Texas Tech March 11-13, 2022 Reckling Park

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Red Raiders Make Rare Reckling Appearance

Rice's 17-game homestand enters its penultimate weekend, as Texas Tech makes only its second regular-season appearance at Reckling Park. The series opens on Friday at 6:30, followed by a 2 p.m. meeting on Saturday and a 1 p.m. finale on Sunday.

Broadcast On CUSAtv

All Rice home baseball games are available on CUSAtv.



Rice Play-By-Play Audio On The Web

Every Rice baseball game is scheduled for a live audio broadcast on the Internet at *RiceOwls.com* or by using the Owls Mobile App. Tune in to the pregame show 10 minutes before first pitch. **Jason Metko** will man the microphone this weekend as JP Heath will be on the road with the Rice men's basketball team.

Live Stats Links Online at RiceOwls.com

Links to live play-by-play text and statistics from every game, home and away, are posted on RiceOwls.com. Look for the links on the Rice Athletics front page, the weekly series preview, as well as the baseball schedule page.

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Rice-Texas Tech Did You Know?

The Owls and Red Raiders have met 12 times in Houston since Reckling Park opened in 2000, but this is only their third appearance at the Owls' home field over that stretch. They first met at Reckling during the 2002 Regional with Rice winning 6-0 in front of 3,602. Current Owls coach Paul Janish started at shortstop, was 2x4 with an RBI, and scored two runs. They last met on the Rice campus in 2013, with the Owls winning 11-2 in front of 3,208 fans. The schools have played at five different venues in Houston over the years, including Reckling Park, Cameron Field, Cougar Field, Minute Maid Park/Enron Field and The Astrodome (April 28 & 29, 1972). Rice leads the overall series in Houston 41-21and the series on the Rice campus 29-18... Rice head coach Jose Cruz holds the school record with four stolen bases in a game, set vs. Texas Tech on May 12. 1994 at the SWC tournament. Cruz hit .421 in 10 career games against Tech (16x39) with 11 runs, 11 RBI, 3 home runs, and six stolen bases.

Bixby Family Head Coach José Cruz Jr.

One of the cornerstones of Rice's rise to prominence in college baseball, José Cruz Jr. was named the 22nd head baseball coach at Rice on June

9, 2021. Cruz returned to the Owls from the Detroit Tigers, where he was in his first season with the club as a coach, focusing on hitting instruction and working with the outfielders under manager A.J. Hinch. He is the first former Rice player to be named as the Owls head baseball coach since Harold Stockbridge (1949-52). Cruz's association with Rice began in 1992 when he chose to remain home and sign with the



Owls after leading Houston's Bellaire High School to the top ranking in the country in 1992. The signing of the local standout, whose father, Jose Cruz Sr., remains one of the most popular players in Houston Astros history, was a turning point in legendary coach Wayne Graham's efforts to attract top talent to Rice. Cruz shared national freshman of the year honors from Collegiate Baseball and one year later was the consensus conference player of the year and first-team All-America. In his final season at Rice, Cruz hit .377 in 1995 with 16 home runs and 76 RBIs before Seattle made him the third

overall pick in the 1995 MLB Draft. He made his major league debut with Seattle on May 31, 1997 but was traded to Toronto at the trade deadline. He went on to finish second to Nomar Garciaparra in the 1997 American League Rookie of the Year voting, slamming 26 homers and driving in 68 runs in a combined 104 games. He played the next five years with the Blue Jays, twice topping 30 home runs and he became a member of the 30-30 Club in 2001. He became a free agent after the 2002 season and signed with San Francisco where he helped lead the Giants to the playoffs, hitting .250 with 20 homers and 68 RBI and winning a Gold Glove. He went on to play five additional seasons with the Rays, Diamondbacks, Red Sox, Dodgers and Padres before retiring as a member of the Houston Astros in 2008. While he was with the Astros, Cruz was reunited with a pair of former Rice teammates (Lance Berkman and Tim Byrdak), the first time three Owls were teammates at the major league level.

Cruz is aided by associate head coach and fellow former Owl, **Paul Janish** (Rice, 2004; fifth year), first year pitching coach **Colter Bostick** (St. Mary's 2014) and **Trevor Putzig** (Tenn Tech, 2018; second year).

Houston All the Way

Jose Cruz Jr. is one of three former Owls to have played baseball at the high school, college and Major League levels in Houston. Philip Barzilla was the first to do so, playing at Dulles HS and Rice before appearing in one game with the Astros in 2006. Cruz completed the list when he joined the Astros in 2008. Lance Pendleton (Kingwood HS) become the most recent, appearing with the Astros in 2011.

