

# RICE OWLS



**2004 RECORD:** 3-8 (6-5 ATS)  
**CONF:** CUSA - West Division  
**COACH:** Ken Hatfield (12th Year)  
**STADIUM:** Rice Stadium  
**RETURNING STARTERS:** O: 6 D: 7

## 2004 RESULTS

| Opponent       | Line | Score                | W/L |
|----------------|------|----------------------|-----|
| †Houston       | +4   | 10-7                 | W   |
| Hawaii         | +1'  | 41-29                | W   |
| at Texas       | +32' | 13-35                | W   |
| at San Jose St | -14' | 63-70                | L   |
| SMU            | -13  | 44-10                | W   |
| at Nevada      | -8   | 10-35                | L   |
| at Navy        | +9'  | 13-14                | W   |
| at Tulsa       | -1   | 22-39                | L   |
| Fresno St      | +7   | 21-52                | L   |
| at UTEP        | +16  | 28-35 <sup>2OT</sup> | W   |
| Louisiana Tech | -3   | 14-51                | L   |

Last year's Rice team had 15 returning starters, which is usually reflective of a Hatfield team achieving a winning record. Rice underachieved, however, finishing just 3-8 and had some embarrassing losses, like losing their last two at home by a combined 103-35. Expectations will be extremely low for Rice this year as they have just 13 returning starters and have to replace 22 lettermen. They do pull EC and UCF out of the East, two of the three rebuilding teams, so they have a manageable schedule. Hatfield's teams rarely return a lot of starters and 13 is the second most in the last four years. Look for the Owls to fly under the radar and have a better record than most expect.

## 2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS (RETURNERS IN BOLD)

| RUSHING                  |              |             |             |            |             |            | PLAYER                 |                     |            |            |             |          |  |  |  |
|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|--|--|--|
| ATT                      | GAIN         | LOST        | NET         | TD         | AVG         |            | TKL                    | SCK                 | TFL        | PBU        | INT         |          |  |  |  |
| Ed Bailey                | 208          | 1042        | 21          | 1021       | 12          | 4.9        | <b>Adam Herrin</b>     | <b>74</b>           | <b>0</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b> |  |  |  |
| <b>Joel Armstrong</b>    | <b>114</b>   | <b>739</b>  | <b>131</b>  | <b>608</b> | <b>5</b>    | <b>5.3</b> | <b>Andray Downs</b>    | <b>70</b>           | <b>0</b>   | <b>4</b>   | <b>1</b>    | <b>1</b> |  |  |  |
| Greg Henderson           | 140          | 708         | 142         | 566        | 6           | 4.0        | <b>John Syptak</b>     | <b>69</b>           | <b>8</b>   | <b>7</b>   | <b>1</b>    | <b>0</b> |  |  |  |
| <b>Marcus Rucker</b>     | <b>43</b>    | <b>318</b>  | <b>7</b>    | <b>311</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>7.2</b> | <b>Chad Price</b>      | <b>66</b>           | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>5</b>    | <b>2</b> |  |  |  |
| <b>Quinton Smith</b>     | <b>50</b>    | <b>320</b>  | <b>20</b>   | <b>300</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>6.0</b> | Terry Holley           | 63                  | 2.5        | 10         | 1           | 3        |  |  |  |
| <b>Thomas Lott</b>       | <b>33</b>    | <b>160</b>  | <b>17</b>   | <b>143</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>4.3</b> | Jeremy Calahan         | 40                  | 4          | 3          | 2           | 0        |  |  |  |
| <b>Bio Bilaye-Benibo</b> | <b>14</b>    | <b>129</b>  | <b>2</b>    | <b>127</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>9.1</b> | <b>Omeke Alikor</b>    | <b>40</b>           | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>   | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> |  |  |  |
| <b>Mike Falco</b>        | <b>19</b>    | <b>116</b>  | <b>3</b>    | <b>113</b> | <b>0</b>    | <b>5.9</b> | <b>Buck Casson</b>     | <b>35</b>           | <b>3.5</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b>    | <b>1</b> |  |  |  |
| PASSING                  |              |             |             |            |             |            | RAYMORRIS BARNES       |                     |            |            |             |          |  |  |  |
| ATT                      | COMP         | PCT         | YDS         | TD         | INT         |            | 25                     | 0                   | 0          | 7          | 2           |          |  |  |  |
| Greg Henderson           | 76           | 33          | 43.4        | 487        | 3           | 8          | <b>DeJaun Cooper</b>   | <b>24</b>           | <b>1</b>   | <b>3</b>   | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> |  |  |  |
| <b>Joel Armstrong</b>    | <b>56</b>    | <b>26</b>   | <b>46.4</b> | <b>341</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>3</b>   | <b>Courtney Gordon</b> | <b>20</b>           | <b>3</b>   | <b>2</b>   | <b>0</b>    | <b>0</b> |  |  |  |
| RECEIVING                |              |             |             |            |             |            | MATT GINN              |                     |            |            |             |          |  |  |  |
| REC                      | YDS          | AVG         | TD          | LONG       |             |            | 19                     | 0                   | 0          | 2          | 2           |          |  |  |  |
| Marcus Battle            | 15           | 213         | 14.2        | 0          | 55          |            | <b>Clifford Sparks</b> | <b>19</b>           | <b>0</b>   | <b>0</b>   | <b>1</b>    | <b>1</b> |  |  |  |
| Ryan Simonak             | 13           | 153         | 11.8        | 0          | 22          |            | PUNT RETURNS           |                     |            |            |             |          |  |  |  |
| PUNTING                  |              |             |             |            |             |            | NO                     | YDS                 | AVG        | TD         |             |          |  |  |  |
| NO                       | YDS          | AVG         | FC          | NET        | BLK         | In20       | <b>Lance Byrd</b>      | <b>12</b>           | <b>98</b>  | <b>8.2</b> | <b>0</b>    |          |  |  |  |
| KICKING                  | XP           | 1-29        | 30-39       | 40-49      | 50+         | TOTAL      | LONG                   |                     |            |            |             |          |  |  |  |
| <b>Jared Scruggs</b>     | <b>38</b>    | <b>1433</b> | <b>37.7</b> | <b>2</b>   | <b>28.5</b> | <b>1</b>   | <b>8</b>               | KICK RETURNS        |            |            |             |          |  |  |  |
| <b>Brennan Landry</b>    | <b>25-28</b> | <b>2-3</b>  | <b>2-2</b>  | <b>0-4</b> | <b>0-0</b>  | <b>4-9</b> | <b>39</b>              | <b>Mike Falco</b>   | <b>20</b>  | <b>366</b> | <b>18.3</b> | <b>0</b> |  |  |  |
|                          |              |             |             |            |             |            |                        | <b>Andray Downs</b> | <b>18</b>  | <b>437</b> | <b>24.3</b> | <b>0</b> |  |  |  |

