SPORTS CORNER

Weimar Nips Yoakum For Region Cage Title

The Weimar Wildcats edged the Yoakum Bulldogs by the score of 52 to 51 to earn one of four berths in the State Class AA basketball playoffs in Gregory Gym in Austin this week-end.

Weimar, now 25-5 for the season, will meet Kountze in a semi-final contest at 4 p.m. this Friday. Morton meets Linden-Kildare in the other Class AA semi-final at 2:30 p.m. Friday.

The Wildcats topped Yoakum in the Region IV-Class AA game in the Texas A&I University gym.

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BOWLING

MONDAY NITE MIXED - Myrtle Rohrer's 191-544 series for the women and Ritchie Cunningham's 215-511 series for the men highlighted Monday Nite Mixed League action Feb. 28th. The Aggie Bunch had high team game of 834 while Gutter Kings' 2348 took top team series.

Leading the league is the Aggie Bunch team with 65 and one-half wins, followed by G.C.O.C. with 60, Sizzlers 54, Pinbusters 49 and Buds 48 wins.

INITIAL LEAGUE

Erwin Knippel posted a 236-625 series to set the pace for Initial League bowlers at Skull Creek Lanes last Thursday. JB's Trojans rolled top team series with a 3137 and Altair Dryer had high game of 1108. Other leading individual scorers were: Ernie Uzzell 215-581, Ben Castillo 203-574, George Tourier 199, Floyd Spenrath 215-566, Glen Wesselski 202-577, Butch Schmidt 201-570, Lee Briscoe 546, Tommy Tumis 211-540, Jim Bunge 540, Larry Baker 201-540, Mano Graham 205-539, Draper Stephens 532, Ernest Uzzell 531, Verlin Argo 531, Daryl Trilica 214-527, Al Novosad 209-527, Glen Lockler 527, Dan Becker 525, Stan Ullman 516, and Raymond Thomas 502.

The Eagle Lake Imps hold a good lead in the league with 38½ points, followed by the Trojans with 367 1/2, Argo Auto 361 1/2, Larry's Phillips 66 347, Altair Dryer 345 1/2, and Tumis' Exxon 343.

RHS Class of '72 Plans Reunion, Needs Addresses

The Rice High School Class of 1972 plans to hold a five-year reunion later this year and is seeking to update addresses of the class members.

Send your address to Jeff Fruka, Box 67, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 so that you might be informed of plans as they develop.

Baseball Old-Timers To Meet Thurs.

Members of the Old Timers' Baseball Association are asked to note that there will be a meeting Thursday night, Mar. 3rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Smokehouse Cafe in Hallettsville for the purpose of electing officers of the association and to plan for the annual meeting on March 20th.

The annual meeting will be held March 20th at Blase's Place on Highway 90A between Shiner and Hallettsville. Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m. and there will be the usual visitation period, music, presentation of certificates to those to be honored followed by a barbecue at 4:45 p.m.

The fee for the annual session will be $3.50, including $1.25 for membership and $2.25 for the meal.

Local citizens who might have nominees for the association's Hall of Fame are invited to contact the local committee member, V. J. (Jiggs) Kana, as soon as possible.

All interested sports fans of the area are invited to attend the committee meeting at 7:30 March 3rd and the annual meeting March 20th.

BACK THE RAIDERS

Christian Men To Meet Sat., Hear Dr. Ham

The Christian men of the Eagle Lake community are invited to join together for a breakfast at 7 a.m. Saturday, March 5 at Jack's Restaurant.

The speaker for the breakfast will be Dr. Ham from Pasadena, Texas, a Lutheran layman. The men are urged to hear this man of great faith.

Photo Special At Sears Store Thurs.

A photographer from Prestige Photography Studio will be at the Sears Catalog Sales Merchant store at 218 East Main this Thurs., Mar. 3rd to take photos for a special offer. A big 8" x 10" living color portrait will be provided for only 99c plus 76c for handling, say owners of the Sears Store, Jack and Debbie Vawter.

They invite one and all to come by to have their photo made from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 to 5 p.m. this Thursday.

Jeff Frnka Named To First Lone Star All-Conference Cage Team

JEFF FRNKA

The league's most valuable player and two eagers each from loop champion East Texas State and also ran Southwest Texas State make up the 1976-77 all Lone Star Conference basketball team.

Howard Payne forward David Harrison, who led the LSC in scoring (23.8) and free throw percentage (.841), received 65 of a possible 70 points in balloting by LSC coaches and was named the conference's most valuable player. Harrison, a Fort Worth native, was a second team choice last year.

Harrison's "PU" teammate Marshall Davis, soph freshman of the year honoree by scoring 12.4 points a game from his guard position, HPU finished second in the LSC Championship Tournament behind winner East Texas.

