Kerbow, Hurlbut Lead Slimes Past Wharton

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Behind the sharp passing of Randall Kerbow and Jack Hurlbut, the Rice freshmen rolled over Wharton Junior College last Friday night by the impressive margin of 40-6.

Following close 14-6 and 14-0 defeats by the SMU Colts and the powerful Texas Shorthorns, the game revealed an improved, talented squad. With the drive of victory behind them, the Owlets invade the dusty wasteland of College Station for an encounter with the fighting Fish of Texas A&M.

Good Blocking

With Kerbow contributing 64 yards on 9 carries and Sonny Bollman adding 84 on 4 carries, the Owlets backs piled up 305 yards rushing through the weak Wharton line. Up front in the trenches Jim Jones (205), John Nichols (200), and Johnny Cole (195) supplied vicious blocking.

Meanwhile the aerial attack was accounting for 98 yards on 6 completions. Gene Raesz, Ed Joe Peters, Jerry Chandler were steady receivers. The passing of Kerbow and Hurlbut offered hope for the future.

Daniels Lost For Season

Physically the squad is in good shape. Following the Wharton game, the only name on the injury list was that of promising halfback Tommy Daniels of Kerriville, who is lost for the season with a separated shoulder.

Barring further injuries the Owlets should be well prepared for the clash with A&M. The following week, November 19, Coach Nick Lanza will escort his burly charges to Waco to engage the Baylor Cubs.

Lesson of Mediocrity

Viewing the Owlets' flashy, colorful, effective attack and airtight defense, it became immediately apparent that Varsity coaches have had little time to devote to freshman preparations. But in time our Owlets will learn well the lesson of mediocrity.