

# Owl Nine Splits With SMU Ponies; Holder Wins Third, Yields Five Hits

The Rice baseball team split a twin bill with SMU in Dallas last Saturday. The team won the regular nine inning contest 3-2, but lost the second seven inning game 6-4.

In the opener, Doug Nicholson drove in runs the first two times he batted. Bart Rice pushed across the winning run in the sixth inning with a single to center.

Mickey Holder won his third game. He pitched a five hitter and had four strikeouts as he went the route. This was the first time in twelve SWC games that Andy Rooker did not hit safely.

Actually Rooker had a hit.

He was advancing a runner from first to third on a hit and run play, but the runner failed to tag second base. He was called out on a fielder's choice and Rooker's hit did not go down on the record books.

In the second game, SMU pitcher Bohren kept the Rice bats silent until late in the game. In a rally in the seventh inning Nicholson homered with a man on, but the rally fell short and the Owls lost. Rooker got two hits and maintained his .325 batting average.

The Owls end the season with games today and tomorrow with Baylor.