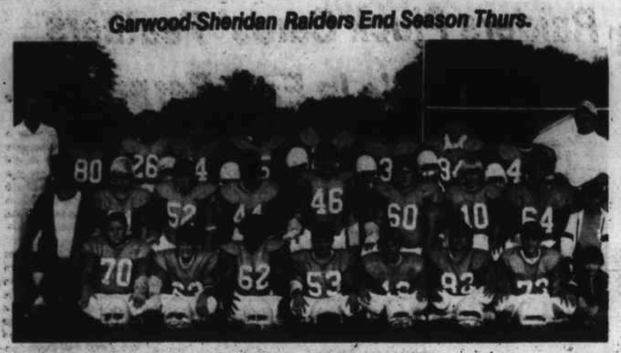
Garwood-Sheridan Raiders End Season Thurs.



The Garwood-Sheridan Raiders will play their final game of the 1980 season against Lexington in Sheridan with kickoff set for 5:00 p.m. The Raiders have faced some tough competition during the year and will be looking to end the season with a win on Thursday. Members of the 1980 squad include: [front row, l. to r.] Johnny Hobbs, Arthur Ortiz, Troy Wunderlich, James Williamson, Adrian Garcia, Dwight Garcia, Mike Pagel, Florencio Ramos, Daryl Pieprzyca, Aaron Machac; [middle row] Mickey Reinhardt, Mike Sonntag, Pecos Cobb, Derrick Williams, Doug Baumgarten, John Ashley, Jon Michalka, Eugene Shorter, Jimmy Botard, Heath Rucker, Jr. Rodriguez, Nelson Dabney, Timmy Montgomery, Robbie Pavin, Orelando Pratt and Coach Bennie Machac.

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Garwood-Sheridan Raiders Play Final Game In Sheridan Thurs.

Lose To Schulenburg Last Thurs. Night

The final game of the season for the Garwood-Sheridan Raiders will be played this Thursday against Lexington in Sheridan beginning at 5:00 p.m.

The Raiders, coming off an 18 to 6 loss to Schulenburg, will be looking to close out the 1980 season on a winning note.

Last Thursday in Schulenburg, the Raiders held on to a 6 to 0 lead late in the third period but gave up 18 points in the latter stages of the game to suffer an 18 to 6 loss.

The Raiders' lone score came on a 54 yard pass play from Nelson Dabney to Robbie Pavin, that gave the Raiders the first half lead.

Derrick Williams led the Raiders in rushing with 23 yards with Dabney adding eight. Defensive standouts included Doug Baumgarten with an interception and Junior Rodriguez with a fumble recovery.

Chosen as captains for last week's game because of their performances two weeks ago were: linemen John Williamson and Mike Sonntag and backs Derrick Williams and Jon Wunderlich.

B-Team Game

In a B-team game following the A-team action the Raiders also came up on the short end of the score 14 to 0.

Mel Pratt with 26 yards, Jimmy Botard with 30 and Timmy Wayne Shorter with 15 led the Raiders' rushing with Eugene Montgomery catching a Darel Pagel pass for 25 yards to lead the passing attack.

Raider coaches Bennie Machac and Mike Michalka, the Raiders and the Raider cheerleaders invite fans to plan to attend the Raiders' final game of the year this Thursday against Lexington to cheer the Raiders to a season-ending victory.

BOWLING

Commuters League

Sheridan Drilling held a one game lead in the Commuters League, at the end of play Nov. 6, with 29 wins, followed by the Low Rollers with 28, Fireballs with 25½, Baumgart Insurance with 24, Schlitz Beer 23.

In the action last Thursday, the Low Rollers posted top team series with 2177 and Grim Reapers had high game of 767. Mary Obenhaus' 524 was high individual series and Elrose Baumgart had high game of 192. Other top scorers were Joyce Graham 519, Lois Taylor 508 and Melody Grigar 508.

Rice Freshmen End Season Whipping Columbus 22-14

The Rice Raider freshmen football team ended its 1980 season last Thursday night with a 22 to 14 victory in Columbus to end the season with a 3-5-1 record.

The Raiders, coached by Dale Norris and Maurice Gindratt, took a 14 point lead going in at halftime and after Columbus came back to tie the game at 14 to 14 in the third quarter, Rice fought back and scored the winning touchdown in the final period to take the win.

Tony Long scored both first half Raider touchdowns, the first on a short run capping a 60 yard drive. The second score by Long followed a fumble recovery on the Cardinal 15 by Mark Munoz. Kenneth Johnson ran in for two extra points following the second TD.

The Raiders saw their lead disappear in third quarter action and went into fourth quarter play with the score knotted. Midway through the period the Raider defense held the Cards and forced a punt. On the return Delbert Jarvis took the ball on his own five yard line and with a key block from James Amos, carried 95 yards for the decisive touchdown. The conversion gave the Raiders a 22 to 14 lead and they held on to take the win by that score.

Defensive standouts listed by the coaches included Mark Munoz, Clarence Spears and Johnson.

