Cagers Fall Short Of Record; Netmen Defeat Corpus Christi, 4-3

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Rice's streak is over; the Owls have lost their chance to change the record books. Now the only reason for going to a basketball game are to watch Barney Giesen cheer and fight for a Rainbro Bread basketball.

Truthfully, most Rice students would joke about the team's losing streak, and how much they wanted them to set an NCAA record.

But it was only the die-hard jock-haters who really wanted to see the team lose. Most people at the Baylor game wanted to see Rice win. For some reason they felt that Guy Lease, Doug McKendrick, Bill Doty, etc., had worked too hard this season not to win at least one game.

Credit Due
The credit for this victory must rest heavily on the play of Doty and Travis McCain. McCain has not played much this year, but he gave Rice the additional support on defense and under the boards that they needed against Baylor. Doty's performance needs no lauding; it speaks for itself—31 points, excellent board work, and a good effort on the zone press.

So the Owls were supermen for one night; against Texas they reverted to the old style of play: rebounds that bounced out of Rice player's hands into the opponents', stolen passes, missed free throws, and the usual scene of some Rice player lying on his back holding up his hand for some useless foul.

Three Remain
The team has three games left, and they could have quite a bit to do with deciding the conference championship. They seem capable of beating A&M—in the Bluebonnet Classic game before Christmas they led by as much as twenty—and with McKendrick's consistent 20 and another hot night by Doty, the Owls could do it.

Since their new string is only one game long, and with this year's freshman crop it doesn't seem likely that it could extend too long into next year, I am hoping the Owls can pull it out.

Tennis Team
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