Giammalva--PR Man

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The smiling visage of tennis coach Sammy Giammalva is soon to grace many of the world's smaller television screens, touting Rice's upcoming match with Trinity, Saturday, and the Invitational Tournament the following week.

Tennis, being a spring sport, generally causes about as much concern as an irate mob of grandmothers, but this time Giammalva believes he has pretty good justification for his efforts to attract attention. This year's squad is undefeated thus far in the season, owning a 5-1 victory over Corpus Christi and a 5-4 win against Mississippi State. The only blemish is a 3-3 tie in a return match at Corpus.

He feels that Trinity, who has the nation's longest winning streak—66 straight matches—among collegiate teams, is ripe for an upset, and that the Owls are capable of pulling it off. Combating Cliff Bucholz, Butch Newman, Andy Lloyd, and the frosh phenom from Houston, Lamar Roemer, are Owls Jim Parker, John Pickens, Ed Turville, Chip Travis, and Bill Novak. Parker is the number one man on the squad, and is ranked sixteenth in the nation, but Pickens is the only undefeated member of the team.

The main attraction is the three day tourney starting next Friday. It is acknowledged the best collegiate meet in the nation, frequently better than the NCAA, since the latter does not include such top teams as Trinity, Corpus Christi, and Lamar Tech.

Giammalva's advertising campaign, as well as the newly expanded bleachers, may very well be a worthwhile move.