Down The Hill
The Easy Way

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Saturday marked the end of one of the most disastrous seasons in Rice football history and certainly the worst in the twenty-year tenure of Jess Neely. Baylor's 23-21 victory was a fitting climax to a season which saw the Owls play half a ball game against LSU and then go down hill all the way, in a very un-Neely-like manner.

For the Bruins, it can be said that they were the boldest opponents the Owls faced all season. Whereas most opponents chose to lay dormant and patiently wait for Rice miscues, the Bears simply took the ball and the game away from an Owl eleven which saw a victory slip through their fingers for the fifth time this season because of unnecessary mistakes.

Schedule Too Tough

We were happy to note that one of the local sports editors agreed with us (Owlook before A&M game) that one of the causes for failure of the Owls this season was a lack of confidence throughout the year due to the overpowering schedule which they faced. Five of the opponents which the Owls faced this fall are appearing in post-season games.

Examining the schedule idea a bit further, it is interesting to note that the two most disappointing teams in the SWC this year, Rice and SMU, are the two teams with the toughest intersectional schedules. While the conference tri-champs fatten their pride and confidence with early-season warmups against such softies as Tulsa, Oklahoma State, Kansas, and Nebraska, the Owls and the Mustangs were battling LSU, Duke, Georgia Tech, and Navy.

Legend Dying

Losing three of four encounters in November for the second season in a row may have crush-