Rice Cindermen Host Aggies, LSU Saturday

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Saturday coach Emmett Brunson's track charges go after what should be their first victory of the season as they play host to A&M and LSU in a triangular meet on the Rice track. On the basis of their running strength, we are picking the Owls as narrow favorites over the field event conscious Aggies and a youthful LSU squad in the meet which gets under way with the field events at 2:30 and has its first scheduled running event at 3:00.

Hopes On Jones, Faucett
The Owls' hopes depend mainly on the return to action of Taylor Jones and Leonard Faucett. Both missed last Saturday's quadrangular meet, and were missed sorely as the Owls were soundly threshed by one of the "weaker" Texas track teams of recent years.

Winning the shot put, supposedly one of Rice's weaker events, the Owls scored only one first on a windy afternoon that produced only one outstanding performance by a Riceite. That being Ronald Weber's fine early season 4.23 clocking in the mile.

Poor, Poor, Poor
Elsewhere the Rice performances were poor. With the scratching of Jones in the sprints, Texas' Ralph Alspaugh easily captured the 100 and 220, with all Rice entrants fading badly at the finishes. Alspaugh's times of 9.5 and 20.4 left many doubts a sto whether Jones' presence in the races would have altered their outcome.

The hurdle duel between Rice's Norman Charlton and Longhorn Ray Cunningham also failed to materialize as Charlton, displaying an early season lack of form, was soundly beaten in both the highs and the lows.

Mosely Upset
The worst defeat of the day, however, came in the broad jump, where, thanks to Dale Mosely, Rice has had a monopoly for the past two years. Hitting the take-off board out of stride almost every jump, the best Mosely could manage was a 23-1 leap for second place.

Thus knowing the worst MUST be behind them, the Owls, with the promise of better weather and harder work, pick on milder competition Saturday, as they begin tuning up for the upcoming Texas relays and their opportunity to flex their sprinting muscles in the 440 and 880 relays.