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Lesson to be learned from nasty Rice students

Tuesday night's floor show by the Rice student body brings to mind a few ideas for Aggie fans in G. Rollie White Coliseum Saturday night to see the game with the Texas Tech Red Raiders.

A&M, Tech and Southern Methodist are tied for the lead in the Southwest Conference basketball race, and the battle is crucial, to say the least.

With the Aggies picked to finish last in the conference in pre-season polls, chances to do well in league play cannot be jeopardized by poor conduct on the part of supporters.

The crudeness shown by the Owl fans drove this point home, in that the reputation of the school in the future is damaged. The athletic fortunes of the present don't do too well, either. The Aggies proved that in Autry Court.

The strain of unsportsmanlike conduct is felt in recruiting, reputation and present performance. Rice had several football scholarship prospects present Tuesday, as Coach Emory Bellard will Saturday. It is imperative that these athletes be greeted as warmly as possible.

For the fans in the bleachers, it may be cute to shout gross remarks, but for the young men visiting the campus, incidents like that may turn them away forever. High school rivalries are strong, but prospects hear boos from the crowd as personal cuts. It is not easy for a 17-year-old high school senior to stand in front of 7,000 people, and verbal abuse, regardless of intent, will not sway him to Texas A&M.

Reputation is a big thing in college sports. Tech has a reputation for throwing turkey eggs

and Rice for obscenity. Such things are on the minds of opponents, fans and referees. The Aggies got fired up when the Rice people got malicious, and the same could happen here if care is not taken.

Crowd noise is a factor in basketball, but volume should be positive. The nearest thing to positive noise in Houston was cursing of the referees instead of the Aggies by Rice. In the case of Tech, it is best not to rile them up, because they are blessed with ability.

It has been three years since the "Baylor incident" in 1969, but those of us who were here can never forget the amount of coverage the fight received and how it hurt A&M. Another riot could be disastrous.

Referees have the hardest job in the world, next to digging wells in Montana in the winter months. Some people will take almost any job for money, but officiating is one of the least popular and rewarding.

The officials in Tuesday night's game were personally abused more by the Rice student body than anyone in the gym. They blew a few calls, which was understandable. No official gets them all perfect.

Something A&M must avoid at all cost is infuriating the referees. All we need is to make an official mad at us, and we can kiss championship hopes goodbye. Technical fouls mean more than just a free throw and an in-bounds play.

When the race is close, close calls become much more crucial. The Aggies cannot afford to cause a referee to blow any judgments at any time.

Booing is important here. It would be interesting to note the result of applauding the officials when they are introduced Saturday night. It might psyche Tech out just enough. It would also increase the value of our stock with league referees.

First place is on the line here at 8 p.m. Saturday. We owe it to the efforts of our basketball players and coaches to show the Raiders what positive incentive is. We owe it to ourselves to support our school in a way that will bring victory, not notoriety, upon us.



THE RUGBY CLUB OF A&M got its string of 24 wins broken Wednesday when the Club Champagnat of Buenos Aires, Argentina, came up with a 9-4 victory. The Aggies battled the skilled foreigners on a muddy Drill Field, with Jon Gunn scoring the only points for A&M on a second half try. (Photo by Mike Rice)

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Wilson was even par for the previous three tournaments, lost a 2-up advantage when Button eagled the 14th hole and won

No. 17 with a par. However, the retired Air Force colonel three-putted No. 18 to lose the match. Wilson was even par for the day.

Most quarterfinalists had battles on their hands. However, former three-time winner and 1971 runnerup, Curtis Person of Memphis, Tenn., breezed past Stephen Treacy of Wilmette, Ill., 5 and 4 after carding birdies on three of the first eight holes.

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