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# **Gadd Tops Ferguson** SWC's Leading Passer Guides Rice At Ags

#### By KEVIN COFFEY

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The Southwest Conferences' leading passing team in the Rice Owls invade Kyle Field to do battle with the Texas Aggies Saturday afternoon at 1:30.

The Owls are sporting a new coach, their third one in as many years, in Al Conover. Conover was a member of Bill Peterson's staff before taking the head coaching job when Peterson switched to the Houston Oilers.

The Owls have 42 returning lettermen from last year's 3-7-1 squad and looked like they might be a contender for the conference crown after the first four games of the season.

Rice beat arch-rival University of Houston 14-13 in their opener and then whipped Clemson 29-10. The Owls then tied an excellent Georgia Tech team 36-36 before falling to powerful LSU 12-6. Rice has since fallen upon hard-

er times. They lost to SMU on regional TV 29-14, Texas 45-9 and Texas Tech 10-6. The Owls ended their skid by upsetting Arkansas 23-20 last Saturday in Little Rock, running their record to 3-4-1.

The Rice offense sports conference leading performers in three categories.

Quarterback Bruce Gadd is the

127 completions in 239 attempts. Gadd has thrown eight touchdown passes and is completing 53 per cent of his tosses. He has suffered

17 interceptions. Gadd is also the leader in total offense with over 30 yards a contest. His performance this year places him ahead of the heralded Joe Ferguson of Arkansas. Rice also has the leading receivers in the conference.

Tight-end Gary Butler and freshman split receiver Edwin Collins both have 33 receptions this sea-

Rice runs its offense from a spread-pro-style formation and throws the ball about half the

conference's leading passer with time.

The Rice offensive line has Ron Waedemon and Sammy Johnson at the tackles, Bart Goforth and David Vandiver at the guard spots and Tommy Godard at center.

defense is the cellar-dweller in a

by halfback Gary Ferguson, fullback John Coleman and slot receiver Ron Arceneaux. Ferguson is the leading ball carrier with 405 yards and is the third receiver on the talented passing team with 19 receptions.

Where the Rice offense is leading the conference in passing, the

few categories. The Owls are on the bottom of the pile in total defense and in

THIS IS WHAT TEXAS DEER hunters are dreaming of right about this time as deer season opens Nov. 18 in most

counties of the state. You don't have to travel all the way to South Texas or the Hill Country to bag a deer like this. this buck took time out to pose for this picture near Well-born. David Rideout, biologist for the Texas Parks and

Wildlife Department, said deer like this are common in Brazos county and elsewhere in the state due to spring and summer rains which provided plenty of healthful foods for them at the time of antler development. (Photo by Sylves-

Staubach Will Enter Game

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Eagle game.

11 days are very critical for us."

The Cowboys meet San Fran-

cisco Thanksgiving Day after the

defensing against the rush. The Gadd is joined in the backfield game pits strength against strength and weakness against weakness as the Aggies are last in total offense in the conference but have one of the outstanding defensive units in the SWC. The Rice defense lines up with

Larry Walling and Larry Medford at ends with Cornelius Walker, Aggie running back Skip Walker's big brother and Jody Medford at the tackle spots. Rice has had some problems

with injuries at the linebacker positions but all are healthy for the Aggies.

Rodrigo Barnes, who missed three games due to a bruised kidney, plugs the middle. John Kelly and David Snellings guard the outside.

Preston Anderson is the Rice monster man.

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The Owls pass defense,

shut out Joe Ferguson with

three completions for 37

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tions. Henley is tied for the

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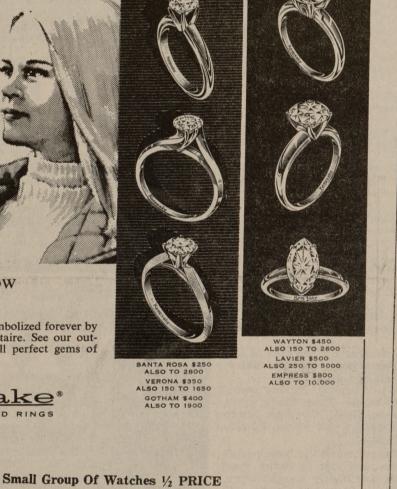
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there's no question of my confidence in him," Landry said. "Roger might be rusty but he would still win the game."

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DALLAS (AP)-Dallas Cowboy

Coach Tom Landry said Wednes-

day he wanted to clearup any

misunderstanding he might have

with the news media on backup

quarterback Roger Staubach's

tributed to him made it "ap-

pear Roger was not a winner. I

was just trying to make the

point that the game ought to be under control before he plays."

Staubach has not played a down

since he returned to the lineup following shoulder surgery.

Quarterback Craig Morton has

Landry said when Staubach

came back that the situation

would have to be "disastrous" be-

fore he played the hero of Super

"If we had to go with Roger,

taken the team to a 7-2 record.

Landry said recent quotes at-

The last two weeks Staubach has warmed up to go into the San Diego and St. Louis games as the Cowboys built big leads. However, Landry scrapped plans to send him in after the Chargers and Cardinals rallied to make the games close

The defending Super Bowl champions meet Philadelphia Sunday and Landry said "The next



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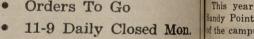
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