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BOWLING

Monday Nite Mixed

Clyde Werland posted high game and series with a 213-538 in Monday Nite Mixed League on Nov. 3. GCOC topped the boards with high series of 2399 and Team #9 had top game with 853. In the women's high series, Mary Obenhaus rolled a 540 and Beatrice Heinold rolled a 224 game. Other high rollers: Lee Briscoe 524, Pinto Broesche 502.

Tied for first in the league are GCOC and Team #9 with 23 each and following are Longhorns 22, Good Times with 21, A's with 19, and Lost and Found 18.

Skull Creek Mixed

Margie Knippel had a hot night on the lanes at Skull Creek Lanes in the Nov. 4 action of the Skull Creek Mixed League, rolling a 216-209-612 series. Mano Graham set the pace for the men with a 221-205-611.

Catfish Farmers posted top team series with 2442 and Skull Creek Lanes had high game of 828. Other leading individual scorers were: Floyd Spenrath 208-202-588, Mike Grigar 205-537, Larry Rothbauer 210-561, Leroy Janda 202-213-554, Curtis Ham 544, Erwin Knippel 200-568, Jimmy Simpson 507, "Chic" Stein 201-553.

Catfish Farmers and the Woolly Boogers are tied for first place in the league each with 30 wins. Skull Creek Lanes is second with 23½, Royals in third with 21½ and following are the Hip Shots 20, What Can I Say, Rice Birds and Night Stalkers are tied for fifth with 19 and Slingers have 18 wins.

Moonlighters League

The Sandbaggers and J.C. Quartet are tied for the league lead in the Moonlighters League at Sealy Bowling Palace. At the end of play Nov. 6, both had 25 wins, followed by Father Tom's Alligators and Commercial Electric with 23½ wins each, Webb's Electronics and KC's with 23 wins each.

In the action last week, Webb's rolled top team scores with a 701-2053 while Ronnie Pfeffer had high individual series with 521 and Floyd Spenrath with high game of 211-517. Other top scorers were: Wolf Ignasiak with 517, Ben Castillo 516, Mickey Kochwelp 515, and Mike Mienek 508.

Initial League

The Lake Motors, Inc. bowlers overcame a 10-point lead held by the Eagle Lake Imps to take a 10 point lead over the Imps after action at Skull Creek Lanes last Thursday night. Lake Motors has 183½, the Imps 173½, Skull Creek Lanes is third with 172, Weimar Lites have 157½, and J. F. Miller Ford 155½.

In the action last week, Western Auto rolled top team series with a 2960 and Skull Creek Lanes had high game of 1088. Larry Rothbauer posted top individual series with 556 and Herb Graham had high game of 220 in a 510 series. Other top scorers were: Glen Locklier 209-554, Mano Graham 205-548, Chic Stein 545, Draper Stephens 538, Erwin Knippel 536, Dan Becker 205-529, Jack Drumgoole 519, Al Novosad 515, Frank Bowen 205-536, Leroy Janda 211-510, James Dahse 543, Gus Seaholm 504 and Lee Briscoe 201-504.

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SPORTS

Deer Season Opens Saturday

Limit Of One Buck In This County

Hundreds of deer hunters from far and wide will pour into this and adjoining counties for the opening of the 1980 deer hunting season this Saturday, Nov. 15th. The deer will be legal targets through Sunday, Jan. 4th, 1980.

The deer are expected to be in shape with a good acorn crop.

In Colorado County the limit is three deer, but the limit may include only one buck and a spike deer is considered as a buck. Spike antlerless or doe deer but the antlerless deer may be killed only if the hunter has in his or her possession a permit from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department pre-[illegible] month to landowners in only two designated areas of the county.

The limits are the same in the neighboring counties of Austin, Lavaca and Fayette; but in Wharton county the limit is three deer, two of which may be bucks.

Legal shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

Deer hunters should also note that:

* A resident license, costing $5.25 is required of all Texas citizens who hunt outside of the county of their residence or who hunt deer anywhere except that persons under 17 years of age, 65 years of age or over, persons hunting on land where they reside or certain disabled veterans, may hunt deer if they possess a $1.25 Resident Exempt Hunting license;

* Dogs may not be used to hunt deer;

* All deer must be tagged immediately upon being killed with the tag provided on the resident license or exempt license and the tag must be properly filled out and marked or punched and securely attached to the carcass;

* Any deer killed by one person and in the possession of another person must have all necessary tags and permits attached and signed by the person who killed the animal. Any portion of an antlered deer must have attached a legible document signed by the person who killed the animal, stating his name, address, date of kill, hunting license number and the name of the county and ranch where the kill was made.

Good Kill Anticipated

Game Warden Sam Center of Eagle Lake, now district supervisor for the Parks and Wildlife Dept.'s enforcement division, says that hunters should find deer plentiful and in good shape this year. At least much better than last year when the total kill was one of the lowest in Colorado and surrounding counties. The district supervisor says that late summer rains have brightened the prospects for deer and they should be in good shape. Also, he noted that there was a good fawn crop and a fair carryover from the 1979 population and kills should run much higher than they did last season.

