

THE OWLOOK

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Sam's Scrubs had good passing Saturday night.

Rice's Owls did not.

And that had a lot to do with the 0-24 final score that appeared when the Boilermakers' steam cleared. But hand it to them. They had a big, fast line in front of some backs who ran as though their salary depended on every yard.

In the last quarter, especially, their blocking was crisp and their tackles could be heard in the stands. Even Purdue's band sounded good. Purdue has a good football team, possibly the best in their history.

They Were Lucky

But through the first three quarters the Lafayette, Indiana, team was lucky to be ahead of the men in blue. Only a field goal and a beautiful pass completed over our best defensive back separated the two teams. The Owl's defense was by far their best of the season as gang tackles, vicious end play and hard-nosed rooting in the center of the line kept the massive Boilermakers at bay down after down. Only late in the game after they had worn down the Owls did the Yankees put on a sustained scoring drive.

Killing Offense

But our offense killed us. We must have the heaviest quarterbacks in the Conference. At fifteen ounces per football, they ate around fifteen pounds of leather during the game. And it wasn't because they didn't get protection.

Questions Resolved

Many times the passer would

debate the question of how, why, and where to toss in comparative calm, but no line can hold out the opposition forever, and all too often a black and gold jersey resolved the debater's questions.

Certainly we cannot imagine the situation under game conditions, as the player must face it, but (and here is our expert advice), our offense is going to be seriously handicapped by the lack of a passing threat.

Don't Worry Yet

But we don't have a corner on worries. None of the Conference teams has shown much so far, with the possible exception of S.M.U. T.C.U. had its big hands full with a bunch of slippery pigs before they eked out an unimpressive 12-7 win. Baylor and A&M have been so-so and even Texas with its perfect won-lost record has been out-first-downed and out-gained. We have the stuff to win the title if a better balanced offense can be developed. The desire is there.

Congratulations to Pat Bailey for a consistently outstanding job in the punting department with a 41.6 yd. average for 12 kicks.

The student body, for audible cheering.

The senior class, for organizing a tremendous listening party for the Arkansas game Saturday afternoon. Bulletin boards have details.

Arkansas-Rice predictions:

	Rice	Arkansas
Hermann	13	6
Herz	20	7
Cargill	14	8
Temple	13	0