Starting Pitchers

Friday: RHP Cooper Chandler (0-3, 7.30) vs. Andrew Morris (1-0, 6.28 ERA) Saturday: RHP Roel Garcia (0-0, 5.31) vs. Brandon Birsdel (2-1, 2.57 ERA) Sunday: TBA vs. LHP Mason Molina (1-1, 3.00 ERA)

#43 Cooper Chandler (6-2, 200, Graduate Student Frisco, Texas)

Making his fourth start (all in the Friday night slot)... Stared the season opener at Texas and the home opener vs. Lamar... Fanned six in his last start vs. Harvard, the most since he struck out six at FIU in his final start of the shortened 2020 season (2/29/20)... Career high total of 10 came vs. Akron his second start of 2020... Leads the team with 17 K's this year... Returned home to Texas for his final collegiate season after posting a 12-5 record and 3.17 ERA over 147.2 innings (98 strikeouts/45 walks) for the Waves and earning Freshman All-American honors in 2018. He pitched in six games with three starts last season at Pepperdine.

#29 Roel Garcia (6-4, 245, Graduate Student Deer Park, Texas)

Making his third start of the year and 28th of his career... Worked four scoreless innings vs. Harvard on 3/5 (4,4,0,0,1,3).. Worked a career-high 53.2 innings in 2021 as he completed a return to the mound for his first consistent action since 2018... Tied for the team lead with 13 starts and did not allow a run in his first two outings (4,3,0,0,0.3 vs. HBU on 2/22 and 4,1,0,0,2,8 at Louisiana on 2/28)... Eight strikeouts vs. Louisiana were a career-high... Tossed a six-inning complete game (first of his career) in the first game of the UAB doubleheader on 5/8.



2022 C-USA Standings

| | All Games | C-USA |
|------------------|-----------|-------|
| | W-L | W-L |
| Old Dominion | 10-1 | 0-0 |
| UTSA | 10-2 | 0-0 |
| Southern Miss | 10-3 | 0-0 |
| UAB | 9-3 | 0-0 |
| Florida Atlantic | 10-4 | 0-0 |
| Charlotte | 8-4 | 0-0 |
| Marshall | 9-5 | 0-0 |
| Louisiana Tech | 8-5 | 0-0 |
| WKU | 7-5 | 0-0 |
| FIU | 7-7 | 0-0 |
| Middle Tennessee | 4-9 | 0-0 |
| RICE | 3-10 | 0-0 |

Quick Hits

- Aaron Smigelski has hit in each of the first eight games of his college career (11x25), the first two as a pinch hitter and the last six as a starter... Despite missing five games, he is second on the team with nine RBI and has had three multiple RBI games in his last four.
- Austin Bulman leads the Owls in runs (10), hits (12) and RBI (10) and is second with eight walks. He has reached base in 11 of 13 games.
- Guy Garibay Jr. has hit eight of his nine career homers at Reckling Park, He hit his first career homer at Louisiana on 2/28, hit five at home the remainder of 2021 and has kept up the home streak in 2022... He leads Owls in homers (3) and doubles (6). His six doubles match his output in 48 games last season.
- Nathan Becker is hitting .380 in his starts (8x21).
- Connor Walsh missed the first six games of the season, but has hit six of seven games since returning to action and he's hit in five of six starts (.304, 7x23).
- Jack Riedel wax 3x3 with a home run and double after entering the Houston game in the fourth inning. He has back-to-back games with two RBI.

Quick Pitches

- Matthew Linskey has not allowed a run in his first five appearances and has struck out the side in each of his last two appearances while converting his first two save opportunities. He has nine strikeouts in four innings this year.
- **Garrett Zaskoda** leads the bullpen with nine innings and 10 strikeouts. He matched his career high with four K's (in three innings) vs. Houston.

Long Ball Numbers

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|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| Distance | | |
| Austin Bulman | 2/27 | 413 |
| Jack Riedel, | 3/8 | 410 |
| Guy Garibay Jr. | 2/27 | 404 |
| 4. Aaron Smigelski | 2/26 | 395 |
| Garibay | 2/25 | 366 |
| Exit Velocity* 1. Guy Garibay Jr. 2. Austin Bulman 3. Aaron Smigelski 4. Jack Riedel 4. Garibay | 2/27 2/27 2/26 3/8 2/25 | 104.4 102.4 101.9 98.0 95.7 |
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^{*}Home games only

Record Setttting Opener

The three-game series between Rice and Texas in Austin to open the 2022 season drew 21,580 fans, the most for a weekend opening series in Texas baseball history. Friday night's opening crowd of 7,355 was the largest Opening Day crowd for Rice since 8,945 saw the 2004 opener vs. Texas Tech at Minute Mark Park. It was also the largest Opening Day crowd for a game between Rice and Texas, topping the 6,197 who saw the teams open the 2017 season (2/17/17).