Southwest Texas finished in the second division with a 8-9 loop record, but the Bobcats still placed senior guard Jeff Frnka and 6-11 sophomore Steve Foster on the elite team. Frnka averaged 10.4 a game. He is the son of Publisher and Mrs. Fred H. Frnka of Eagle Lake. Foster, a second teamer last year, was fourth in LSC rebounding, seventh in scoring (12.2) and ninth in field goal shooting (.529). He is a product of Corpus Christi, Carroll.

Frnka played his high school basketball at Eagle Lake and Rice high schools.

ETSU was placed all year by forward Nate Granger and 5-11 guard Larry McGhee, a pair of record setters from New Jersey. Granger, a senior who finished right behind Harrison in scoring with a 20.6 mark and led the LSC in shooting (.645), scored 36 points and hit 20 field goals in a game this year and Paul Quinn, back LSC records. Granger was also the second team last year.

McGhee, a junior who received 65 points in the balloting, scored 21 points this year's championship tournament to shatter the old record. McGhee averaged 14.0 points and was third in rebounding 3.3 a game.

Abilene Christian forward Dave Merrill, Angelo forward Dean Young, S.F. Austin guard Ken Beasley all seniors, Arcadia sophomore guard Robert Carter and Tech were named to the second team.

Lynn McDonald, last year's freshman guard for the Bobcats, was honorable mention. Lynn is the son of Vernon McDonald, who has coached as basketball coach after sixteen outstanding years with Southwest Texas State University.

Cong. Pickle Against Deficit Increase

By a vote of 229 to 199, the House changed the budget figures for this current fiscal year and increased the Federal deficit by another $20 billion. The increase in the deficit will pay for President Carter's economic stimulus plan to cut taxes and create jobs.

I voted for Mr. Carter's tax plan in the Ways and Means Committee because I think that some stimulation of the economy may be necessary but I don't like paying for it by increasing the deficit. I believe that the economic package should have been paid for by increasing revenue rather than by borrowing.

I opposed the increase in the deficit because it is a setback for the new Congressional budget process. The new process was created to give us the foresight and depth of vision to provide for emergencies while fashioning a responsible and responsive economic policy.

Responsibility and control of the budget run hand in hand. If Congress is not responsible, it will lose control of the budget and sacrifice its Constitutional duty to oversee federal spending.

Public Works Bill

The House also approved a $4 billion addition to the public works program passed last year. This is the jobs portion of the economic stimulus plan that should create 600,000 new jobs.

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-Record, Chico, Calif.

The Railroad Commission reported 2,328 applications to drill oil and gas tests during the first six weeks of 1977, an increase from 2,147 during the same period in 1976.

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Raiders Lose Hard-Fought Double Overtime To West Oso

Lose By Single Point 75-74

Raiders In Command For Most of Region Playoff In Victoria

A valiant effort by the Rice High School Raiders to a basketball team just was not quite enough as they went down to a heartbreaking one-point 75-74 loss to the West Oso rangers in a double overtime breathtaker in the Region IV playoffs in Victoria High School gymnasium last Friday night. The Raiders really "took it to" the favored West Oso team and piled up a sizable leads in the second and third quarters but just when it appeared they were on their way to victory, West Oso came to life on some Raiders mistakes and on the hot hand of Jerry Davis who had a total of 21 baskets and hit on 6 of 9 shots at the free throw line for a 48 point total for the night.

The loss eliminated the Raiders from the state playoffs this weekend in Austin. If the Raiders had pulled it off they would have been in the state Class AAA tournament for the second time in three years under the tutorship of coach Jack Grammer. Assisted this year by Glenn Wallace. It was a sad ending to an outstanding season for the Raiders who finished the season with a 22-9 season record and West Zone District 14AAA and bi-district championships in two tournaments. Rice High School and Columbus meets. It was the final game for five Rice seniors three of them starters including hotshot Turner, David Banks and James Parker and also Sammy Flowers who saw lots of action in the playoffs and Ollie Moore.

West Oso moved to the Class AAA state tournament in Austin this weekend with a 27-7 record.

A See Saw Battle

It was a see-saw battle from the start with the lead changing hands three times in the first period before the West Oso team put on a late rally to lead 16 to 12 at the end of the first period.

The Raiders came out hustling to open the second quarter and piled up a ten point lead as West Oso went scoreless for three minutes and ten seconds. John Grammer dropped in two free throws at the 4:50 mark to give Rice a 28 to 18 lead. In a quick turn of events, West Oso's Larry Davis scored on a layup and Jerry Davis was fouled after the shot and he went to the free throw line and he converted both of them and the lead closed quickly to 31 to 25. Larry Davis phanked in an eight footer to tie the score at 34 to 34 at half-time.

