

# ON TO THE STATE

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### Rice High School Raider Boys' Basketball Team

IN THE

## STATE CLASS AA

## TOURNEY

Raiders Meet Whitehouse at 3:30 P.M.  
Thursday (Finals At 11 A.M. Sat.)

**Congratulations**  
TO OUR  
**Region III Champion Boys**  
AND OUR  
**Bi-District Champion Girls!!**

Support The Rice Raider Girls In  
Region III Play This Fri. & Sat.  
IN Blinn Jr. College Gymnasium

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**Rice High School Raider**  
**Girls' Basketball Team...**  
For Their District 20AA Championship...  
and for their Bi-District Victory Tuesday Night!

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- Mary Lou & Arthur Anderson



# SPORTS

## Larry's 66 Wins Team, Frank Tate Singles In Bowl Tourney

The Colorado Valley Men's Bowling Association's annual city tournament was held last weekend at Skull Creek Lanes in Altair with league officials reporting it as an outstanding success.

The Larry's 66 team captured first place in team bowling with their 2990 team total. Bowlers on the top team included Claude Barnes, Richard Rothbauer, Larry Appell, Larry Rothbauer and Wimpy Kristek.

Second place team in the tournament with a 2983 total was Tuesday Nite Special including Alton New, Jerry Willis, Howard Wilkerson, Dennis Wilkerson and Darrell Gertson.

Third place team was Johnny's Sport Shop, Mike Grigar, Randy Burrow, Steve Almanza, David Euers and Les LeBouef, with a total of 2982, fourth team prize went to Tumix Exxon, Tommy Tumix, Jerry Tesch, Gene Tesch, Laddie Bueck and Ronnie Maschek, with 2924, and fifth to the J.B.'s Trojans, Mano Graham, Ben Castillo, Erwin Knippel, Floyd Spenrath and J. B. Trojan, with 2920.

**Doubles Winners**  
Laddie Bueck and Jerome Kanak won prize money and patches for their first place doubles total of a whopping 1319.

Others finished in the following order: second, Chuck Stephens and Albert Tomchesson, 1296; third, Draper Stephens and Bill Blair, 1266; fourth, Tommy Tumix and Jerry Tesch, 1250; fifth, Howard Wilkerson and Dennis Wilkerson, 1246; and sixth, Harry Barten and Herbert Graham, 1231.

**Frank Tate Wins Singles**  
Frank Tate's 601 series won him first place prize money and a patch in singles. Jim Bunge finished second with 587; Mike Grigar third 666; Mark Henake fourth 662; Bob Criswell fifth 660; Chuck Stephens sixth 641; and tied for seventh Larry Rothbauer and David Euers with 639.

Darrell Gertson posted a mighty 1900 in all-events handicap to win first place money and a patch. Laddie Bueck was second with 1899; Ervin Rucka finished third with 1859 and Jim Bunge fourth with 1837. Mano Graham's 1799 total took all-events scratch.

**3 Sealy Tigers Sign Letters**

Three members of the AA state champion Sealy Tiger team have signed pre-enrollment letters with three different universities.

Gary Hill has made a commitment to the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The 6'1", 190-pound running back played football with the Sealy Tigers from seventh grade through this year, being on the varsity team three years.

Michael Zapalac, Tiger offensive tackle, signed with Stephen F. Austin at Nacogdoches. The 6'4" Sealy teammate, weighing 250 pounds, has also played with the Tigers since the seventh grade, and has been on the varsity team for three years.

Eric Dickerson signed a letter with Southern Methodist University of Dallas. He is 6'3" and weighs 202 pounds. Dickerson has been on the varsity team the past four years.

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# Rice Girl Cagers Win Bi-District Title

## Advance To Region III Meet at Blinn Fri., Sat.

### Beat Hardin 47-46 On Last Second Shot By McTear

(By Jeff Friska, Sports Editor)

Sharon McTear connected on a 12-foot jump shot with four seconds on the clock to give the Rice High School Raider girls a 47-46 victory over Hardin at the bi-district championship at Prairie View A&M Gym on Tuesday night.