Winning Is Always In Fashion

Because it's what we do, here are Rice's 2021 W-L records while wearing the various uniform combinations:

- 1-1 in blue jersey, 'Owls' in white Old English and gray pants
- 1-0 in blue jersey, 'Owls' in white Old English and white pants
- 1-0 in blue jersey, 'Owls' in white Old English and pinstripe pants
- 0-2 in gray jersey, 'Rice' in blue Old English and gray pants
- 0-2 in pinstripes
- 0-5 in white jersey, 'Rice' in blue Old English, white pants

C-USA Preseason Poll

Conference USA coaches made Southern Miss their pick to win the conference in the annual preseason poll. USM will host the conference tournament on May 25-29.

(first place votes in parentheses)

- 1. Southern Miss (6)
- 2. LA Tech (2)
- 3. Old Dominion (1)
- 4. Charlotte (2)
- 5. Florida Atlantic
- 6. UTSA
- 7. FIU (1)
- 8. Rice
- 9. WKU
- 10. Middle Tennessee
- 11. UAB

Bixbys Endow Head Coaching Position

When José Cruz Jr. is introduced before tonight, he will do so as the Bixby Family Head Baseball Coach thanks to an endowed gift by Bob and Betty Bixby. The endowment is the second for a Rice Athletics coaching position and one of the few endowed head baseball coaching positions at the Division I level of NCAA Baseball. The Dunlevie Family Head Football Coach endowment was created in 2018. In addition to the head coaching endowment, the Bixby's gift also includes a portion dedicated to an operational endowment to support priorities of the head baseball coach. The endowments are the latest gifts from the Bixbys. In 2007, they provided the lead gift for the Robert E. and Elizabeth W. Bixby Academic Center located in Tudor Fieldhouse and in 2016 funded the Bixby Batting Barn at Reckling Park.

The Green, Green Grass of Home

The Owls have packed up the road grays until the end of March as Rice hosts a 17-game homestand. The opening run of games at Reckling is part of a 34-game home schedule, the most regular-season games played at Reckling Park since it opened in 2000.

Familiar Script

Austin Bulman gave the Owls a 1-0 lead in the finale against Texas by hitting his second career homer against the Longhorns, marking the third consecutive year he's hit the Owls' first homer of the season. He connected against the Longhorns in the opening series in 2020 and then drilled a 3-run homer vs. HBU on Opening Day in 2021.

The Pigpen

Rice Baseball has taken a quantum leap forward in the development and refinement of pitching talent with the opening of a state-of-the-art training center at Reckling Park. Thanks to a lead gift from Jeremy ('97) and Melinda Thigpen along with several other supporters of the program, the "Pigpen" Pitching Lab incorporates specific technologies and hardware to compile measurable biomechanical data on each Rice pitcher. The lab is located under the left field stands at Reckling Park in an area originally used as an indoor batting area.

The key components of the lab include:

- Kinatrax Motion Capture Markerless based assessments with AMTI Force Plates
- Mobile Trackman Captures pitch release, location, movement, and spin data during bullpens
- Edgertronic Baseball Camera Portable, high-resolution camera to analyze a pitcher's release
- Rapsodo Cloud/Statstack Data visualization software and app to individually track a pitchers performance during training

Investing in the Future

In addition to the Pigpen Pitching Lab, Rice Athletics recently announced the creation of a pair of endowed funds from The Moody Foundation, including the \$2.5 million **Allan Watkins Matthews Fund in Baseball**. Named in honor of the three-year baseball letterman (1985-87) and current Grants Director for The Moody Foundation, this fund provides a general enhancement endowment to help the coaching staff address program needs for student-athlete academic support, equipment upgrades and other priorities in the pursuit of another College World Series title for the Owls.

OWL IN

The Owl In logo represents the continued commitment of Rice Athletics' student-athletes, coaches, and staff to come together for positive change throughout our department, campus, and world. With increased efforts in education, policy development, and action as it relates to diversity, equity, inclusion, and social justice, members of the Rice Athletics community will become better equipped to ensure we can fulfill our department's desire to be a more inclusive and welcoming place. To learn more about being Owl In, visit *RiceOwls.com/Owlln*.

Data Driven

Jose Cruz Jr. has made the use of analytics a priority since taking over the program. The Owls have partnered with Rice's Department of Sport Management to hire Adam Gurin as the Baseball Analytics Coordinator. Gurin is a 2021 graduate of Rice who double-majored in Statistics and Sport Management (with a concentration in Sport Analytics). Under Gurin is a team of more than a dozen Rice undergraduates who provide valuable analysis to help Cruz and the Owls on the field. The students working with the team represent several different academic departments on campus including Statistics, Computer Science, Sport Management, and Data Science. Rice currently has a major in Sport Management with a concentration in Sport Analytics. A stand-alone major in Sport Analytics has been proposed at Rice and, if approved, would begin in Fall 2022.

