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## RICE HIGH SCHOOL RAIDERS

### BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

and

### Coaches Jack Grammer and Gil Stalbaum

## DISTRICT 20AA CHAMPIONS

Rice High School Raider Cogers



The Rice High School Raider Boys Basketball Team, champions of District 20AA, are shown above, l. to r., John Grammer, Dennis Bluntson, Victor Davis, Darryl Axel, back row, l. to r., Darrel Appelt, Madison Smith, Stephen Spaniel, Larry Haynes, Lonnie Bluntson and David Grammer. Not pictured is Ernest Fields.

**Back the Raiders in Bi-Dist. Play**  
 Vs. WILLIS (Dist. 19AA Champs)  
 in (Site still undetermined at press time at 9 a.m. Wed.) on Mon. or Tues.  
 7:30 P.M.

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### Freshmen Boys End Year In District Tourney At Waller

**Finish In 2nd Place; Lose To Columbus In Finals**

The Rice High School Freshmen boys ended their 1978-79 season this past weekend finishing second in the District 20AA freshman tournament, behind Columbus in Waller.

The Raiders, coached by Henry Garza, finished the season with a 16-4 record and had gone without a loss in the regular district schedule, but succumbed to the Cardinals in the finals of the tournament on Saturday afternoon.

Rice earned a bye in the first round of play by finishing first during the regular season and moved into the second round against Belleville. The Raiders slipped by the Brahms 45-35 as John Dawson scored 13 points, Kenneth Bluntson 10 and Kenneth Hemphill had eight.

In the finals against Columbus, the Raiders seemed to have the game under control as they pulled ahead of the Cards to lead 25-16 at halftime. But a cold shooting second half and a tough full court trap press by Columbus allowed the Raiders only 8 points as the Cardinals came from behind to win 42-33 and capture the District 20AA championship.

Dawson was high scorer for Rice with 13 against Columbus with Ronald Dawson adding 10 in the loss.

# SPORTS

### Quail Season Ends This Sun., Feb. 18

The 1978-79 hunting seasons will officially end this Sunday, Feb. 18th with the close of the quail shooting season.

Quail will remain in season only through Sunday with a daily bag limit of 12 and possession limit of 36.

After Sunday, the only legal shooting targets will be squirrel which remain in season all year long in this county.

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**Commuters League**  
 Glenda Moore was top individual scorer in the Commuters League last Thursday with a 200-499. Abigail had 2120 and Fireballs high game of 766.

**Sheridan Drilling** continues to set the pace with 54 wins in first place, followed by Abigail and Fireballs tied with 47 each, Mohats have 45%, Schlitz Beer 44, The Handles 43, and Baumgart Insurance 41.

**Skull Creek Mixed** Competition in the Skull Creek Mixed League continues very close with only seven games separating the top five teams. At the end of play Feb. 6th the Woolly Boogers held down first place with 58 wins, Night Stalkers were second with 54, Skull Creek Mixed third with 53, Catfish Farmers fourth with 52 and What Can I Say fifth with 51.

The Goofers set a new high team game Feb. 6th with a 901 and Skull Creek Lanes posted a high team series of 2391. Floyd Spenrath was high roller for the men with a 212-547 and Becky Graham had high series with 535 and Nita Barten high game of 223-500. Other top scorers were Dutch Schmidt 540, Mario Graham 200-540, Donis Clipson 514, Ben Castillo 505, LaVerne Graham 214-531, Willie Moore 504 and Leroy Janda 544.

On Jan. 30th Skull Creek Lanes had high game and series with an 895-2433. Mazo Graham was high scorer for men with a 257-623 and Margie Knippel's 486 series and LaVerne Graham's 197 game led the women. Janda rolled a 514, Billy David 508, Erwin

## Rice Raider Boys Win District 20AA Crown

The Rice High School Raider boys have brought another District championship to the school as they have captured the title in the District 20AA race with a 15-1 record.

The Raiders clinched the crown on Friday night as they crushed the Sealy Tigers 75-28 in Raider Gym. Hempstead was the only team with any hope of staying alive in the race, but dropped their second game of the second half on Friday night, losing to Columbus.

Rice, feeling a let down after clinching the title and with a cold shooting night, ended the schedule Tuesday night in Hempstead, dropping a 62 to 55 decision to the Bobcats to end regular District 20AA play.

The Raiders now advance to bi-district competition against the District 19AA champion Willis. The game will be played either Monday or Tuesday night of next week but at our press time at 9 a.m. Wednesday, representatives of the two schools had been unable to decide on a day or site.

