

Rice Ends Non-District Losing 18-7 To Needville

**Take This Week Off:
Open District 20AA
Play In Seely Oct. 5th**

The Rice High School Raiders football team will take a much needed break this Friday night before opening District 20AA competition against Seely on October 5th in Seely.

The off week will give the Raiders a chance to regroup after suffering a disappointing 18 to 7 loss to Needville Friday night, moving their record to 1-2 at the conclusion of their non-district schedule. It was the second straight loss by Rice, having won their season opener over Weimar, then losing to Hallettsville prior to Friday night's game.

Despite the dominance in the game by Needville, the Raiders did stand a chance of slipping away with a victory thanks to a hard hitting and aggressive defense. They were given every opportunity to spoil the homecoming game for the Blue Jays, recovering six fumbles and intercepting one pass. Three of those fumbles stopped Needville drives inside Rice's 50 yard line. Rice stopped another drive with good defense on the line.

However, poor field position limited them on those turnovers and an offense that could provide only eight yards on the ground, spelled doom for the Raiders.

Rice did manage to take advantage of one turnover after Earnest Fields recovered a Needville fumble six yards from the Raider end zone.

Rice Scores First
Rice took over on third down and four. Raider quarterback Vic Davis left a long pass to split end Robert Barrios, who made a superb catch despite the coverage of two defenders, and then ran all the way to the Blue Jay five yard line. Davis ran in from two yards on this play later to give Rice a stunning lead with 2:45 left in the first half. James Rhodes' kick made it 7 to 0.

The Raiders ended the night with a total of 122 yards passing with Barrios' catch accounting for 82 of those yards. He has been one of the consistent bright spots for Rice throughout the young season, providing some dazzling runs and catches on offense and kick returns and making the big plays defensively.

Barrios' touchdowns setting up catch proved to be the only bright spot for the Raiders offense Friday night as they managed only five first downs and struggled the whole night except for that scoring drive.

Fumbles also affected Rice offensively, nullifying several good yardage plays. Needville's defense, led by 220 pound senior lineman Brian Teyk, took care of Rice the rest of the night with a strong attack that the Raiders found hard to get around.

Needville Scores
Needville finally got on the scoreboard in the second half. The Raiders had taken the opening kickoff, but fumbled on their third play giving the Jays possession 32 yards from paydirt.

On their second play, Needville's speedy running back Anthony Ketchum dashed 25 yards for the score. The extra point attempt failed and Rice held on to a 7 to 6 lead.

That lead appeared to be good enough with Needville not able to take advantage of scoring opportunities. For instance, in the early stage of the fourth period Rice fumbled and Needville took over with several yards between them and the goal line. But, they fumbled three plays later and Rice regained possession at the nine.

It eventually led to a score, however, as Rice was unable to move from that spot and elected to kick quick on a third and 14 situation. Needville took over on the 36 and three plays later, good execution on a booting pass by Needville's quarterback David Knoch found and David Lott wide open in the

end zone.

The Jays tried for two but failed leaving Rice in good striking distance trailing 12 to 7 with 4:20 remaining in the final quarter.

The Raiders took the ensuing kickoff and moved to the 43 thanks to a reception good for 19 yards by Rice's tight end Robert Fraizer. Interception costly.

But, after a 12 yard loss on a sack, an interception followed with the fumble recovery by Schneider at the six yard line.

Rice, also flustered by turnovers, lost four fumbles and one pass was picked off. In penalties, the Raiders were caught eight times for 55 yards while Needville had seven for 35.

Total yardage for the Raiders came to 130 with Needville picking up 296. Ketchum accounting for 111. Rice accounting for 111. Rice completed three of 13 passes. The Blue Jays three of seven. Eleven first downs were earned by Needville, 10 coming in first half action.

Rice only had five first downs. Rice's Kenneth Blumens helped state two Needville drives, falling on one fumble on the 17 and getting another at midfield. Davis also came up with two, one fumble on Rice's 32 and an interception on the nine.

*****District 20AA Results*****

around the league

Columbus, Bellville Collect Only Wins For District 20AA Teams

Seely Loses To Columbus, Water Records Tie Again

Bellville 21 Columbus 9
The Bellville Brahmas racked up 377 yards of total offense, mauling their way to a 27 to 0 win over Cameron in non-district play last Friday.