Rice Since 1999

Using the 1999 season as the starting point (the year the NCAA expanded the postseason tournament field to 64 teams with the current Super Regional format), Rice baseball has maintained one of the nation's top win percentages over the last 23 years. Here's a closer look at the top 25 winningest programs from 1999-2021 heading into the 20222 season:

| Team | Years | Wins | Loses | Ties | PCT |
|-------------------|-------|------|-------|------|------|
| Florida State | 23 | 1050 | 415 | 1 | .717 |
| North Carolina | 23 | 976 | 433 | 1 | .693 |
| LSU | 23 | 988 | 457 | 6 | .683 |
| South Carolina | 23 | 972 | 461 | 0 | .678 |
| Coastal Carolina | 23 | 923 | 442 | 2 | .676 |
| Miami (Fla.) | 23 | 927 | 442 | 3 | .676 |
| Rice ` | 23 | 947 | 464 | 3 | .671 |
| Texas | 23 | 944 | 467 | 1 | .669 |
| Oral Roberts | 23 | 880 | 439 | 0 | .667 |
| Cal St. Fullerton | 23 | 901 | 469 | 0 | .658 |
| Oregon St. | 23 | 848 | 448 | 3 | .655 |
| Arizona St. | 23 | 841 | 444 | 2 | .654 |
| Louisville | 23 | 894 | 475 | 1 | .653 |
| Florida | 23 | 926 | 496 | 2 | .651 |
| Stanford | 23 | 867 | 465 | 2 | .651 |
| Georgia Tech | 23 | 889 | 481 | 1 | .649 |
| Virginia | 23 | 876 | 473 | 3 | .649 |
| Dallas Baptist | 16 | 589 | 320 | 0 | .648 |
| East Carolina | 23 | 877 | 477 | 4 | .647 |
| TCU | 23 | 885 | 485 | 0 | .646 |
| Clemson | 23 | 916 | 505 | 1 | .645 |
| Vanderbilt | 23 | 893 | 501 | 1 | .641 |
| Florida Atlantic | 23 | 851 | 481 | 3 | .639 |
| Southern Miss | 23 | 863 | 490 | 1 | .638 |
| Texas A&M | 23 | 882 | 506 | 4 | .635 |

| Rice-Texas T | ech in Hous | ston (43-23) |
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| 4/23/1958 | Rice Baseball Field | W 10 - 1 |
| 4/28/1959 | Rice Baseball Field | W 13 - 3 |
| 3/25/1960 | Rice Baseball Field | W 4 - 0 |
| 3/29/1968 | Rice Baseball Field | W 2 - 0 (7) |
| 3/29/1968 | Rice Baseball Field | W 8 - 2 |
| 3/30/1968 | Rice Baseball Field | L1-8 |
| 3/26/1970 | Rice Baseball Field | W 7 - 0 (7) |
| 3/26/1970 | Rice Baseball Field | W 6 - 4 |
| 3/27/1970 | Rice Baseball Field | W 2 - 1 |
| 4/28/1972 | The Astrodome | W 4 - 3 (7) |
| 4/28/1972 | The Astrodome | W 3 - 2 |
| 4/29/1972 | The Astrodome | W 4 - 3 |
| 3/22/1974 | Rice Baseball Field | W 4 - 3 |
| 3/23/1974 | Rice Baseball Field | W 4 - 3 (7) |
| 3/23/1974 | Rice Baseball Field | W 4 - 3 (10) |

