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This Saturday the Texas Aggies face one of the toughest challenges they will have all year when the Rice Owls visit Kyle Field.

No, I haven't gone insane! The big challenge isn't beating the winless Owls. Instead, the test for A&M is to avoid overlooking the Owls because of their won-loss record.

It wouldn't be surprising to see the Aggie players watching the Arkansas-Houston game on the sidelines Saturday while their own game is going on.


What is Jackie Sherrill going to do to get his team fired up to play?

Maybe he'll throw chairs around the locker room and break a blackboard in half. Anything to keep the players awake.

If you look at the Owls' won-loss record over the past few years, not to mention their record of the past 25 years, it's almost impossible to imagine Rice beating any team in the Southwest Conference.

Since 1982, Rice has won only four SWC games and lost 46. That's a dazzling winning percentage of .080!

The last time Rice had a team with a winning record was when the Owls went 6-4. In all games, beginning with the 1982 season, Rice has a record of 11-60.



Doug Walker
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relaxing academic standards for athletes.

Most all of these schools haven't been competitive in the past twenty years. However, there are exceptions.

Army and Navy have remained competitive with the major powers by utilizing the wishbone offense. They don't usually beat any of the top teams on their schedules, but they are competitive.

By using the wishbone formation, they are able to neutralize the size advantage teams from larger schools have by executing their offense exceptionally well. The wishbone relies on quickness, speed and execution to be successful. Size is not a factor. Army is out to a 5-1 start this year while Navy is 3-3.

Duke is another team that has gotten out to a good start this season after years of hard times. The Blue Devils have used a strong passing attack to propel them to 5-1 record. However, the gap between Duke and the real powers of college football was made painfully evident last Saturday by the Clemson Tigers. Clemson pounded Duke, 49-21.

Georgia Tech is another school with a rich football tradition that has fallen on hard times. For many years the Yellow Jackets were competitive members of the Southeastern Conference. Tech was always an important factor in national rankings and developed great rivalries with Alabama and Georgia.

Tech's withdrawal from the SEC in the late '50s precipitated its fall from football prowess.

After years as an independent, Tech joined the Atlantic Coast Conference in 1983. Even with coaches like Bill Curry and Bobby Ross, the Yellow Jackets have not won a league title.

Curry finally left his alma mater and took a bama job while Ross, his replacement and a winner of several ACC titles at Maryland, just picked up his first win over a Division I opponent since a streak of 15 losses) last week against eighth ranked South Carolina.

Vanderbilt is another great academic school that cannot compete week after week with top schools. The last time Vandy strung together consecutive winning seasons was in the early 1970s. Every year while the Commodores spring an upset like they did last week against an injury-riddled Florida team, the most part, this is a team that, like Rice, can't win most teams for three quarters before getting beat in the fourth period.

Northwestern finds itself in a situation very similar to what Rice faces. As a member of the Big Ten, the Wildcats are fortunate to win any league game simply can't expect to win many more in that conference.

Northwestern is an excellent university. It is the football team can't compete with other members.

It's not unusual for the Wildcats to go into an interconference game as 40-point underdogs. What they have going against Michigan or Ohio State is about 100,000 screaming fanatics yelling at a joke!

I include Kansas, Kansas State and New Mexico in the league simply because they are terrible programs. I find it hard to see why these schools field competitive teams.

Maybe the top players don't like the sumo of Kansas or New Mexico.

Kansas and K-State need to leave their league (Big Eight Conference) more than any other team mentioned previously.

It must be a sick feeling to walk onto the field against a team like Nebraska or Oklahoma and that you're going to allow at least 70 points and be lucky if you don't lose by that much.

Maybe if these teams could get together and play a league of their own football would not only be more rewarding and fun for the players, but their supporters would be more supportive.

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there and shattered that mark.

Q: How did your play compare that of your teammates?

A: I think it was above. I led in all but one offensive stat—home runs. Defensively, I think I'm a pretty good outfielder. We had a couple of good outfielders and a couple of terrible ones. I was in there every day, unless I needed a day off.

Q: Was it a disappointment not to get drafted?

A: Yes, definitely. Throughout my last season here I thought I had a good chance to be drafted. I didn't know exactly what a scout was looking for. But the way I was hitting, I thought I was good enough. I have average speed, and that might be one of the reasons I wasn't drafted. But I saw a lot of guys in Arizona slower than me that did get drafted. Another reason was probably a lack of publicity while I played here, which is also probably a reason I didn't make the All-Southwest Conference team. If the

word's out on you the scouts will here about you.

Q: It has to be exciting to go back next year after leading the team. How far do you expect to climb?

A: Honestly, I expect to at least go to the highest level of A ball in Riverside, Calif., or possibly an outside shot at AA ball in Wichita, Kansas. But being a non-drafted player, it's extremely hard to tell what the organization has in store for you.

Q: Anything about A&M you missed when you were away?

A: As far as baseball goes, I miss the atmosphere we had at Olsen Field. Especially the announcing of "D.D." Grubbs—my roommate, I told him I would mention him. I missed getting to get on with my degree. I also missed going to see horror movies with "Roach" Medina and Kerry Freudenberg.

Q: With baseball, are your expectations of finishing school realistic.

A: Definitely, but it's hard to put a timetable on that. After this semester,

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