To open the second half the Raiders came out with another hot streak and on two three-point plays by Lonniel Hunt-son plus another basket by Huntson, plus 3 free throws by Bobby Turner the Raiders piled up a 43 to 40 lead, the biggest of the game. Then the West Oso team put on a charge to cut the Raiders' lead at the end of the third period to 53 to 46.

Grammer hit 2 free throws to up the Raider lead to 55 to 48 but the Raiders went ice cold and did not score in three and a half minutes while West Oso fired up and cut the lead to 55 to 54 at the 4:56 mark. Grammer scored 2 to put Rice ahead 57 to 54 at the 4:32 mark but West Oso knotted it up at 57 to 57 on J. Davis' layup at 4:13. Huntson slipped one in to put Rice back out front 59 to 57 but the ever present J. Davis tied it at 59 to 59. Grammer hit a free throw at 3:17 to put Rice in front 60 to 59 but again J. Davis came through and West Oso led 61 to 60 at the 2:56 mark. Banks scored on a layup and Huntson hit a free throw to give Rice a 64 to 61 lead at 2:05. L. Davis and J. Davis each hit for West Oso and they led 65 to 64 at 1:38. After J. Davis hit on one free throw Banks banked one in from eight feet to knot the game at 66-66 at 1:11. Huntson added two for Rice to go ahead 68-66 but with 29 seconds left J. Davis was fouled. Rice called two timeouts to give him time to think about the shot, but he stepped to the line and made both to knot the game at 68 to 68. A desperation shot by Flowers went in and out with one second left and the regulation time ran out with the score knotted at 68-68.

First Overtime

In the first three minute overtime, both teams scored four points to end that session knotted at 72 to 72.

Grammer scored quickly to put Rice out front 70 to 68. Flowers missed on two free throws as Joe Estell of the West Oso team fouled out of the game at 1:18. Turner added a field goal but J. Davis knotted the game again at 1:08. Grammer's try from 45 feet barely missed as the final buzzer sounded at 72-72.

Second Overtime

Three points on free throws by West Oso in the second overtime proved the difference in the contest. J. Davis put West Oso out front 74 to 72 with 2:12 left in the second three-minute overtime period. Flowers missed on a couple of free throws and Rice got a break when West Oso was called for traveling at the 1:38 mark. Huntson scored 2 to knot the game at 1:30. L. Davis made one of two free throws to put West Oso back out front 75 to 74 with 34 seconds left to play. Grammer's shot missed but Rice got the ball back a few seconds later when Huntson rebounded a missed free throw by Larry Smith, but an erratic pass gave the ball back to West Oso with time running out. In desperation, the Raiders fouled the ailling Smith with ten seconds left. He missed the free throw and Rice rebounded and had one more chance and Anthony Prihoda put up a last second shot that barely missed and the score remained at 75 to 74 as the second overtime buzzer ended with wild jubilation on the part of West Oso players and supporters, and moments of tears and sadness for the Raiders and their fans.

Huntson Leading Scorer

Huntson led Rice scorers in the game with 8 field goals and he hit on 6 of 8 free throws for a total of 22 points. Grammer had 6 field goals and hit on 5 of 10 free throws for 20 points; Banks had 5 field goals for 10 points; Parker, who fouled out near the end of regulation play, had 5 baskets and went 0-2 in free throws for 10 points; Turner had 3 baskets and went 3-5 in free throws for 9 points; Flowers had one basket and was 1-5 in free throws for 3 points.

The Raiders hit a good 52% from the floor but only 60% from the free throw line. West Oso led in offensive rebounding with 28. Huntson was leading rebounder for Rice with 17, Banks pulled down 12, Turner 9 and Grammer 8. Rice had a total of 27 turnovers in the contest.

Others on the roster were: Prihoda who played on a few seconds in the second overtime; Kevin Mackey, Ollie Moore, Clayton Smith, Keith Sommerlatte and Stephen Spanihel.

In addition to Jerry Davis' 48 points for West Oso, Larry Davis had 12 and Larry Smith scored 10.

The Victoria gym was filled to overflowing for the contest. Rice supporters were led in cheering throughout the game by cheerleaders Brenda Kallina, Denise Rucka, Julia Thomas and Kathy Frazar.

It was a heartbreaker for the Raiders and their coaches after they had played so well throughout the game. Despite the loss, Rice fans are proud of their team for their outstanding effort during this and all performances this season.

3 Raiders On Girls All-Zone Teams

Keeter, Dostal On First, Pratt On Second Team

Coaches of the girls' basketball teams comprising the West Zone of District 14AAA met at Rice High School last week to select all-zone teams for the 1976-77 season.

