Tennis Team Smashes Texas Tech; Takes On Texas, Trinity And World

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The Owls opened Southwest Conference team competition in tennis last Saturday, April 9, by downing Texas Tech, 6-0, on the Rice courts.

The Owls didn’t lose a single set in the match. Butch See-wagen walloped Charles Bower 6-1, 6-1 in the Number 1 singles match, and John Pickens, rated 16th nationally but second on Rice’s team because of challenge match losses to Seewagen, defeated Dub Malaise, all-Southwest conference basketball star last winter, 6-2, 6-3.

This sweep moves Rice into first place in the SWC team standings with a 6-0 record, ahead of a possible dangerous Texas team at 11-1. The Owls have taken the SWC team championship for the last two years, and are favored to repeat. Later this week Rice journeys to Austin to tackle the Longhorns in a crucial dual match.

Good Match

Next Wednesday, April 20, in the middle of a hectic two weeks of tennis, including all remaining SWC team matches, the Owls will host powerful Trinity University.