Bellville, 2-1, led by only 7 to 0 through three periods of play on a long TD run by Jerry Jackson. The Brahmas added 20 points in the final quarter with Edward Leaks scoring from 3 yards. Alton Ward, who had 142 yards rushing, scoring from 34 yards and John Jackson punting in from one yard out. Bellville will be idle this week before opening District play Oct. 5th.

Columbus 14 La Grange 14
The Columbus Cardinals picked up their second win in as many starts with a 26 to 14 win over La Grange in Columbus last Friday night. The Cards were idle Sept. 13 and will host Yorkum in Columbus this week while most of the other 20AA teams are in action.

East Bernard 13 Royal 8
East Bernard's Mike Black returned a punt 60 yards late in the fourth quarter, enabling the Brahmas to slip past Royal 13 to 8 at Brookshire Friday night.

Morris Bankston scored the first TD for East Bernard when he caught a 8 yard Greg Losack pass. David Kibens' kick gave the Brahmas a 7 to 0 lead. Royal, now 0-2, cut the lead to 7 to 6 when Ray Blackshear connected with Mike Glover for a 25 yard touchdown in the third quarter. But Black's fourth period punt return clinched it for East Bernard who is now 2-1.

Waller 18 Splendora 18
Waller scored a touchdown with 18 seconds left, but failed to convert the PAT and suffered its second tie game in the season with a 18 to 18 deadlock with Splendora Friday night.

Waller, now 1-0-2, was aided by a pass interference call at the one yard line where Bryan Johnson plunged in to tie the score.

Wills 23 Magnolia 23
Wills' 23 to 23 tie with Magnolia. Chris Armstrong led Magnolia, now 0-3, with 98 yards and two touchdowns.

Columbus 20 Seely 12
Defending state class AA champion Seely, 1-1, met their match Friday as they suffered a 20 to 12 loss to class AAA competitor Columbus. Seely, also idle on Sept. 13th, recorded its only win in a 50 to 0 crushing of Brazos Consolidated.

Hempstead 14
Hempstead, 0-2, took this Friday night off, having lost its first two contests to Hearne and Caldwell. The Bobcats will be back in action this week battling the Brahmas in East Bernard for their final non-district game.

Protein is the basic substance of every cell in the body.

Good drying rates through Saturday. Coastal Plains weather won't show much change for the next five days. No fronts are due and the Western Gulf is free from any moisture. Dry conditions under partly cloudy temperatures and good drying conditions under partly cloudy temperatures. Moderate dew will continue as a combination of cool nights and wet ground.

Fields will lose excess topsoil moisture fairly rapidly this week, but don't expect much field work to get underway before early next week. This long spell of rains followed by moderate to heavy dew will help prevent plant diseases to spread. Watch for, and protect with sprays where necessary, brown patch in lawns and black spot in roses. Leaf diseases in soybeans may be on the increase, so check with your Agricultural Extension Agent or Chemical Dealer for recommendations. Hay will cure slowly while the ground stays wet, but the chance for rain is very low.

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SPORTS

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GRID SCHEDULE

Results Last Week:
Sheridan 40 Garwood 30
Raiders 8 Louisa 30
Rice Freshmen 40 Needville 6

Rice JV 14 Needville 15
Rice Varsity 7 Needville 15
Wills 23 Magnolia 23
Waller 18 Splendora 18
East Bernard 13 Royal 8
Hallettsville 28 Tidehaven 7
Katy 9 Tomball 7
Wharton 47 Aransas Pass 0
Gonzales 6 Yorkum 0
Columbia 20 Seely 12
Shiner 47 Nixon 19
Schulenburg 21 Brazos 6
Cuero 14 Edna 0
Ganado 14 Palacios 13
Angleton 14 El Campo 6
Game Time Thursday

ELMS 7th and 8th host
Weimar 5:30 and 7:00
Garwood-Sheridan 5:00
Shiner in Garwood, 5:00
Rice Freshmen and JV, off
Game Time Friday

Rice Varsity, open date
Royal at Van Vleet
Yorkum at Columbus
Hempstead at El Bernard
Seely at Hallettsville
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Edna at Wharton
Hallettsville at La Grange
Shiner at Weimar
Needville at Tidehaven
Schulenburg at Ganado
Game Time Saturday

Teen Challenge Tennis Tourney
The Teen Challenge Annual Tennis Tournament in Wharton for adults will be held October 14-21. There will be a Junior Division Tournament October 13 and 14 for ages eighteen and under and a championship division that is open to all ages on October 27 and 28. Entry fee is \$3.50 singles and \$6.00 per doubles team. Each player may enter three events. Entry deadline is Oct. 11.

