

# Owls Rip Aggies, 67-57

## Owls Score Heavy In Hot Second Half

The Rice Owls refused to be denied in the second half of their basketball game last night in Rice Gym as they hit 50 per cent of their field goal tries to down the hard fighting Aggies 67-57.

The victory gave the come-back Owls a 6-2 Southwest Conference basketball record and undisputed possession of second place while the Cadets remain in their fifth place position.

In the first period of play, the Farmers threw up a man-for-man defense that throttled the big guys from Houston and limited them to 31 points behind the shorter Aggies 33.

Coach Bob Rogers' Cadets hit 40 per cent of their shots in that hectic first period but cooled down to 39.2 for the game compared to Rice's 43.1.

Tom Robitaille and Temple Tucker pooled their combined height of 13 3/4 feet to win the battle of the backboards against the out-sized Ags. Rice had built its rebound edge to a solid 43-28 to completely control the back courts for the game.

It was the shooting eyes of Tucker and Gerry Thomas that combined for 29 second-half points and spelled doom to the hard fighting Cadets.

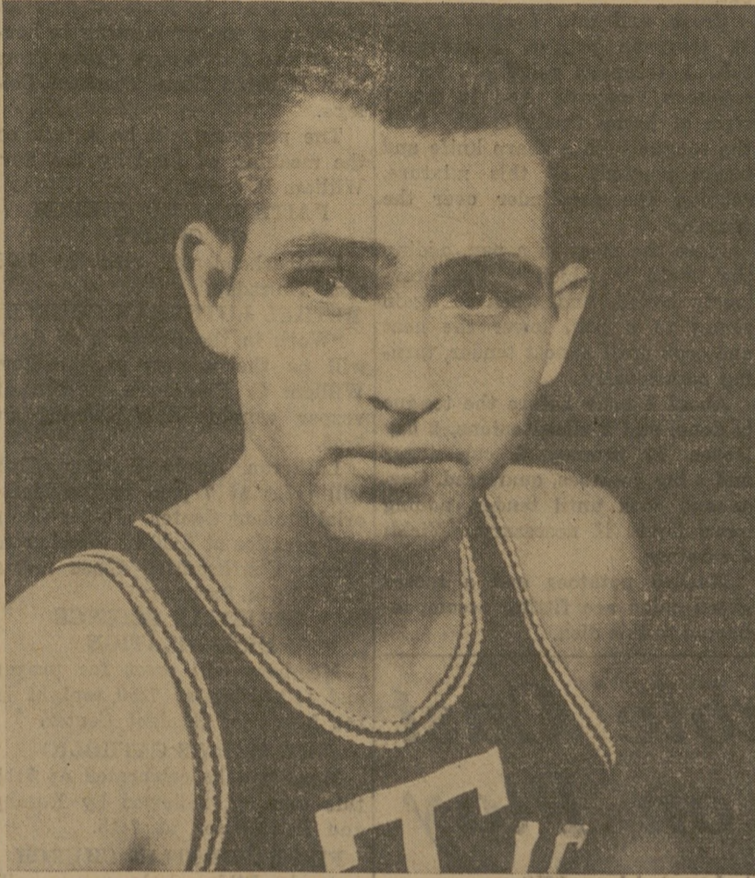
In the first two minutes of the final period Rice scored two field

goals, by Robitaille and Tucker, to take over a lead they never relinquished.

The Aggies saw their last chance for victory grabbed from their hands when their sole height man, 6-8 Wayne Lawrence, and court strategist Fritzie Connally fouled out of the game in the final minutes of playing time.

Rice assumed possession of second place when Arkansas beat SMU in Fayetteville, 75-67. Robitaille from Rice was the game's leading scorer with 18 points, closely followed by A&M's junior college transfer Archie Carroll, who led his team with 17 points.

Rice (67)	FGA	FTA	FT	RB	PF	TP
Griffin	5-2	2-1	5	3	5	5
Preston	0-0	5-4	4	1	4	4
Robitaille	15-7	6-4	14	3	18	18
Melvin	4-0	0-0	5	1	0	0
Ball	8-4	6-5	4	5	13	13
Higgins	1-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Tucker	12-7	4-1	7	1	15	15
Thomas	13-5	5-2	1	1	12	12
Team RB	58-25	28-17	42	16	67	67
A&M (57)	FGA	FTA	FT	RB	PF	TP
Connally	6-3	6-2	5	5	8	8
Carroll	15-8	1-1	5	2	17	17
Lawrence	13-4	1-1	5	2	9	9
Johnson	1-1	2-2	0	2	4	4
Swisher	9-3	6-6	4	3	12	12
Turner	3-0	4-3	1	3	3	3
McNichol	4-1	2-2	1	3	4	4
Meyers	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0
Team RB	61-20	22-17	28	24	57	57



Archie Carroll

The 6-5 forward used his height to good advantage last night as he led the Aggie scoring with 17 points in their losing effort against Rice.

