Two Titles In View
As Spring Sports Start

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OWLOOK

Rice's spring sports program gets into full swing Saturday with the Owls engaged on three fronts. The Owl swim team winds up their season, with the conference meet in Lubbock Saturday, while the Rice baseballers journey to College Station to take on the strong Texas Aggies in their season opener.

In the only home event, coach Emmett Brunson's track team plays host to Texas, Lamar Tech and Texas A & I in a quadrangular meet to be staged in old Rice stadium Saturday afternoon. Although Texas will be highly favored to capture the meet, the events to watch Saturday, as a barometer to the season which can be expected from the Owls, will be the sprints, where Taylor Jones duels Border Olympic 100 and 220 champion Ralph Alsophaugh, and the hurdles, which match Ray Cunningham of Texas, winner of both hurdle events at Laredo, and Norman Charlton of Rice.

Baseballers Not Ready
A victory at College Station Saturday by Del Morgan's squad would be miraculous to say the least. Faced with a late start due to football and basketball and almost impossible weather conditions, the Owls are no where near peak performance for the non-conference tilt Saturday.

Rice's tennis team also opened their 1960 season this week with a Wednesday encounter with Oklahoma Baptist. Despite the loss of the conference's singles and doubles champion Ronnie Fisher to the books, the Owls should have no trouble in sweeping to their consecutive conference title.

Returning from last year's squad are doubles champion Arli Foust, the runner-up in conference singles action, Paul Como, and letterman Doug Brashrum. But judging from last week's play the man to watch on the Owls squad might well be sophomore Neal Marcus.

Spring Belongs To Texas
With the spring sports season upon us, it is interesting to note the dominance which the University of Texas has had over the spring sports of tennis, track, golf and baseball in the past. In tennis, the Longhorns have captured 11 team titles, Rice has two, and that is the story. The Steers have captured 27 singles and 32 doubles championships to Rice's 11 in doubles and 19 in singles. SMU has four singles and one doubles crown and A&M has one singles title.

In track, only three teams have ever won a conference title. Texas has 27, A&M follows with 11, and Rice has four. The Longhorns have dominated the golf links, winning 22 team titles to four for SMU, three for Rice, and one each for A&M, Baylor, Arkansas, and Tech.

Number One For Rice
The twice national champion Texans also seem to own the baseball crown. The Longhorns have won 32 crowns outright and tied for three others. Next comes A&M, with six titles and two ties, TCU, with two titles, Baylor, with one, and finally SMU with one lowly tie.