Tech Game Statistics Reflect 'Rice Fight'

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To have won the battle, but lost the war could best describe last week's Owl loss to the nation's ninth-ranked team, Georgia Tech.

The one-sided statistics in the game only bear witness to this fact.

BUT THE OLD adage that we first heard during our freshman year, "The sun that sets may never rise, but Rice fight never dies" was certainly lived up to on the gridiron of Rice Stadium.

What type of team could give up two fumbles which ultimately resulted in field goals, a pass interference penalty that set up one of the field goals, and a blocked punt which gave the Yellow Jackets their only touchdown, and still come roaring back to almost pull the irons out of the fire?

What type of team could take the ball on their own eight yard line, and with less than four minutes remaining, by passing and praying, move the ball all the way inside the Tech 30 by means of some of the finest and most daring football seen in the 10 year history of Rice Stadium?

WE'VE NEVER seen a Rice student body so optimistic after a loss—but then we've never seen a Rice team with as much fight, and especially desire on the football field, that would inspire such optimism.

ODDS AND ENDS . . . Billy Cox really looked great last Saturday night . . . We've never seen any Owl quarterback throw from the positions Cox did last week. It was sort of reminiscent of a Don Meredith.

And a Thresher salute to tackle George Karam (Slam-bam George Karam, that is) who in his first major college game since transferring from Del Mar Junior College, did one heck of a job at the starting tackle post. Although just subbing for the injured Dick Woods, there may be trouble brewing in attempts to get Karam out of that position now.

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This week, the Green Wave of Tulane, looking greener than ever with 9 sophs on their second team, should be the Owl's first victim.

Even though the Greenies defeated Cal, 7-3, in Berkeley and last week had potent Alabama tie them, 6-6, we like Rice by a pretty good margin. How does 20-7 sound this week?