



Raider Nine To Host Edna Thurs.

Raiders Lose 2 District Tilts, Beat Columbus

The Rice High School Raiders avoided a disastrous week end of play in west zone of District 13AAA baseball competition by edging the Columbus Cardinals 2-1 Tuesday in Columbus after losing the opener to Wharton Thursday 3-0 and then having to Yokum 11-4 Friday.

This Thursday, April 4 at 5:00 p.m. Coach Jack Grammer's nine will host the Edna Cowboys and then on Tuesday, April 9th will go to La Grange to play the West Zone competition.

In a makeup of a game postponed Tuesday due to wet grounds, the Raiders were shut out by Wharton Thursday at Rice stadium 6 to 0. Frankum and Henry combined to throw a no-hitter at the Raiders, chalking up a total of 15 strike-outs in the seven innings of play.

Wharton tagged Arthur Yanes for seven hits. He walked three and struck out three.

The Tigers scored twice in the second, once in the third, two in the fifth and three in the sixth for the district win. Rice had only two base runners, Andy Kuba who walked twice and Steve Grammer who got on through an error at shortstop and this was the nearest the Raiders came to a hit.

Yanes was charged with giving up only three of the eight runs as earned runs, the rest came as the result of six errors.

In Yokum last Friday, a disastrous seven run fourth inning proved to be the downfall for the Raiders in taking their second district loss by a score of 11 to 4.

The Raiders had a total of seven hits, with Chris Mason getting three, Steve Grammer two, Darrell Quinney and Ricky Chisum one each.

Mason started on the mound and gave up 11 hits and all 11 runs before being lifted in the fourth by Quinney. Quinney finished the game giving up only one hit and no runs.

Yokum jumped off to a 1-0 lead in the first and Rice went ahead 2-1 in the top of the third but Yokum added three in the last of the third and seven in the fourth to ice down the game.

A couple of fielding gems by centerfielder Donnie Perry and some outstanding pitching by Arthur Yanes were contributing factors in the Raiders' 2-1 win over Columbus in Columbus Tuesday.

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Perry made a fine diving catch of a flyball in center in the third and in the sixth he slipped a Cardinal threat with another fine catch and a perfect pop to some plate to nip a Cardinal trying to score on a throw from third to stop the Cards one run short.

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ROWLING

INITIAL LEAGUE Eagle Lake Imps continue to roll well ahead of the pack in the Initial League, now with 40 1/2 points while the second place - Rippers Area has 40, Argo Area 40 1/2, Altair Dryer 40 1/2, and Lake Motors 40.

In action last Thursday, Altair Dryer had the top team series with a 2978 and Rippers Area 2978.

Other high scorers were: Roy Stallman 200-563, Floyd Spensath 206-564, Kenneth Nelson 559, Dutch Schmidt 205-550, Raymond Thomas 213-541, Ervin Knippel 213-556, Lee Briscoe 519, Roland Marcus 509, Larry Muck 526, Gus Seygum 508, Frank Brown 503, and Ray Ramirez 502.

SKULL CREEK MIXED Rice Birds held on to the lead in the Skull Creek Mixed League at the end of play Mar. 18th with 62 1/2 wins.

Catfish Farmers were in second with 59 1/2, Goofers in third with 57, Woolley Boogers fourth with 54 and Untamed in fifth with 53 1/2.

Bean Sprouts had the top team series with a 231 and Spore-Ribs had the best game of 887. Leroy Janda posted the top series for men with a 553 and Ervin Knippel had a 506 game. Helen Juries set the pace for the ladies with a 188-500.

Other top scorers were: Hartha Davis with a 173-514, Bill Reynolds 201, Wilburn Ash 201-527, and Ervin Knippel 210 series.

SKULL CREEK MIXED The Rice Birds hold a five game lead in the Skull Creek Mixed with 64 1/2 wins while the Catfish Farmers are second with 59 1/2, the Goofers are in third with 57, Untamed fourth with 57 1/2, followed by the Woolley Boogers with 56 and Bean Sprouts with 55.

The Bean Sprouts had the top team series in action Mar. 26 with a 2330 and Woolley Boogers had high game of 415. Leroy Janda had the top series for men with a 193-543 and Curry Hendricks rolled top game of 214. Margie Knippel set the pace for the ladies with a 215-505. Other top scorers were Ervin Knippel with a 180-540, John Mahall 182-523, Wilburn Ash 205-506, Mike Beard 192-506, Charles Walla 204-505, Cille Knippel 174 - 505, and Curry Hendricks a 535 series.

