RONDELET TWO WEEKS AWAY

Rice Cyclers Roll Over Cougars

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Larry Bower, a cyclist from Fort Worth, rode away from a large contingent of Rice Beer-Bike Race hopefuls in the Class A race of the Houston Invitational Bicycle Race last Sunday. Bower's time in the 24-mile race was 65 minutes. Bill Pickel of Baker took second, followed by Hanszen's Roy Meals and Jim Scott.

Rain and mud on a course with many turns kept times down and caused many riders to drop out of the race, including Bill Nickonovitz, state sprint champion. First in the shorter Class B race was Randy Ridell of Hanszen, and John Nickonovitz, 16 year-old brother of the sprint champion, won the 8-mile Class C race for novices. The race, sponsored by the Bicycle Institute of America, was the biggest ever held in Texas.

Last Friday, April 15, Rice cycling teams met the University of Houston in a relay race at U of H's Cullen Auditorium. Roy Meals, lead-off rider on the favored Rice Number One team, spun out on the sandy first turn, bending a wheel and losing half a lap to the rival teams. The other members of his team, Bill Pickel and Jim Scott were unable to make up this distance, and a team claiming to be from St. Thomas but composed of Ron Ross, Dick Wesley, Dave Bailey, and Jim Moyer, won easily.