The Day Is Gone

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It was a Jock's world at Rice for one week. James Doyle could criticize Ray Needham in the Thresher. Harry Holmes could get more than 10 people out for a pep rally. Rice had beat Texas, and the team was basking in their glory.

Last Saturday though they lapsed back into an ancient pattern—losing. The defense that almost stopped Texas cold allowed Tech to run wild, and the 14-point offense failed to score. Sports Illustrated may have been right—Rice has had its day.

I should now end the article by predicting the score thereby leaving more room for intramurals and ads. But things can't be that bad.

Student opinion hasn't yet turned against the team. Jokingly I have suggested that Arkansas may enter the 40-point club against us—no one seems to believe me. Many people, including myself, feel that the game Saturday will be interesting, and not just for Arkansas fans.

A team that has played as well as Rice has at times this year should give the Razorbacks a good game. Visions of the Texas game linger on.

With their feet placed shockingly back on the ground, the Owls should be able to finish out the season in a respectable fashion. A 4-6 record wouldn't look bad in a "rebuilding" year, and it doesn't seem to implausible that Rice could win one-half of its remaining games. The best way to do so would be by beating Arkansas this week-end, 27-24.