The win advances the Raiders to the Region III Class AA Girls Basketball Tournament to be held at Blinn Jr. College on Friday and Saturday night. As of press time, early Wednesday morning, the matchups and times had not been set.

The tournament will follow the same format as the boys regional tournament with games at 7:00 and 8:30 p.m. on Friday and the finals at 7:30 on Saturday.

Other teams expected to qualify for the tournament along with Rice are: Kountze, Pflugerville and Waco Robinson.

The big bucket by McTear Tuesday night, came after Rice gained possession of the ball with only 15 seconds remaining and Hardin ahead 46-45.

Rice worked the ball around and gave the ball to her and she drove inside the free throw line, pulled up, and hit nothing but net. Hardin, stunned by the come-back, never got the ball back into play.

Catch Reuben Wunderlich's Raiders, who were not favored in the contest, played an outstanding game throughout the contest outshooting Hardin and playing an aggressive and intimidating defense. The win came over a very fine ball club and shows a lot of promise for our Raiders in the regional playoffs.

The Raiders led throughout the first half, ahead by five at the end of the first quarter and at halftime. Flowers was the big gun for Rice in the first half with 12 points. But it was key steals by the Raider defense that kept the momentum in Rice's favor.

Rice maintained the lead through most of the third period, falling behind by one but leading going into the final period 38-37.

In the exciting fourth quarter, the lead changed hands four times and was tied once. The biggest margin came with just under two minutes remaining when Hardin went up by three. Rice lost possession after that with 1:30 remaining and looked doomed.

But Hardin, trying to stretch their lead, failed to score and the Raiders controlled the rebound. Flowers connected with 1:02 left to move Rice within one. The Raider defense came through again, regaining possession but Flowers picked up her fifth foul, being called for charging.

Amazingly, the hustle and determination of the Raider defense forced two turnovers by Hardin in the remaining seconds, with Rice capitalizing on the final miscue as McTear hit the game winning shot with time running out.

Flowers ended the contest with 23 points, Patricia Banks had 10, McTear scored nine and Phyllis Carter had eight.

Other Raiders seeing action and having an outstanding game for Rice were, Roberta Tomchesson, Mary Beck and Janice Waligura.

The Raiders continue to play outstanding and in-spring basketball and deserve the support of all Rice fans.

It is going to be a busy weekend with the boys in Austin and the girls in Brenham, so plan now to attend all games and support these fine teams on to the state championships.

**Bluntson Goes Up For Two**

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**Rice vs. Whitehouse**  
Game this Thursday at 3:30 p.m.  
ON  
KACO, 1090 AM, Bellville  
Johnny's Sport Shop  
in Eagle Lake  
urges you to attend Thursday's game, but if you can't, listen to the locally sponsored live broadcast on your radio. If the Raiders reach the finals at 11 a.m. Saturday, they too will be aired on KACO.  
**SUPPORT THE RAIDERS**

## Bluntson, Grammer Lead Rice To Regional Championship

### S P O R T S

### Raider Boys In State Cage Tourney

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fourth period but saw that lead cut to six at 65 to 59. From that point, Hardin-Jefferson managed only one point with Rice adding five points for the 70 to 60 win.

Dennis Bluntson had 13 points, Larry Haynes nine, and Darryl Axel six in the contest. Stephen Spanihel and Darrel Appell also saw limited action in the game.

Dozier Lee led Hardin-Jefferson scoring with 16, Sammy Stelly added 13 and Skip Jackson 10 points.

**Best Crockett Is Finish**  
In the finals on Saturday night in Brenham, Bluntson, Rice's 6'7" senior postman, scored 12 first half points to help the Raiders to a 25 to 22 lead over Crockett at half-time.