| 4/23/1976 | Rice Baseball Field | W 7 - 6 |
|------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 4/24/1976 | Rice Baseball Field | L 1 - 5 (7) |
| 4/24/1976 | Rice Baseball Field | L 5 - 13 ´ |
| 3/3/1978 | Cameron Field | W 2 - 1 |
| 3/4/1978 | Cameron Field | W 2 - 1 (7) |
| 3/4/1978 | Cameron Field | L4-5 |
| 4/4/1980 | Cameron Field | L 4 - 15 |
| 4/5/1980 | Cameron Field | L4-8(7) |
| 4/5/1980 | Cameron Field | L1-3 |
| 4/2/1982 | Cameron Field | L 0 - 1 |
| 4/3/1982 | Cameron Field | W 7 - 2 (7) |
| 4/3/1982 | Cameron Field | W 5 - 4 |
| 3/31/1984 | Cameron Field | L3-5(7) |
| 3/31/1984 | Cameron Field | W 16 - 6 |
| 4/1/1984 | Cameron Field | W 9 - 8 |
| 3/21/1986 | Cameron Field | L3-8 |
| 3/22/1986 | Cameron Field | L0-3(7) |
| 3/22/1986 | Cameron Field | L 2 - 3 |
| 3/18/1988 | Cameron Field | W 4 - 3 |
| 3/19/1988 | Cameron Field | L 1 - 2 (7) |
| 3/19/1988 | Cameron Field | L 9 - 11 (10) |
| 5/11/1990 | Cameron Field | W 5 - 4 |
| 5/12/1990 | Cameron Field | W 5 - 1 (7) |
| 5/12/1990 | Cameron Field | W 3 - 0 |
| 3/27/1992 | Cameron Field | L 5 - 13 |
| 3/29/1992 | Cameron Field | L 2 - 3 (7) |
| 3/29/1992 | Cameron Field | W 5 - 3 (11) |
| 4/22/1994 | Cameron Field | L 2 - 10 |
| 4/23/1994 | Cameron Field | W 12 - 2 |
| 4/23/1994 | Cameron Field | W 7 - 4 |
| 3/18/1995 | Cougar Field | L2-9 |
| 3/15/1996 | Cougar Field | L 8 - 14 |
| 4/6/1996 | Cameron Field | W 6 - 5 |
| 4/6/1996 | Cameron Field | W 10 - 5 |
| 4/7/1996 | Cameron Field | L 1 - 8 |
| 5/27/2000# | Cougar Field | W 11 - 4 |
| 5/26/2000# | Cougar Field | W 5 - 2 |
| 6/1/2002# | Reckling Park | W 6 - 0 |
| 4/16/2013 | Reckling Park | W 11 - 2 |

#NCAA Regional

2022 RICE BASEBALL ROSTER

| No. | Name | Pos. | В-Т | Ht. | Wt. | CI. | Hometown (Previous School) |
|-----|---------------------|--------|-----|------|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | Antonio Cruz | OF | R-R | 6-0 | 200 | Jr. | Houston (Episcopal) |
| 2 | Guy Garibay Jr. | OF | L-L | 6-0 | 210 | So. | LaMarque (Dickinson) |
| 3 | Hal Hughes | INF | R-R | 5-11 | 170 | Sr. | Norman, Okla. (North/LSU) |
| 4 | Justin Dunlap | OF/INF | R-R | 5-9 | 190 | Jr. | Dripping Springs (Dripping Springs) |
| 5 | Connor Walsh | OF/INF | R-R | 6-1 | 200 | So. | Niceville, Fla. (Mississippi/Niceville) |
| 6 | Benjamin Rosengard | INF | L-R | 6-3 | 180 | Sr. | Chicago, IL (McLennan CC) |
| 7 | Austin Bulman | INF | R-R | 6-1 | 205 | Sr. | Shepherdstown, W.Va. (Wake Tech/Jefferson) |
| 8 | Dalton Wood | RHP | R-R | 6-5 | 230 | Jr. | Katy (Second Baptist) |
| 9 | William Burbank | INF | R-R | 6-0 | 185 | So. | Beaumont (Monsignor Kelly) |
| 10 | Ben Dukes | OF/C | L-R | 6-0 | 185 | So. | Houston (Memorial) |
| 12 | Jack Ben-Shoshan | INF | R-R | 6-0 | 185 | Fr. | Houston (St. John's) |
| 13 | Brandon Deskins | LHP | L-L | 6-1 | 195 | Jr. | Friendswood (Friendswood) |
| 14 | David Shaw | RHP | R-L | 6-7 | 205 | Fr. | Houston (Kinkaid) |
| 15 | Jack Riedel | INF | L-R | 6-1 | 190 | So. | Houston (Memorial/North Carolina) |
| 17 | Alex DeLeon | RHP | R-R | 6-0 | 190 | Sr. | Lago Vista (Lago Vista/ McClennan CC) |
| 18 | Drake Greenwood | RHP | R-R | 6-5 | 225 | Gr. | Houston (Missouri/The Kinkaid School) |
| 19 | Cristian Cienfuegos | RHP | R-R | 5-9 | 165 | So. | Baytown (Goose Creek) |
| 20 | Caleb Matthews | RHP | R-R | 5-10 | 175 | Fr. | Katy (Katy HS) |
| 21 | Blake Brogdon | RHP | R-R | 6-3 | 195 | Jr. | Cypress (Cypress Woods) |
| 23 | Cullen Hannigan | C | R-R | 5-8 | 205 | So. | Houston (Stratford) |
| 24 | Johnny Hoyle | RHP | R-R | 6-1 | 165 | Jr. | Austin (Dripping Springs) |
| 25 | Jared Plank | RHP | R-R | 6-4 | 200 | So. | Houston (Memorial) |
| 26 | Parker Smith | RHP | R-R | 6-3 | 215 | Fr. | Houston (Bellaire) |
| 27 | Thomas Burbank | LHP | L-L | 6-2 | 225 | So. | Beaumont (Monsignor Kelly/Texas/San Jac) |
| 28 | Aaron Smigelski | INF | L-R | 6-2 | 190 | Fr. | Clayton, NC (North Carolina Cyber Academy) |
| 29 | Roel Garcia | RHP | R-R | 6-4 | 245 | Gr. | Deer Park (Deer Park) |
| 30 | Justin Long | C | R-R | 6-1 | 180 | So. | Kingwood (Kingwood) |
| 31 | Pierce Gallo | INF | R-R | 6-2 | 200 | So. | Marietta, GA (Walton./Clemson) |
| 32 | Mark Perkins | RHP | R-R | 6-1 | 185 | Fr. | Houston (Stratford) |
| 33 | Graiden West | IN | R-R | 6-3 | 185 | Fr. | Katy (Tompkins) |
| 34 | Micah Davis | RHP | R-R | 6-3 | 225 | So. | Baytown (home school) |
| 35 | Reed Gallant | RHP | R-R | 6-1 | 185 | So. | Flower Mound (Marcus.) |
| 36 | Tom Vincent | LHP | L-L | 6-3 | 215 | Fr. | Houston (Memorial/Texas A&M) |
| 38 | Garret Zaskoda | RHP | S-R | 6-0 | 195 | So. | Sealy (Sealy) |
| 39 | Drew Woodcox | INF | R-R | 6-1 | 205 | So. | Houston (Lamar/Texas Tech) |
| 40 | Matthew Linskey | RHP | R-R | 6-7 | 265 | So. | Humble (Atascocita) |
| 42 | Manny Garza | C | S-R | 5-11 | 210 | Fr. | Rio Grande City (Rio Grande City) |
| 43 | Cooper Chandler | RHP | R-R | 6-2 | 200 | Gr. | Frisco (Wakeland/Pepperdine) |
| 44 | Trey Clucas | LHP | L-L | 6-3 | 190 | Fr. | Wilmington, NC (Pro 5 Baseball Academy) |
| 47 | Nathan Becker | INF | L-L | 6-2 | 230 | So. | Jersey Village (Jersey Village) |

