Room At The Top For Determined '60 Owls

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With a decisive 10-0 victory over the Florida Gators, the Owls surpassed their 1959 record and showed the determination and ability to put Rice in a threatening position for SWC honors.

From the opening kickoff, the Owls held all the cards and proceeded to cash in, as sophomore quarterback Billy Cox completely outclassed Florida’s highly touted quarterbacks, Dodd and Libertore. A hard-nosed defense, led by the King brothers, Simmons, Karam and Burrell gave up only 67 yards rushing to Florida, 15 yards less than the total yards gained by Rice fullback Mike Bowen.

PRESSURE TACTICS by the ends highlighted the consistently good defensive efforts of both of Rice’s alternate units and completely stalled the Gators’ running game, forcing them to the air. But the Owl secondary contained the Gator aerial game and Florida was never in a threatening position.

Although a pre-season quarterback problem is well under control, injuries have suddenly transformed Rice’s strong guard position into a weak spot, as three of Rice’s guards suffered injuries against the Gators. Most seriously injured was Rufus King who received a cartilage injury and probably will not see action against S.M.U.

AGGRESSIVE blocking and deceptive quarterbacking opened the way for the Owl backs and gave them much success with the draw play. Rice’s ten points were scored on a 21-yard touchdown pass from Cox to Burrell and an extra point and a field goal by Webb. Touchdowns were once again hard to come by, although the Owls were frequently in scoring position. They are sure to find the touchdown formula with their opening S.W.C. play this Saturday.

Good luck Owls. See ya in Dallas!