Soccer Club To Meet Cougars, Longhorns

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The Rice University soccer club, an organization unknown to most students, completes a busy season with matches this weekend and next against the University of Houston and Texas University.

Although the players participate largely for the fun of the game, this year has seen many good matches, and excluding games against the Longhorns, Owls victories.

After compiling a near perfect record against local high school teams and the University of Houston, the soccer club traveled to Austin during Round-up weekend to tackle the proud Texas club.

The fired-up Rice club grabbed an early 1-0 lead. The team was led by such swift and talented forwards as Luis Osorio, Benny Castenada, Gabor Urgon, and Klaus Graf, and half-backs like Klaus Neuendorff, Jon Bruckhaus, and Lloyd Youngblood. Chris Curran and George Hankamer played backs and Sand Mueller was in goal. It appeared that Rice would run away with the game, but the Texas defense was more than up to keeping the game close.

Two weeks later the Rice soccer club sought revenge in a rematch. Strengthened by the addition of Dave Bailey, Jim Castenada, and many others, and helped by the home field advantage, and cheered on by a loyal following of six, things looked good until the opening Texas goal after about three minutes of play. The game degenerated from there and the final score was once again 7-1.

The "first string" will again take on the mighty Longhorns at 2 pm Rondelet Sunday. Co-captain Chris Curran has said, "Rice has a very good chance in this match, but it will take a top-flight effort by all the players. Furthermore, a large and energetic crowd would give a great lift to team morale."

Action will get underway in the U of H contest this Saturday at 2 pm at the Rice Soccer Field behind the gym.