Spring Sports Swing Into Full Schedule

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Spring sports are in full swing as the Owls prepare for SWC battles in baseball, track, tennis, and football.

Randy Kerbow is starring at quarterback for the varsity in football spring training as freshmen Benny Hollingsworth and Ed Red fill in the gap left by Billy Cox who will return to school next fall.

THE EMPHASIS is on fundamentals as the gridders aim toward the annual Blue-Gray game which ends spring training tomorrow afternoon.

Baseball coach Dell Morgan is due to have a 22-man varsity squad that includes nine returning lettermen from last year's second place club. However, the Owls will lack the good pitching depth they enjoyed last spring.

Graduation claimed two pitchers while the withdrawal of all-SWC Paul Timme at midterm was a rugged blow.

THE OWLS' nine lettermen are: Jim Fox, catcher; Weldon McFarland, pitcher; Bill Donaldson, pitcher; Al Hartman, first base; Kenny Pyle, shortstop; Dick Kristinik, third base; Butch Blume, Bobby Lively, and Gary West, outfielders.

The Owls dropped their first (non-SWC) game of the season to A&M 6-3, Tuesday, despite a late inning rally.

THE RICE track team once again boasts plenty of talent but may be hurt by a lack of depth. The cindermen are paced by Mickey Hollingshead, Taylor Jones, and Harry Cherry in the sprints and relays, Hank Bradley hurdles, Wayne Windham and Pat Callahan in the middle distances, and Dave Edwards in the javelin.

Perhaps the brightest outlook in spring sports is the tennis team. Starring Ron Fisher, a two time SWC singles champ, and Paul Como, the defending SWC singles champ, the netters seem destined for the top berth in the conference. Their first match is March 16 with Pan American College which is paced by two Australians.