
16. Dayton and La Salle (tie) 59
17. Wisconsin 50
18. Notre Dame 47
20. Vanderbilt and Idaho (tie) 36

Oklahoma A&M, Indiana, Rice Win Important Tilts

By BEN PHLEGAR

NEW YORK—(AP)—Oklahoma A&M (the nation's fifth-ranking basketball team, has had its revenge on the Big Ten for its only loss of the season.

The Cowboys pinned the first defeat of the winter on fourth-ranking Illinois last night, 65-60 in overtime, and they did it on the Illini's own court at Champaign. The Oklahoma club's lone setback so far was by one point in overtime against Minnesota.

Illinois was one of three major teams which lost for the first time last night. Rice whipped Vanderbilt 79-60 and top-ranking Indiana squeezed past Oregon State 76-72 in overtime.

Kentucky's resurgent Wildcats broke loose in the third quarter for an 85-69 decision against Duke in the first round of its own invitational tournament at Lexington. La Salle defeated UCLA 62-53 in the other first round game.

Eight Big Ten teams saw action and the conference just managed

to break even. In addition to Illinois' defeat, Michigan bowed before a 26-point fourth quarter spurge by Cincinnati 81-62; Louisiana State held Northwestern to two points in the third quarter in its 79-51 victory; and Tulane edged Wisconsin 57-55 as Hal Cervini sank four of six free throws in overtime.

Ohio State ran up its all-time high total as it overwhelmed the University of Miami, Fla. 106-81 with Paul Ebert scoring 35 points. Minnesota remained unbeaten with a 66-63 triumph over Tulsa. Iowa came from behind to nip Colorado 78-72 and stretch its perfect home record against nonconference teams to 61 games.

Indiana had a real battle before subduing Oregon State. The thriller was the nightcap of a double-header in which Oregon ran away from Nebraska 84-68 in the first game.

Bradley surprised Southern California 79-64, the third loss for the Trojans on their Eastern tour.

CHS Slates Party For School Exes

A&M Consolidated High School will hold its second annual Exes Party Wednesday night at 7:30.

The party, slated to be held in the high school's cafeteria, will feature dancing and a talk by Consolidated superintendent Lester Richardson.

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