"B" Engineers had more difficulty with a stubborn Squadron 5 team, but finally outlasted them for a 13-6 triumph.

Dudley Morris scored the first TD for the winners after taking a lateral from Ed Davis. The try for extra point was good.

Wendell Creamer then scored for Squadron 5 to narrow the margin to one point. Jim Roberts scored the last TD for "B" Engineers to give them some insurance points and a seven-point winning margin.

"A" Ordnance scored on the last play of the game to turn almost certain defeat into an 18-14 victory over "A" Chemical. They scored from the 20-yard line to really "pull one out of the fire" and gain a berth in the semi-finals today.

A strong "C" Infantry team that was held scoreless in their league playoffs Monday regained their scoring punch yesterday to defeat Squadron 23 by a score of 21-13.

Quarterfinalists in class A ping pong have been decided. Opponents in the quarterfinals are "E" Infantry and "A" Infantry; "C" Infantry and Squadron 16; Squadron 7 and Squadron 4; and "A" Composite and "C" FA.

### Statistics

Class B volleyball results yesterday were:  
Squadron 12, 2—"B" AAA, 1  
Squadron 17, 2—"C" AAA, 0  
"A" Signal, 2—"C" Infantry 1  
Maroon Band, 2—"C" FA, 0  
Squadron 1, 2—"A" Ordnance, 0  
"A" Infantry, 2—Squadron 10, 0  
Squadron 6, 2—Squadron 5, 1  
"B" FA defeated "A" Athletics by a forfeit.

## Crow Named Outstanding La. Star

John David Crow added another award to his growing list of laurels Friday night as the Shreveport, La., Chamber of Commerce named him the outstanding native Louisiana college athlete of the year.

The Aggie star, already recipient of the famed Heisman Trophy and member of everybody's All-American team this year, was presented the award at the C of C's Sports Dinner.

Guest speaker at the dinner was Paul (Bear) Bryant, former head football coach at A&M.

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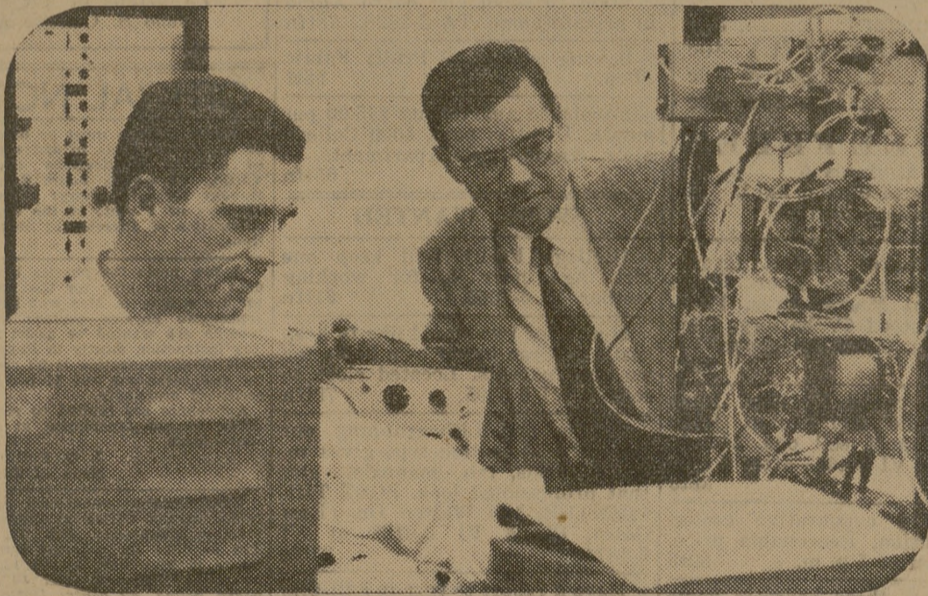
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Class A football quarterfinals were played yesterday and even the cold weather and wet field did not seem to dampen the spirit of the teams that had managed to defeat the tough competition and come this far toward the championship.

Charles Graf spearheaded Squadron 13 to a 22-0 victory over "B" Infantry. He passed to Glen Williams for the first touchdown and to Mike Brawner for the second one. He also kicked the extra point.



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