Untouchables Beat LSU
Ramblin’ Wrecks Next

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Billy Cox—”The Man With the Golden Arm”—led the powerful Rice eleven to a 16-3 victory over the highly rated Bengal Tigers of LSU in the season opener last Saturday night.

However, the Owl victory reflects not the talent of a single player but the outstanding effort and accomplishment of eleven determined players.

The largest crowd ever to witness a home football game—73,000—must have been impressed by the strength, ability and agility of the talented ’61 squad.

PITTED AGAINST ONE of the most highly, publicized defenses in the country—the Chinese Bandits of LSU—the potent Owl offense scored four-fifth as many points as LSU had scored upon them the entire last season. An accurate passing attack combined with a series of sparkling running plays enabled the Owls to capitalize on their opportunities and led to two touchdowns and a field goal.

Although Lynn Amedee and company mounted several potential scoring drives, the UNTOUCHABLES of Rice can claim that they too have a defense that should be highly publicized!

THE FAST RUSHING Rice line can boast that they caused LSU to lose almost as many yards as they gained rushing.

The alert Owl secondary intercepted one third as many passes as LSU completed!

It would be a mistake, however, to paint a picture of the Rice team that would appear flawless. Realizing that this was just the first game of the season, I must point out that the Owls showed room for improvement on their blocking assignments, punt return coverage, and pass defense. Also as the season progresses, the running game of Rice is sure to improve, for the running backs have great potential.

To place any one player on a pedestal would be an injustice to a great Rice team. But recognition for outstanding performance is due such players as Roland Jackson, Bob Wayt, and the combination of Cox-to-Burrall.

IF THE OWLS THING they can take it easy now that the first big one is over, they had better look twice. This Saturday afternoon at Atlanta, Georgia, the “Untouchables” take on the Ramblin’ Wrecks of Coach Bobby Dodd.

There’s an old grid axiom, “You just don’t beat Dodd’s Georgia Tech team at Grant Field.” Last year the Engineers’ only set-back in five home games was by an Alabama field goal in the closing seconds of the game.

HOWEVER, THE OWLS will be out to avenge a 16-13 defeat of last season, and even up the series which now stands 1-0. This game shapes up to be another thriller between teams tutored by two of the nations most respected coaches.