Staff

- 22 Jose Cruz Jr. Head Coach
- 11 Paul Janish Associate Head Coach
- 45 Colter Bostick Pitching Coach
- 99 Trevor Putzig Assistant Coach

Rob Hardy – Director of Player Development

Cody Derby - Athletic Trainer

Rick Karasch - Strength & Conditioning

Bryan Kirby - Director of Operations

Adam Gurin - Baseball Analytics Coordinator

Getting Social

Get social with Rice baseball and the Athletics Department at the following sites. Twitter is perhaps the fastest way to get weather-related changes to the schedule/updated start times.

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2022 RICE BASEBALL SCHEDULE

(all times central)

| Date | Opponent | 2022 Record |
|---------|------------------|-------------|
| 2/18-20 | @Texas | 11-1 |
| 2/23 | @Houston Baptist | 5-8 |
| 2/25-27 | Lamar | 8-4 |
| 3/2 | Baylor | 6-5 |
| 3/4-6 | Harvard | 4-3 |
| 3/8 | Houston | 8-4 |

March

| 11 | Texas Tech | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
|----|--------------------------|----------------|---------|
| 12 | Texas Tech | Reckling Park | 2 pm |
| 13 | Texas Tech | Reckling Park | 1 pm |
| 15 | Stephen F. Austin | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 16 | Sam Houston St. | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 18 | UAB | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 19 | UAB | Reckling Park | 2 pm |
| 20 | UAB | Reckling Park | 12 pm |
| 22 | Texas A & M | Reckling Park | 7 pm |
| 25 | Marshall | Huntington, WV | 2 pm |
| 26 | Marshall | Huntington, WV | 12 pm |
| 27 | Marshall | Huntington, WV | 10 am |
| 30 | Texas A&M Corpus Christi | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |

