

Weekly Review: Owls Show Class In Border Olympics

A surprising third-place finish in the Border Olympics highlighted a successful spring sports week for the Rice Owls.

The big news in baseball was the scheduled Southwest Conference opener at Waco against tough Baylor, but the rains washed that one away. It will be replayed at Waco tomorrow.

In action Tuesday the Owls unleashed a sudden extra-base barrage to smother St. Mary's of San Antonio, 5-0. Ken Schoppe pitched the shutout and was backed by home runs by Lee Raesener and Randy Kerbow.

Rice grabbed the lead on Kerbow's circuit clout, and broke the game wide open when five extra base hits chased four more runs across.

The win enabled the Owls to square accounts for the week, as they dropped an earlier 14-2 game to Texas Lutheran.

The tennis team was somewhat less spectacular, but the opposition was tougher. Trinity's Tigers swept six straight matches from the Owls, losing only two sets in the process.

But the Border Olympics was a real shocker. With an all soph-

omore relay team leading the way, the Owls surprised such perpetual SWC contenders as Bay-

lor and Texas, finishing behind only Texas A&M among its SWC rivals.