

# Netters Face Uphill Road

Rice's hopes for the SWC tennis title were dealt a near-mortal blow Saturday when Texas prevailed 5-1 in a wind blown match on the Rice courts. Neal Marcus' singles win was the only point for the Owls.

AS A RESULT, Marcus played the No. 1 position against SMU on Monday, as the Owls reversed their tide and won 4-2. However, the conference title is determined by the total number of individual matches and in this respect Rice's record of 5-7 almost eliminates the Owls.

For a Rice victory, SMU would have to beat Texas impressively and both teams would have to lose several matches to Baylor, TCU, A&M, or Tech while Rice needs sweeps of the remaining matches.

Wednesday, the Owls met Trinity of San Antonio in a non-conference meet in Houston and Saturday they take on A&M in College Station.