April

| 1 | FAU | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
|----|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| 2 | FAU | Reckling Park | 2 pm |
| 3 | FAU | Reckling Park | 12:30 pm |
| 5 | Houston Baptist | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 8 | La Tech | Ruston, LA | 6 pm |
| 9 | La Tech | Ruston, LA | 2 pm |
| 10 | La Tech | Ruston, LA | 1 pm |
| 12 | Sam Houston St. | Ruston, LA | 6:30 pm |
| 15 | UTSA | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 16 | UTSA | Reckling Park | 2 pm |
| 17 | UTSA | Reckling Park | 1 pm |
| 22 | Southern Miss | Hattiesburg, MS | 6 pm |
| 23 | Southern Miss | Hattiesburg, MS | 2 pm |
| 24 | Southern Miss | Hattiesburg, MS | 1 pm |
| 29 | WKU | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 30 | WKU | Reckling Park | 2 pm |

May

| 1 | WKU | Reckling Park | 1pm |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|
| 4 | Houston | Schroeder Park | 6:30 pm |
| 6 | Charlotte | Charlotte, NC | 5 pm |
| 7 | Charlotte | Charlotte, NC | 2 pm |
| 8 | Charlotte | Charlotte, NC | 12 pm |
| 10 | Louisiana | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 11 | Louisiana | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 13 | MTSU | Reckling Park | 6:30 pm |
| 14 | MTSU | Reckling Park | 2 pm |
| 15 | MTSU | Reckling Park | 12 pm |
| 17 | Houston | Schroeder Park | 6:30 pm |
| 19 | FIU | Miami, FL | 6 pm |
| 20 | FIU | Miami, FL | 5 pm |
| 21 | FIU | Miami, FL | 11 am |
| 25-29 | Conference USA Championship | Hattiesburg, MS | |
| | | | |

The Automated ScoreBook Overall Statistics for Rice (as of Mar 08, 2022) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 3-10 Home: 2-7 Away: 1-3 : 0-0

| Player | avg | gp-gs | ab | r | h | 2b | 3b | hr | rbi | tb | slg% | bb | hp | so g | jdp | ob% | sf | sh | sb-att | ро | а | е | fld% |
|--------------|------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|-----|-----|------|----|----|------|-----|------|----|----|--------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Smigelski, A | .440 | 8-6 | 25 | 4 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 17 | .680 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 0 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 23 | 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Becker, N. | .375 | 9-6 | 24 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | .417 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 1 | .444 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Riedel, Jack | .316 | 8-6 | 19 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 11 | .579 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 1 | .435 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 4 | 10 | 2 | .875 |
| Walsh, C. | .304 | 7-7 | 23 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 8 | .348 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 0 | .448 | 0 | 1 | 2-2 | 23 | 0 | 1 | .958 |
| Garibay, Guy | .271 | 13-13 | 48 | 7 | 13 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 28 | .583 | 7 | 1 | 12 | 0 | .368 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 32 | 4 | 2 | .947 |
| Bulman, A. | .250 | 13-13 | 48 | 10 | 12 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 10 | 22 | .458 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | .351 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 32 | 7 | 3 | .929 |
| Long, Justin | .219 | 12-11 | 32 | 5 | 7 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 10 | .313 | 9 | 1 | 11 | 1 | .405 | 0 | 0 | 0-1 | 75 | 10 | 2 | .977 |
| Dunlap, J. | .182 | 9-2 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .182 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | .357 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 8 | 0 | 1 | .889 |
| Gallo, P. | .179 | 13-13 | 39 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | .179 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 1 | .220 | 0 | 0 | 2-3 | 19 | 41 | 1 | .984 |
| Woodcox, D. | .156 | 12-12 | 45 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | .156 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 1 | .240 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 48 | 5 | 3 | .946 |
| Cruz, A. | .152 | 9-9 | 33 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | .212 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 0 | .176 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 21 | 0 | 1 | .955 |
| Garza, Manny | .143 | 4-2 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .143 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | .300 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Rosengard, B | .136 | 8-6 | 22 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | .182 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 0 | .200 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 4 | 8 | 2 | .857 |
| Ben-Shoshan | .071 | 8-4 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | .143 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 0 | .350 | 0 | 0 | 2-2 | 7 | 1 | 2 | .800 |
| West, G. | .000 | 4-3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 5 | 5 | 2 | .833 |
| Dukes, Ben | .000 | 5-3 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | .083 | 0 | 1 | 0-0 | 4 | 0 | 2 | .667 |
| Hoyle, J. | .000 | 3-1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Totals | .219 | 13 | 416 | 49 | 91 | 24 | 0 | 7 | 42 | 136 | .327 | 57 | 7 | 118 | 5 | .320 | 4 | 3 | 6-8 | 336 | 108 | 25 | .947 |
| Opponents | .287 | 13 | 449 | 100 | 129 | 28 | 6 | 8 | 81 | 193 | .430 | 61 | 22 | 94 | 4 | .393 | 8 | 8 | 10-13 | 339 | 112 | 11 | .976 |

