

Late run propels Rice to CBI victory

HOUSTON - Marcus Evans scored 12 of Rice's final 15 points as the Owls closed the game on a 15-4 run to defeat San Francisco 85-76. With 23 wins on the season, the Owls are tied for the second-most in school history and the most since 1953-54.

Egor Koulechov recorded his 13th double-double of the year with game-highs of 24 points and 11 rebounds. Evans ended with 21 points and Chad Lott had 10.

Rice used a 13-0 run that included USF missing seven straight shots during the run to take its largest lead of the half, 64-54, with 10:38 to play. However, San Francisco used a run of its own, scoring nine straight points to cut the lead to 72-70 with 2:38 to play. That's when Evans took over.

Ronnie Boyce led the Dons with 18 points. Frank Ferrari netted 15 points, Chase Foster had 13 points, and Charles Minlend and Jimbo Lull scored 10 points apiece.