Tennis Stars Put Rice in SWC Lead

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Finally completely eliminated from the River Oaks Tennis Tournament, Sammy Giannalva’s Owls turned their rath on SWC foes Thursday and Saturday and came out of the three day slam fest in undisputed possession of first place in the conference tennis race.

Marcus Winning

In the fourth round of the Oaks competition, freshman Neal Marcus continued his winning ways with a very convincing 6-0, 6-2 victory over Armando Feria of Lamar Tech. Meanwhile, teammate Ronnie Fisher was having his troubles as he went down to defeat at the hands of eventual semi-finalist Jaroslav Drobny 6-4, 6-3. In the fourth round of doubles competition Paul Como and Doug Bashrum were eliminated in a 6-1, 6-1 loss. Marcus finally saw his charmed spell broken in the quarter finals when he was defeated by Tulane’s Ron Holmberg 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

5-1 Victory

In Thursday’s match with SMU the Owls were extended to three sets in all but one match. However the Owls still came out on top with a 5-1 victory. Ronnie Fisher downed Bill Dixon 6-2, 3-6, 6-2. Art Foust, playing with an injured arm, went down to defeat 8-6, 3-6, 6-4 at the hands of Willie Wolff. Paul Como won over Bill Wright 6-1, 3-6, 6-2. Doug Bashrum defeated Bill Ingram 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. In the doubles competition the Owls won both matches with Fisher-Foust winning over Dixon-Wright 7-5, 6-4 and Como-Bashrum downing Ingram-Wolff 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Routed Texas

In Saturday’s show down match with Texas for the top spot in the conference standings, the Owls really flexed their muscles as they literally routed the fine Texas team in a 6-0 victory. In marching to the 6-0 victory, the Owls lost only one set and were extended beyond the normal six games winning quota only three times. The results were as follows: Ronnie Fisher defeated Richard Keeton 7-5, 6-3; Art Foust downed Warren Zimmerman 6-0, 6-0; Paul Como won from Neil Drury 6-0, 6-3; Doug Bashrum won a 6-1, 8-6 victory from Stanley Ament; Fisher and Foust defeated Keeton and Drury 10-8, 3-6, 6-3; and Como and Bashrum downed Zimmerman and Ament 6-3, 6-3.

The next conference action for coach Giannalva’s squad will be Saturday against TCU here in Houston. Tuesday the Owls take on A&M at College Station.