It is expected that this decision will be coming later in the day Wednesday after another meeting between the representatives from the contending schools.

**Defeat Sealy**  
 John Grammer led the Raiders with 37 points to down the Sealy Tigers last Friday night in Raider Gym 78-28. The Raiders, after a lackluster first half, exploded in the second half for 48 points while allowing the Tigers only 12.

The Tigers, attempting to slow down the pace of the game in the first quarter, trailed the Raiders 8-7. But Rice picked up the pace in the second period pulling to a 30-22 lead at halftime.

It was all Rice in the second half as the team played some of their most inspired ball in the last few games. The Raiders pulled ahead 51-22 after the third period and extended the lead to 78-28 at the final buzzer.

**JV Downs Sealy**  
 The Raiders junior varsity came from behind Friday night to defeat the Sealy Tigers 53-49.

The Raiders led throughout the first half, but saw their lead erode in the third period as Sealy pulled ahead 38-35. The Raiders managed to regain the lead and went on to win 53-49.

Mike Johnson led the way for Rice with 18 points.

Ernest Fields added 12 and David Grammer and Robert Frazier each had eight.

Waller, who was upset by Royal on Tuesday night, finishes the second-half of district in a three way tie with Columbus and Hempstead, all with 5-2 marks.

**JV Is Dist. Champ Also**  
 The Raider JV, coached by Gil Stalbaum, also captured the district 20AA title in a 51-43 decision, as they defeated Hempstead Tuesday night.

The win ends their season with a 16-5 mark, with a 12-2 record in district. Waller JV lost on Tuesday night and finishes second with a 11-3 mark.

The JV scored an easy victory over Hempstead 75-56. Robert Frazier led all scorers with 27 points. Johnson had 17, Ernest Ramirez had 18 and Robert Barrios had six.

**Meet Willis In Bi-District Game Date, Site Still Undetermined**

The Raiders will meet Willis next Monday or Tuesday night in the bi-district game (site not yet determined) in bi-district play.

Willis is the winner of District 19AA and is back in bi-district competition for the second year in a row.

Last year, Columbus knocked Willis out of the playoffs and advanced to the regional finals in Brenham where the Cards were eliminated.

The Willis attack is centered around three of its players. Fowler, a 6'4" postman, has been tabbed, according to Raider scouting reports, as a fair postman, shoots with the left hand and has good quickness. Johnson, a 6'1" forward, is the best outside shooter on the Willis team and is as good as any shooter the Raiders have faced this season. Babop, a 6' guard, is the other player in the threesome. He has also been listed as a good shooter from the outside.

Other starters for Willis are listed at 6'2" and 6'6".

Though Willis has the district title wrapped up, they were defeated in a league battle on Friday night in Coldspring 73-71. The loss put the Willis record at 24-3 compared to the Raiders 25-6 mark.

The Raiders will have an overall height advantage on Willis with 6'7" Raider center Lonnie Bluntson clogging the middle on defense and scoring from close range on offense. 6'4" sophomore Larry Haynes will aid the Raiders' inside game helping Bluntson on the boards both offensively and defensively.

The Raiders outside attack will be led by 6'2" guard John Grammer. Grammer is averaging 23 points per contest and has humbled defenses with his long range shots and penetrating layups. Dennis Bluntson, 5'11" forward, adds support to Raiders attack by taking pressure off of other outside shooters.

Darryl Axel, 5'11" guard, is the quarterback on the team. He gets the ball down the court and starts the Raider offense. Defensively, Axel's quickness and hustle rates him with the best.

The Raiders are looking forward to this bi-district battle and to advancing in the state playoffs. Rice finished the district with a 15-1 mark and is looking to keep that mark perfect through further competition.

Raider fans are urged to support the Raiders at this and all games throughout the playoffs.

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## SPORTS

Jeff Frnka, Sports Editor

### Climb Aboard The Raider Express

The Raider Express is now boarding. First stop is for the boys' bi-district championship with the Raiders, winners of District 20AA, meeting Willis, winner of District 19AA. All passengers will be allowed to disembark and attend the game to be played on Monday or Tuesday night. Unfortunately, neither the day of the site had been determined at our press time.

Yes, the Raider Express has built up a full head of steam and is making its way toward an outstanding season for both the girls' and the boys' basketball teams.

Fans throughout the district are urged to board the Express and become a part of the outstanding winning program that is being exemplified by the two teams. More and more fans are attending Raider games each week and many more are boarding the Express by offering their congratulations as seen on page six.