Contact Mrs. Carl Seasholtz, Jr. 234-3433 for more information.

Rowling
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Featured Speakers At Rice Coaches Clinic



Over 300 coaches of girls' basketball attended the Third Annual Rice Coaches Clinic held at the Rice High School Gymnasium on Saturday. The event, sponsored by Rice Athletic Director Jack Grammer, continues to be the first and only clinic of its kind, offering lectures and instruction and participation sessions with some of the top coaches in the state. Headlining the list of impressive speakers at Saturday's clinic were:

[Pictured to r.]

Don Knoch, coach of the World Champion Houston Astros; Jan Labady of the Class AAAA state champion Victoria Stingettes; Grammer, who led his boys' team to the Class AA state finals; Dot Woodfin, coach of the University of Houston Lady Coogs; and Bob Kopecky, boys' varsity coach at Alton High School. Also on hand was the veteran Lady Coogs basketball team which defeated its coach with two 100-point games.

Rice Kernels

[By Jeff Franks]

Head Raider football coach Mike Rice blames the recent misfortunes of the team on mistakes and penalties. "Mistakes have really been killing us," says Rice. "It seems every time we do something good a penalty goes against us."

One example in last Friday night's game was a 22 yard run by Raider running back Robby Cook that would have put Rice in good field position. Instead they were faced with a first and 29 on their own 10 yard line and three plays later lost possession on a fumble.

Coach Rice has indicated that the Raiders will be working hard to eliminate many of the mental errors during the off-week practices in preparation for the opening of District 20AA competition on Oct. 5.

Rice has also shown some concern with the morale of the ball club after last week's game, indicating a lack of enthusiasm by some of the Raiders.

"There are some people on this team that just aren't getting after it," said Rice, adding, "During this off week we'll be trying to find the ones that will."

Some of the standouts listed by Rice after Friday night's game were Robert Barrios, John Schneider and Roger Fry on defense, and Jeff Darden and Barrios on offense.

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Rice Freshmen Romp By Needville 40 to 6

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The Raiders will take a well deserved rest this Thursday with an open date, and then head into District 20AA competition when they take on Seely at Raider Field, Oct. 4th.

Last Thursday, most of the Raiders got in on the scoring as seven Raiders accounted for the 40 points.

Ed Thomas opened up the first quarter scoring on a 20 yard run with Stanley Powell kicking for the extra point. Turnovers cost the Blue Jays as Rice got on the board twice more before half of the first period had expired.

Ed Thomas helped to set up that second TD with a 19 yard run that put the Raiders on the one yard line. From there Rob Johnson carried in for the score. The kick failed and Rice led 13 to 0.

The Raiders went to the air for their next tally with quarterback Troy Corman connecting with tight end Phillip Schorriemmer good for 28 yards and the score. Once again the kick failed, but Rice led 19 to 0.

Needville got on the board midway through the second period to cut the Raider lead to 19 to 6, but Rice built their lead back up on a score with 22 seconds left in the half.

Schorriemmer set up the touchdowns by recovering a fumble by the Needville punt returner. Rice hit paydirt again when Corman connected with running back Dwayne Page on a 28 yard pass for the score. Corman led the score 27 to 6 at halftime with the two-point conversion.

Neither team was able to score in the third period, but Rice added two touchdowns in the fourth.

Page put Rice on the board again on a 24 yard run and Powell's kick made it 34 to 6. The scoring drive was set up on a 50 yard run by Johnson.

Alex Ramirez scored the final touchdowns for the Raiders, taking the handoff at his fullback position and carrying five yards for the score. The extra point attempt failed, to end the scoring at 40 to 6.

Neither team could get on the scoreboard in the second quarter, but the Raiders took the opening kickoff of the second half and marched in for another score. The drive was capped on a 26 yard run by running back Terry Corman. Dawson carried in on the conversion to make it Rice 14, Needville 0.

With the Raider offense struggling after that point, the Raider defense put the pressure on the Blue Jays allowing the only score after a turnover in the final period.

Open Tennis Tourney In El Campo
The Second Annual El Campo Lions Club Open Tennis Tournament for adults only (college and high school tennis team members are not eligible) is scheduled for September 30 through October 7.

Entry deadline is Wed. (today), September 26. Each player may enter three events. Entry fee is \$3.00 for singles and \$6.00 per doubles team.