

WEEK ONE  
PRAIRIE VIEW A&M RICE

HOUSTON -- Emmanuel Esukpa had a career-high 173 yards rushing and a score and Jack Fox kicked a 23-yard field goal as time expired to help Rice beat Prairie View A&M 31-28 on Saturday night in the season opener for both teams.

Esukpa came in with 74 carries for 317 yards rushing and three touchdowns in his career. Austin Walter added 11 carries for 83 yards and two scores for Rice, which finished with 310 yards rushing and nearly doubled Prairie View (20:21) in time of possession.

Aston Walter, on third-and-4 from the 37, broke three tackles before being tripped up at the 11 to set up Fox's winner.

Anthony Ekpe's strip-sack of Jalen Morton was recovered by Dylan Silcox at the Prairie View 25 and four plays later Austin Walter scored on an eight-yard run to trim Rice's deficit to 28-26 early in the fourth quarter. Prairie View went three-and-out on its ensuing possession and a high snap on fourth down resulted in a safety that made it 28-all with 10:15 to play.

The Owls, who lost 10 consecutive games to close last season, scored on each of their first four possessions to take a 19-7 lead late in the second quarter. Prairie View scored two touchdowns in the final 93 seconds of the first half and then Bernard Good's 27-yard scoring run on the Panthers' first possession of the second half capped an eight-play, 94-yard drive and gave PVAMU a 28-19 lead midway through the third quarter.

Rice's Mike Bloomgren, who was hired on Dec. 6, won his first game as a head coach.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
PVAM	0	21	7	0	28
RICE	13	6	0	12	31

**Scoring Summary** -----

	PVAM	RICE
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
TD 4:29		
Austin Walter 10 Yd Run (Jack Fox Kick)		
14 plays, 86 yards, 7:52	0	7
TD 1:53		
Emmanuel Esukpa 15 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
3 plays, 44 yards, 0:00	0	13
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
FG 11:03		
Jack Fox 33 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 60 yards, 4:09	0	16
TD 9:06		
Zarrian Holcombe 20 Yd pass from Jalen Morton (Zach Elder Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:57	7	16
FG 4:17		
Haden Tobola 36 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 47 yards, 4:49	7	19
TD 1:33		
Jose Medrano 2 Yd pass from Jalen Morton (Zach Elder Kick)		
7 plays, 69 yards, 2:44	14	19
TD 0:06		
Tristen Wallace 20 Yd pass from Jalen Morton (Zach Elder Kick)		
4 plays, 69 yards, 0:00	21	19
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
TD 8:05		
Bernard Goodwater 27 Yd Run (Zach Elder Kick)		
8 plays, 94 yards, 3:04	28	19
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
TD 11:46		
Austin Walter 8 Yd Run (Jack Fox Kick)		
4 plays, 25 yards, 1:53	28	26
SF 10:15		
Team Safety		
4 plays, -25 yards, 1:31	28	28
FG 0:00		
Jack Fox 23 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 52 yards, 4:28	28	31

Team Stats	PVAM	RICE
First Downs	18	22
Total Yards	384	397
Total Plays	57	74
Avg Gain Per Play	6.7	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	140	310
Rushes	28	50
Yards Per Rush	5.0	6.2
Net Yards Passing	244	87
Comp-Att	16-29	12-24
Yards Per Pass	8.4	3.6
Times Sacked	3	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	22	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	NA	NA
Punt Average	-1.0	NA
Penalties	6	7
Penalty Yards	60	54
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

Prairie View A&M	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Dawonya Tucker	10	73	7.3	36	0
Jalen Morton	12	53	4.4	18	0
Bernard Goodwater	1	27	27.0	27	1
Caleb Broach	4	18	4.5	9	0
RICE	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Emmanuel Esukpa	32	173	5.4	34	1
Austin Walter	11	83	7.5	26	2
Shawn Stankavage	5	26	5.2	18	0
Aston Walter	1	26	26.0	26	0
Will Phillips	1	2	2.0	2	0

**PASSING**

Prairie View A&M	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jalen Morton	16	28	244	8.7	3	0	165.7
RICE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jackson Tyner	5	9	44	4.9	0	0	96.6
Shawn Stankavage	7	15	43	2.9	0	0	70.7

**RECEIVING**

Prairie View A&M	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Tristen Wallace	5	147	29.4	42	1
Jeffery Rector	3	38	12.7	16	0
Zarrian Holcombe	1	20	20.0	20	1
Jose Medrano	2	16	8.0	14	1
Kalen Riles	3	14	4.7	7	0
Dawonya Tucker	2	9	4.5	6	0
Xavier Johnson	0	0	-	-	0
Prairie View A&M	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Austin Trammell	5	37	7.4	23	0
Jaegar Bull	2	18	9.0	10	0
Aaron Cephus	1	10	10.0	10	0
Austin Walter	1	8	8.0	8	0
Brendan Harmon	1	8	8.0	8	0
Jordan Myers	1	4	4.0	4	0
Rhett Cardwell	1	2	2.0	2	0
Aston Walter	0	0	-	-	0