The Raider boys have wrapped up the District 20AA championship and are scheduled to meet Willis.

The Raider girls are one victory away from capturing the same title and are already assured a spot in a district playoff for that crown should they not win the second half championship.

The boys field one of the finest teams in Class AA in the state and are currently ranked number three in that class. Seniors John Grammer and Lonnie Bluntson are two main reasons for the Raiders' success and are catching the eye of not only their opponents but also most of the major college teams in Texas.

Scouts from Baylor, Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Midwestern, North Texas State, Blinn JC and Navarro JC are among those that recently attended Raider games with interest in the two outstanding players.

The girls are somewhat of a surprise as they are competing in full court basketball for the first time. They were not expected to do well, especially with several starters not returning to play this season, but they have not the hearts of Raider fans with their hustle and never ending desire on the court.

The coaches have played an important role in both programs also.

Jack Grammer, in his eighth season as the Raider boys' coach, has proven to be among the tops in high school coaches in the state. On his way to winning several post season titles for the Raiders, he has compiled an impressive 153-87 mark. This season will mark the best win-loss record for Grammer as the Raiders are currently 23-6.

Reuben Wunderlich, the only girls' coach in Rice's nine year history, has also proven to be among the top coaches in basketball.

Under his direction the Raiders have secured several post season titles and has compiled almost 200 wins during that time.

It's obvious the Raider Express is rolling and things are looking bright for the future. But let's get behind the Raiders now. Let's show them we are behind them 100%. Let's all pitch in to make this season one of the best, one we won't forget for a long time. Climb aboard the Raider Express now!



**Wednesday Nite Trio**  
 Just Court C.L. leads the Wednesday Nite Trio with 59 wins followed by the Big Mamas with 57, Diplomats with 52, Outcasts 44 and Goetz Services 44.

Last week the high team series went to the Strugglers for a 1761 and the Strugglers also rolled high game of 647. Jackie Goetz led individual scoring with a 191-503.

**Monday Nite Mixed**  
 The S-Quos hold onto a one game lead in the Monday Nite Mixed league with 54 wins, followed closely by the Pinbusters with 53, G.C.O.C. with 51 and Van Clan with 44.

In action Monday night the S-Quos rolled top series with a 2347 and Pinbusters had high game of 824. Freddie Peltis led the men's scoring with a 207-642. Melva Quinney rolled top scores for the women with a 209-509. Lee Roy Guth man posted a 205-626. Elaine Dromgole 504, and Boots Quinney 502.

**Initial League**  
 Larry Rothbauer's big 356-630 led the individual scoring and the Raider's Phillip 66 Station rolled high team scores of 1085-350 to highlight series in Initial League Feb. 5th.

Larry's leads league with 39-4th place, followed by

**New Rubber For Stolen Car Proves Costly**

A female juvenile who attempted to buy four new tires for an automobile at Berger's Mobil Service early Monday morning got more than she bargained for.

Lawrence Berger, owner of the station, is also a Constable and he had received notice that a vehicle with the same license plates as the girl's car was reported stolen in Houston.

Berger notified the sheriff's department and city police and patrolman Clark Magrath apprehended the girl and brought her to the police station for questioning.

The owner of the stolen car was notified and he came to get his car and the juvenile was returned to Houston since the car owner declined to press charges. Officers said that the girl intended to pay for the new tires with a Mobil credit card.

**Bank, Postoffice To Be Closed Mon., Feb. 19**

The First National Bank of Eagle Lake and the Post Office will be closed all day next Monday, Feb. 19th in observance of the annual birthday anniversary of George Washington.

Citizens are asked to note the holiday: Because of the lack of mail delivery on that date, the Headlight asks that the deadline for mailed advertisements or reports be advanced by one day.

## Raider Girls Take Big Step Toward Dist. Title

**Must Win One of Two Games Remaining**

The Rice High School Raider girls took a giant step toward the District 20AA championship during the past week as they defeated Sealy and Hempstead to maintain a one-game lead in the race with only two games remaining on the schedule.

The Raiders finished the first half of the district race with a 61 mark, tied with Royal. But since Rice gave Royal their only loss, the Raiders won the first half title. Sealy finished one game back with a 52 mark, having lost the last two games of the first half race.

The Raiders currently hold a game lead over both Sealy and Royal and need only to win one of their remaining games to clinch the second half title and the District title. Royal and Sealy will meet this Friday which should eliminate one of them from the race.

