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April not a cruel month

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It so seldom happens that Rice is number one in the nation in any sporting event that when something of such momentous importance does occur, those responsible should be given appropriate recognition. Even more impressive, moreover, in this rather lean year for sports at Rice, the achievement of the mile relay team, composed of John Moss, Mike Casey, Dale Bernhauer, and Conley Bown, of the top mark in the nation this year (3:06.6) and a Rice record as well, is especially gratifying.

At the Penn Relays at Philadelphia, this week, while the mile relay boys try to improve on their mark, the rest of the team, including Ricki Jacobs, who so far has turned in the best javelin throw in the SWC this year, will try to gain some more prestige for Rice against the tough Eastern powers, and will begin their finals tune-ups for the Conference meet to be held May 6 at Dallas.

Although at the beginning of the season Rice was the clear-cut favorite to win the SWC title this year, a surprising Baylor team has come along fast and just might nip the Owls if they aren't careful.

Things are looking up in baseball, even. Suddenly arousing from their prolonged torpor, the baseballers last week took two consecutive games from Baylor to pull themselves out of the cellar, which was beginning to get crowded with Rice teams. The team to date has a 16-9 record, although only four of the victories have been Conference games. Only two games remain on the schedule, both to be played here over the weekend (the last athletic events on campus this year, by the way). A victory in one of them would tie the Rice record for most victories in a season, and a series sweep would put the year 1967 in the Rice baseball record books.