| DATE    | OPPONENT         | TURF | OPEN | LINE | SCORE | W/L | TRENDS   |
|---------|------------------|------|------|------|-------|-----|--|
| Sep. 3  |                  |      |      |      |       |     |  |
| Sep. 10 | at UCLA          | G    |      |      |       |     | Rice is 6-2 ATS as a double digit dog the last 3 years.    |
| Sep. 17 | at Texas         | G    |      |      |       |     | Rice is 14-6 ATS the last 3 years off a SU loss.           |
| Sep. 24 | Navy             | A    |      |      |       |     | Rice is 2-5 ATS vs Navy & the tms avg'd just 38 ppg S/'92. |
| Oct. 1  | at UAB           | G    |      |      |       |     | Rice is 15-7-1 ATS in their L23 conference games.          |
| Oct. 8  | at East Carolina | G    |      |      |       |     | Rice is 5-11 ATS in their L16 games as an away fav.        |
| Oct. 15 | Tulsa            | A    |      |      |       |     | Rice is 10-3 ATS before a bye week since 1994.             |
| Oct. 22 |                  |      |      |      |       |     |  |
| Oct. 29 | UTEP             | A    |      |      |       |     | Owls are 3-5 ATS since 1997 after a bye week.              |
| Nov. 5  | at SMU           | A    |      |      |       |     | Rice is 8-4-1 ATS the last 14 in this series vs SMU.       |
| Nov. 12 | Tulane (HC)      | A    |      |      |       |     | The home team is 1-7 ATS since 1989 in this series.        |
| Nov. 19 | UCF              | A    |      |      |       |     | UCF is 1 of 3 teams Rice plays for 1st time this ssn.      |
| Nov. 26 | at Houston       | G    |      |      |       |     | The dog is 5-2 ATS since 1995 in this rivalry.             |