**Girls Go To Belleville Fri., Host Waller In District Finale Tues.**

This Friday night, the Raider girls will travel to Belleville for two games with the JV starting the action at 6:00 followed by the varsity at 7:30. On Tuesday night the Raiders will close out their regular season play hosting Waller for two games starting at 6:00 and 7:30 in Raider Gym. Fans are urged to plan to attend these important Raider games and to help support the Raiders in their quest for the District 20AA championship and in further competition.

**Best Sealy 44-37**  
 Coach Reuben Wunderlich's Raiders scored their biggest win of the season on Friday night as they squeaked by Sealy 44-37 in a very exciting ball game played in Sealy.

Sealy had beaten the Raiders in their first half of district meeting played at Rice.

Sandra Flowers and

**Undergoes Surgery**  
 Mrs. E. H. (Dorothy) Breithaupt is in Eagle Lake Community Hospital where she is recuperating nicely

Don gall bladder surgery performed Wednesday of last week. Friends join in wishing her a speedy recovery to good health.

**Win Two Over Hempstead**  
 The Raiders moved a step closer to the District championship with an easy 44-22 victory over Hempstead at Rice on Tuesday night.

Phyllis Carter led the way for Rice with 11 points for Coach Reuben Wunderlich's girls team. Mary Beack added eight points in the victory.

Coach Paula Valis' Raider JV picked up another win on Tuesday night as they downed Hempstead 33-27. Joyce Clayton had 11 in the win for Rice and Marie Carter pumped in eight.

Raider fans are invited to attend the final two district games for the Raiders in Belleville on Fri. and against Waller in Raider Gym Tues.

**Montezuma Holding Mail Ballot Election**

Free Dance Stated Saturday, Mar. 3

Club Montezuma is holding a mail ballot election on this week for the election of new directors and is making plans for a free dance for paid-up members on Saturday, March 3rd.

Members are asked to mark their mail ballots and to return them, along with the \$15.00 membership dues, to Mrs. Billy J. (Jean) Williams by this Thursday, Feb. 15th, if possible.

Nominated for directorships (3 men and 4 women to be elected) are: Ralph Truly, Jo Ann Mahalite, Richard Clippson, Sue Causey, Brenda Corman, Gene Jones, Ernie Sommerlatte, Mary Lou Szymanski, Bill Appelt, Davis Waddell, Diana Brunner and Brock Ashby.

**BUZZIN' ABOUT TOWN**

• Marsha Cunningham, owner of The Custom Shoppe in Eagle Lake, announces the shop will be closed from Feb. 26 through Mar. 2.

• The first of several congratulatory and booster advertisements backing the Rice Raider boys' and girls' basketball team is published this week. If you are not listed as a booster sponsor and would like to be included, call the Headlight office before noon Friday of this week. Texas.

**Bounty Report**  
 Colorado County Judge's Deater Crank reported to the Commissioners' Court Monday that bounties of \$5 each were paid on 36 wolves and coyotes killed in this county during the month of January by private citizens.

**AGRICULTURAL OBSERVATIONS**

From TEXAS A&M RESEARCH SITE EAGLE LAKE 1/

Date	Air Temp	2/	Soil Temp	Evap	Rain
Feb	Max	Min	Max	Min	(Ins) (In)
6	44	36	45	45	.022 0.04
7	44	35	44	40	0
8	64	32	51	38	0
9	55	24	46	37	.186 0
10	61	32	64	37	.161 0
11	69	42	54	46	.088 0
12	72	48	59	48	.065 0

1/ In cooperation with National Weather Service & Texas Water Development Board

2/ Sheltered air temperatures

**Tuesday, February 13, 1979**

Agricultural weather highlights issued by the National Weather Service for the Texas Coastal Plains. The chances for showers will increase in the Coastal Plains Thursday through Saturday as cooler air pushes into the state. Temperatures will also cool a bit. In the meantime, partly cloudy and mild conditions will continue. Wet soils and the prospects for more rain later this week mean that field work is still many days off. Soil temperatures will probably decrease by this weekend as cooler weather returns. Right now, average soil temperatures at the 4-inch depth are in the mid to upper 50s. Recent warm temperatures will boost growth of small grain pastures. Rapid growth and tall, cool temperatures is the right condition for hay in early stages. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station reports that quality supplemental feed will reduce the threat of injury. Continued wet soils in feed lots mean more chances for footrot in cattle. If the disease is detected, treatment should be initiated immediately.

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