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Winners in the 7th grade

Champion Rice Freshman Track Team



The Rice High School Raider freshman track team won the first place in the Columbus Cardinal Relays last Saturday compiling a total of 110 points. Members of the team are shown above seated front row, l to r, Bobby Turner and Richard Lujan; kneeling, left to right, Craig Popp, Mike Popp, Dale Popp, and Eugene Ruiz; standing, back row, Tony Black, Wayne Briscoe, and Charles Hutton. Not pictured are Tony Black, Wayne Briscoe and Charles Hutton.

Rice Freshmen 1st In Columbus

Score 110 Points In Cardinal Meet

The Rice High School Freshman track team won first place in the Columbus Cardinal Relays last Saturday, with a total of 110 points. Brennan finished second in the freshman competition with 76 points.

The Raiders chalked up five first places, including a first in the mile relay, one second, five thirds and other places to win the meet. They previously had won second in the La Grange meet.

Coach Bill Appelt's freshmen will be competing in the District 13AAA track and field competition in West Columbia this Friday.

Rufus Tillman was a first place for Rice in the Columbus meet in the 560 yard dash running the time of 2:11.2. James Parker placed first in the 440 yard dash.

Julia Thomas Only Rice Winner In District Tennis Tourney

Wharton Has Near Sweep In Zone

The Wharton Tigers made an almost clean sweep of all events in the West Zone of District 13AAA tennis competition in Columbus last Friday. Rice High School had only one winner, Julia Thomas, who won the junior girls singles, for the right to compete in the district tournament this Thursday in West Columbia.

Miss Thomas defeated the Wharton No. 1 entry in the first round 6-1, 6-3 and then beat Edna 7-5, 6-3 for the junior girls singles title.

Wharton will have two entries in boys doubles, two in girls doubles, two in girls singles, and one in boys singles in the district meet. The only other senior winner was Bob Seymour of Columbus who won the No. 2 spot in boys singles competition.

In boys singles play, Tom Reed who was top seeded in zone play, won handily over Yokum 6-1, 6-4, but then lost to Wharton 9-7, 6-1. The other Rice singles entry Jerry Higgins lost to Seymour of Columbus 6-1, 6-3.

In the 8th grade events, Clyde Cunningham won fourth in the high jump and sixth in the broad jump. Michael Coleman sixth in the pole vault. Mike Gertson sixth in the 70 yard high hurdles. Clayton Smith fifth in the 100, the 440 yard relay team composed of Coats, Hurd, Scott and Munoz was fourth; the 880 yard relay team of Coats, Scott, Munoz and Preston Jenkins finished third; and the 1320 yard relay team of Coats, Jenkins, C. Smith and Munoz won third for a total of 43 points.

Coaches David Cardoso and Bill Appelt report that the Raiders have shown much improvement during practice and hope to bring back a number of places from the district meet.

SWEENEY, PEARLAND WIN DIST. 13AAA GOLF MEET FRI.

Robby Olvera Of Rice Is Second Medalist

Over eighty high school golfers from schools comprising both zones of District 13AAA competed in the District Golf tournament at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center last Friday.

The Sweeney team fired a 224 to win first place in the district meet and Pearland and Columbus tied for second each with 237 strokes. In a sudden death playoff between two members from each team, the Pearland Oilers won the right to have the second team to represent this district in the Regional competition.

La Porte finished fourth in the final standings with 259, Yokum was fifth with 250, Edna sixth with 232 and Wharton seventh with 236. Scores for other teams in the meet were: Columbus No. 2 495, Edna No. 2 360, La Grange 337, Rice No. 1 342, Rice No. 2 495, Sweeney No. 2 374, Wharton No. 2 309, and Yokum No. 2 353 and Litchbrook 411.

Softball League Meeting Set Sun., April 14

A meeting has been scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Sunday, April 14th to complete plans for the Summer Softball League activities.

The meeting will be held in the Eagle Lake Headlight office and all organizations interested in sponsoring a team in the summer softball program are urged to have a representative on hand at the meeting April 14th.

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