Rice Netters Begin Season on New Courts

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Last Monday the Rice Tennis team began its 1962 home season on the new $55,000 Laykold courts. Their first opponents on the courts was the powerful Trinity University of San Antonio. Led by U.S. Davis Cup star Chuck McKinley, Trinity defeated Rice 5-1.

FRITZ SCHUNCK, a sophomore, provided Rice its only victory by upsetting the nation's sixth ranked player — Frank Froehling. Playing almost flawless ball, Schunck defeated Froehling 6-2, 6-4.

In the number one match, McKinley defeated the senior member of the Rice squad. Neal Marcus broke McKinley's first service, but then managed to win only two of the next thirteen games.

Frank Betram, another Rice Sophomore, almost defeated Butch Newman of Trinity, but he couldn't get the final point. Newman won the first set 6-3, but Betram evened the match up with a 6-3 victory in the second set. In the final set Betram had a 5-2 advantage on Newman and match point, but he was unable to put across the winning point. In a later game he was ahead 40-15 but was again unable to get the final point. Newman finally won the third set and the match 8-6.

CLIFF BUCHHOLZ defeated DeEdward Greer 6-3, 6-2 to round out the singles play.

In the doubles competition, McKinley-Froehling defeated Marcus-Betram 6-2, 6-2, while Buchholz-Newman defeated Schunik-Greer 8-6, 6-2.

The Trinity squad will return to the Rice courts March 23-25 to defend its championship in the third annual Rice intercollegiate tournament.