LOB - Team (99), Opp (112). DPs turned - Team (8), Opp (7).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

| Player | era | w-I | app gs | сg | sho | sv | ip | h | r | er | bb | so | 2b | 3b | hr I | b/avg | wp | hp | bk s | sfa s | sha |
|--------------|-------|------|--------|----|-----|----|-------|-----|-----|----|----|-----|----|----|------|-------|----|----|------|-------|-----|
| Linskey, M. | 0.00 | 0-0 | 5 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 2 | 4.0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .143 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Brogdon, B. | 0.00 | 0-0 | 1 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Zaskoda, G. | 1.00 | 0-0 | 5 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 9.0 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .152 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cienfuegos | 3.00 | 0-0 | 5 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 6.0 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .261 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Smith, P. | 3.24 | 1-1 | 5 3 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 16.2 | 16 | 12 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .246 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| DeLeon, Alex | 4.63 | 1-0 | 5 1 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 11.2 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .255 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Garcia, Roel | 5.91 | 0-0 | 3 2 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 10.2 | 13 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | .295 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Chandler, C. | 7.30 | 0-3 | 4 3 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 12.1 | 18 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 1 | .340 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Vincent, Tom | 7.36 | 0-1 | 3 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 3.2 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | .400 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Gallant, R. | 7.36 | 0-0 | 5 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 3.2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .267 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Greenwood, D | 7.71 | 0-0 | 2 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 2.1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .400 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Deskins, B. | 8.22 | 1-3 | 6 1 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 7.2 | 10 | 11 | 7 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 0 | .323 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Perkins, M. | 9.00 | 0-0 | 4 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 3.0 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | .375 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Burbank, T. | 10.64 | 0-2 | 3 3 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 11.0 | 17 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 2 | .386 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Shaw, David | 10.80 | 0-0 | 5 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 5.0 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .077 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Wood, Dalton | 12.00 | 0-0 | 4 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 3.0 | 2 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .167 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Matthews, C. | 27.00 | 0-0 | 2 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 1.2 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | .500 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clucas, Trey | 54.00 | 0-0 | 1 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0 | 0.1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .667 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 6.35 | 3-10 | 13 13 | 0 | 0/0 | 2 | 112.0 | 129 | 100 | 79 | 61 | 94 | 28 | 6 | 8 | .287 | 20 | 22 | 1 | 8 | 8 |
| Opponents | 3.27 | 10-3 | 13 13 | 0 | 3/3 | 3 | 113.0 | 91 | 49 | 41 | 57 | 118 | 24 | 0 | 7 | .219 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 4 | 3 |

PB - Team (6), Long, Justin 5, Garza, Manny 1, Opp (2). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1).

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| Player | С | ро | a | е | fld% | dp | sba | csb | sba% | pb | ci |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|----|-----|-----|-------|----|----|
| Smigelski, A | 29 | 23 | 6 | 0 | 1.000 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Garza, Manny | 21 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 1 | 0 |
| Smith, P. | 8 | 3 | 5 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Hoyle, J. | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| DeLeon, Alex | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 |
| Garcia, Roel | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 1 | 1 | .500 | 0 | 0 |
| Burbank, T. | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 |
| Vincent, Tom | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Gallo, P. | 61 | 19 | 41 | 1 | .984 | 6 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Long, Justin | 87 | 75 | 10 | 2 | .977 | 0 | 9 | 2 | .818 | 5 | 0 |
| Walsh, C. | 24 | 23 | 0 | 1 | .958 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Cruz, A. | 22 | 21 | 0 | 1 | .955 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Garibay, Guy | 38 | 32 | 4 | 2 | .947 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Woodcox, D. | 56 | 48 | 5 | 3 | .946 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Bulman, A. | 42 | 32 | 7 | 3 | .929 | 4 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Dunlap, J. | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | .889 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Riedel, Jack | 16 | 4 | 10 | 2 | .875 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Rosengard, B | 14 | 4 | 8 | 2 | .857 | 1 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| West, G. | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | .833 | 2 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Ben-Shoshan | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | .800 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Dukes, Ben | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | .667 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Deskins, B. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Becker, N. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Zaskoda, G. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Wood, Dalton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Shaw, David | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 |
| Perkins, M. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Matthews, C. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Linskey, M. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Gallant, R. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 |
| Clucas, Trey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Cienfuegos | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 2 | 2 | .500 | 0 | 0 |
| Chandler, C. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 |
| Brogdon, B. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 0 |
| Greenwood, D | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1.000 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 469 | 336 | 108 | 25 | .947 | 8 | 10 | 3 | .769 | 6 | 0 |
| Opponents | 462 | 339 | 112 | 11 | .976 | 7 | 6 | 2 | .750 | 2 | 0 |
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