Three members of the bi-district champion Rice Raiders landed berths on the two teams. Rice forwards Jane Dostal and Elisa Keeter were named as first team forwards and guard Latanya Pratt on the second team.

Comprising the first team were forwards Keeter, Dostal and Ellis of Sweeny and guards Muschalek of Edna, Earl and Donley of West Columbia.

On the second team were: forwards Genter of Edna, Edwards of Sweeny and Reynolds of Wharton and guards Pratt of Rice, Hill of West Columbia and Baugh of Sweeny.

Honorable mentions went to forwards Goodwin, Bower and Earl of West Columbia and guards Glenda Popp of Rice, Randon of Sweeny and Barber of Sweeny.

Rice Baseball Team In West Columbia Tourney

The Rice High School Raiders baseball team will open play this weekend when they compete in the West Columbia tournament. The Raiders are coached this year by Henry Garza and include on the roster a number of returning lettermen.

The Raiders will meet host West Columbia in the first round of play at 5:30 p.m. this Thursday. If they win the play again at 7:45 p.m. Friday and if they lose at 5:30 p.m. Friday. Finals in the tournament are at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Next Monday, the Raiders go to Columbus for a game beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Boys' State Cage Tourney Begins Fri.

Texas Interscholastic League Class A, AA, and AAA basketball tournaments will be held in Gregory Gym in Austin this week-end, March 4-5. The B and AAAA Conferences will hold their tournament on March 11-12.

The schedule for the tournament this week-end follows.

Semifinals AA Friday 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Semifinals AAA Friday 7:00 and 8:30.

Semifinals A Saturday 8:30 and 10 a.m.

Finals AAA Saturday 2:05; AA Saturday at 7 p.m. and A Saturday at 8:30 p.m.

Adult tournament tickets for the A, AA and AAA tournament will be $9.00, student tournament tickets $4.50, adult session tickets $2.00, student session tickets $1.00.

SPORTS

JB's Trojans, Rothbauers Are Top Winners In Men's Bowling

J.B.'s Trojans and Larry and Richard Rothbauer walked away with most of the first places in the Colorado Valley Men's Bowling Association's annual city tournament held last weekend at Skull Creek Lanes in Altair.

J. B.'s Trojans, including Ernie Uzzell, Ben Castillo, Joe Trojan, Floyd Spenrath and Mano Graham won team competition with a total of 3151 pins.

They led by 92 pins over the second place team, Johnny's Sport Shop. Finishing in third was Gibson's with 2946; fourth was S&W Parts with 2944; and fifth, Tumis Exxon with 2940 pins.

Larry Rothbauer and Richard Rothbauer won the doubles competition with a 1385 total. Second were Dennis Gothman and John Garza with 1317, third Ernie Uzzell, Jr. and Floyd Spenrath with 1269, fourth Jim Eure and George Rohrer with 1255, fifth Frank Bowen and Draper Stephens with 1256, sixth Tammy Tumis and Jerry Tesch with 1248, and seventh Ben Castillo and Mano Graham with 1246.

Larry Rothbauer won the single division with a 676, Leroy Gothman was second with 672, Ted Reese third with 668, Ben Castillo fourth with 655, Bruce Cowling fifth with 646, Roy Stallman sixth with 644, Butch Schmidt seventh with 636, Wilburt Kristek and Stanley Ullman tied for eighth with 630s, and John Clipson finished tenth with a 628.

Larry Rothbauer also won first in all, events with a 1864, Richard Rothbauer was second with 1954, Butch Schmidt third with 1951, Bruce Cowling was fourth with 1896, Floyd Spenrath fifth with 1893 and Mano Graham sixth with 1872.

Mano Graham won first in All Events Scratch with an 1800 pin total.

BOWLING

COMMUTERS LEAGUE

Schlitz Beer rolled the top team scores of 772-2164 in the Commuters League Feb. 24th. Frankie Jobe had top women's scores with a 190-524 and Laura Marek posted a 184-501. Virginia Waldrop 179-520 and Alta Barten 178-505.

Mohats lead the league with 62 wins followed by the Fireballs with 58. Sheridan Drilling has 54, Schlitz 47, Comets 46 and one-half, Deuces Wild 42 and one-half.

Women's City Bowling Tourney Fri., Sat., Sun.

The Colorado County Women's Bowling Association will hold its annual city tournament at the Skull Creek Lanes in Altair this Fri., Sat., and Sun., Mar. 4-5-6.

Top bowlers from this area will be competing in team, singles, doubles, and all-event competition and the public is invited out to watch the competition.

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