Determined Owls Bag 13-13 Tie Again

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Mr. Meredith came, he saw, but he did not conquer. Consistently hounded by a hard rushing Rice line and an alert Owl secondary, the dean of college passers could do no better than a 13-13 tie in his last attempt to defeat the Rice Owls.

Last week we cited hustle and spirit as two key characteristics of the 1959 Rice Owls. This week we would like to add a third — determination. For the two Owl elevens displayed a whole stadium full of determination by repulsing the Mustangs three times Saturday night within the Owl twenty and by succeeding in four out of four attempts to gain first down yardage on fourth down situations.

With vastly improved blocking in the line, the Owls appeared to be fast developing into a fine well rounded football team, lacking at present only a consistent passing threat. Behind the hard rushing and blocking of Gene Miller, Boyd King, Bill Simmons, Don Rather, and Walter Ligon the two Owl lines completely outclassed the Pony forward walls.

Rice Backs Sharp

Meanwhile the Rice backfield was turning in its second outstanding running and blocking performance in as many weeks. With Max Webb and Bill Bucek leading the way the Owl ground gainers rolled up 201 yards Saturday night. Even the Rice passing game which could show only one completion in nine attempts at the end of three periods of play, came to life in the fourth period as Jon Schnable hit three of three on the Owls' final touchdown march, which was climax by Billy Bucek's fine catch.

Chaps, Hats, Frats

And thus, with school spirit at a peak for this Saturday's holiday, the Owls invade Austin to take on the unbeaten, untied, but most important, revengeful Longhorns of the university of Chaps, Stetson Hats, and Yellow-Belly Frats. Needless to say, this game is a must for the Owls.

For a victory Saturday would put the Owls in the driver's seat in the conference race, with probably the two top teams in the conference behind them. But most important, three of the four remaining games would be played in Rice stadium. And all would be played in that most hollowed time of the year — November—and with a team composed of eight sophomores on two elevens, whose main strengths are a stout line and hard charging backs.