Once More To La.

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A Houston team hasn't lost in Rice Stadium yet this year—that's better than we can say for the Dome. Contributing to this tradition and to the surprise of Sports Illustrated who predicted that La. Tech wouldn't lose in "Ruston, Houston, Shreveport, or anywhere else for that matter," Rice upset the Techers 14-0 Saturday night.

The defense and the offense both played solidly in the first half. The defense contained the Techers and consistently gave the ball to the offense in good field position. During the second quarter, the offense moved the ball well but failed to score two out of the three times it threatened.

Due to the lack of field position and a mental letdown on Rice's part, La. Tech dominated the second half—but it failed to score.

The Rice team started seven or eight sophs and looked a little green and ragged which is expected for the first game of the season. In the defensive backfield, Hugo Hollas, Robert Hailey, and Ronnie Cervenka did not make any serious mistakes that could have led to a quick six points for the Techers.

The offense revolved around the rushing of David Ferguson and Chuck Latourette, but will have to establish a stronger passing game to balance the attack. Against their bigger Tech counterparts the offensive line had trouble. Even Coach Neely admitted it was having its difficulties opening holes.

This is a young, spirited team that should improve as the season progresses. The backs run hard, the defense hits hard, and they have won one game. If a few key players mature quickly the team will be exciting to watch.

Next Saturday night against LSU, the Owls should learn a lot of football. The Tigers, as usual, have a big, strong defensive unit and a versatile offense. Some experts believe this team rates with their 1956 National Champions.

The Freshman week Owlook was not written by this author. I feel it was too easy to predict losses against such national powerhouses as LSU, Texas, Texas Tech, and Arkansas. Anyway, even in rebuilding years Rice has been upset minded.

In 1962, Rice's record was 2-6-2. The ties were with LSU and Texas and kept the latter from winning the national championship. This week's Owlook sees Rice surprising LSU 7-3.