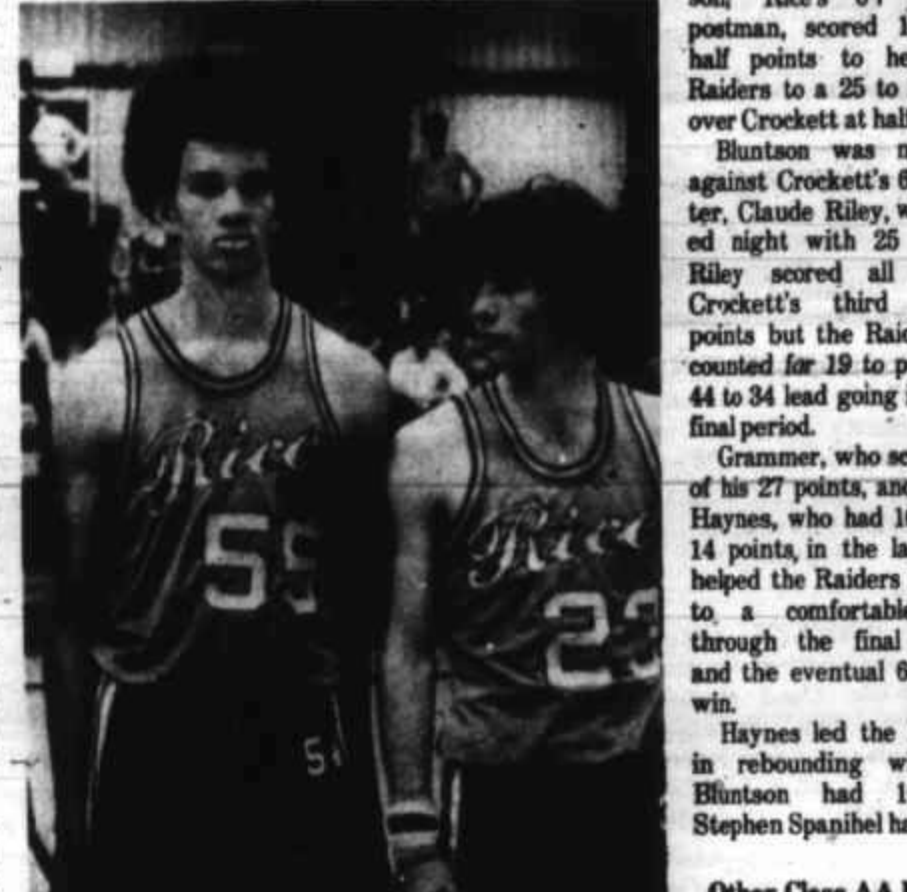
Bluntson was matched against Crockett's 6'8" center, Claude Riley, who ended night with 25 points. Riley scored all 12 of Crockett's third period points but the Raiders accounted for 19 to pull to a 44 to 34 lead going into the final period.

Grammer, who scored 19 of his 27 points, and Larry Haynes, who had 10 of his 14 points in the last half, helped the Raiders hold on to a comfortable lead through the final period and the eventual 63 to 48 win.

Haynes led the Raiders in rebounding with 12, Bluntson had 10 and Stephen Spanihel had five.

**Other Class AA Results**  
In other Class AA Regional action, Seminole defeated Dimmitt 46 to 44 for the Region I title; Whitehouse downed previously unbeaten Bowie 43 to 39 in Region II; and Baling beat Sharyland 61 to 51 in Region IV.

### On All-Tourney Team



Lonnie Bluntson, left, and John Grammer, right, were selected to the All-Tournament team at the conclusion of the Class AA Region III Tournament held last weekend in Brenham. Bluntson led the Raider scorers with 25 points against Hardin-Jefferson on Friday night. Grammer scored 27 points to lead Rice over Crockett in the finals on Saturday. Rice will play Whitehouse Thursday at 3:30 p.m. at the "Super Drum" in Austin.

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
to Coaches  
**Jack Grammer and Gil Stalbaum**  
and  
**Reuben Wunderlich and Paula Valis**  
and your  
**Rice Raider Basketball Teams**  
In recognition of  
your long hours of hard work and dedication

**Boys:**  
**DISTRICT 20AA CHAMPIONS**  
**REGION III AA CHAMPIONS**

**GIRLS:**  
**DISTRICT 20AA CHAMPIONS**  
**BI-DISTRICT CHAMPIONS**

— From The Rice Coaching Staff —

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**Bruce & Susie Brenneman**  
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**Renee Duncan**

★ Good Luck in the State & Region Tournaments ★