

# Owls' John Pickens Seeded First In Rice Invitational Net Tourney

The eighth annual Rice Intercollegiate Tennis Tournament got underway this afternoon with Rice's John Pickens, ranked 16th nationally, as the first seed.

Bill Harris, defending champion and Trinity's number one player, is seeded second, with Rice's Butch Seewagen fourth. Seewagen and Pickens have also drawn the top seed in the doubles competition.

Chip Travis and Ed Turville are the other two members of Rice's entry in the varsity competition.

The team championship, usually taken by Trinity, is a toss-up this year. Teams with a good chance to take it all are:

Rice, Corpus Christi, Pan American and Trinity.

Rice, defending SWC champs, and Pan American have two of the top eight seeds each, and Rice has lost dual meets to both Corpus and Trinity.