Quail Season To Open This Saturday

Quail will become legal targets at one-half hour before sunrise this Saturday, Nov. 15th and the season will continue open through Sunday, Feb. 15th, 1981.

In Colorado and surrounding counties the limit on quail will be 12 per day with a possession limit of 36 birds. This was reduced from the 16 per day and 48 possession limit which was approved for the 1979-80 season. However hunters and biologists found that the birds just weren't present in numbers anticipated hence the limits were dropped back to the 12 per day or 36 in possession limit which has been in effect for many year.

BACK THE RAIDERS!

Rice JV Scores 6th Shutout In Columbus

Raiders Are Now 8-0; Play Final Game In East Bernard Thurs.

The Rice Raider JV football team proved to be too much for a spirited Columbus Cardinal team as the Raiders pounded out a 24 to 0 shutout.

It was the sixth time this season that the JV has held its opponent scoreless and is the eighth win by the team with no losses.

This Thursday night the Raiders will travel to East Bernard to close out the 1980 season taking on the Brahmas beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Coached by Gil Stalbaum and David White, the Raiders got off to a slow start but finally got on the board in the second period on a 13 yard run by Kenneth Hemphill. Ed Thomas added two on the conversion to put Rice on top 8 to 0. The Raiders added two more points in the period when the Cardinal punter, standing in his own end zone, had the snap slip through his hands out of the end zone for a safety.

In a hard hitting effort by Rice in the second half, the Raiders dominated defensively but were hurt by some key penalties. But late in the third period the Raiders got on the board again, this time a pass from QB Troy Corman to end Phillip Schorlemmer from six yards out. Hemphill upped the lead to 18 to 0 with the conversion.

In the final period Hemphill cushioned the Raiders' comfortable lead scoring from nine yards out to put Rice on top 24 to 0.

Columbus attempted a field goal in the final minute but the stubborn Raider defense slipped through the Cardinal line and recovered the ball before the kicker had a chance to boot it.

Leading the Raiders' rushing game were Hemphill with 52 yards in 10 carries, including three touchdowns, and Ed Thomas with 46 yards in seven tries. Corman passed eight times completing six for 96 yards, two going to Ronnie Fry for 76 yards.

Ronnie Fry helped keep the Raiders out of poor field position returning three punts for a 39 yard average.

Defensive standouts include James Powell with 13 tackles, Charlie Amos with 11, Thomas and Andy Gertson each with eight. Also turning in good play, according to the coaches, were Jesse Rodriguez and Eugene Kazmir.

Statistics	Rice	Col.
Firsts	9	6
Rushes/Yds.	29/109	30/26
Passes/Yds.	6-8/98	1-4/6
Had Intercepted	1	1
Punts	1/23.0	6/25.7
Penalties	11/65	8/45

Boaters Account For Fatality Rise

Boating-related fatalities accounted for the largest increase in water-related deaths recorded in 1979 by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

As in past years, the largest number of drownings resulted from swimming incidents, but boaters suffered the largest increase in fatalities over the previous year, the department said.

Boating-related deaths rose 38 percent, climbing from 96 deaths in 1978 to 132 in 1979, indicating that many Texas boaters are not observing boating safety laws and procedures.

Alcohol or drugs were reported to be associated with about 10 percent of water-related deaths, but experts believe they are a factor in the chain of circumstances leading to death in 50-60 percent of all water fatalities.

Swimming accounted for the most victims, with 207, or 33 percent of all water-related fatalities.

ELMS Raiders Win Pair Of Thrillers Over Columbus Last Wk.

Pair Of Individual Rushing Performances Highlight Raider Wins

The Eagle Lake Middle School Raiders closed out their home schedule with a couple of impressive wins last Thursday over Columbus at the ELMS Football Field. The seventh grade Raiders won easily, 26 to 0 while the eighth grade had to overcome a 16 to 0 deficit in the first quarter to take a thrilling victory 20 to 16.

This Thursday the Raiders play their final game of the season traveling to East Bernard with the seventh grade game starting at 5:30 and the eighth graders following at 7:00.

A pair of individuals highlighted the Raider running attacks in the two wins last week. Seventh grader Ike Clayton carried the ball six times for 201 yards and 3 touchdowns. The scoring plays came on runs of 49, 44 and 78 yards.

Rodney Parker led the eighth grade comeback, rushing for 168 yards on seven carries. He also scored three touchdowns, his first came after a blocked Raider punt that he scooped up and carried 80 yards and the other two came on runs of 57 and 90 yards.

7th Grade Raiders Win

The win by the seventh grade ups their record to an impressive 6-1 mark for the season with only one game remaining.

Clayton put the Raiders on the road to victory last Thursday scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter on runs of 49 and 44 yards. Dennis Hemphill added to the Raider lead in the second quarter scoring from 26 yards out with Donald Spears adding two points on the conversion to give the Raiders a 20 to 0 halftime lead.

In the third period Clayton scored the Raiders' final touchdown on a 76 yard run to end scoring at 26 to 0.

Defensive standouts in the Raider shutout included Clayton, Raymond Thomas, Bryan Wiese, Danny McElhaney, Cleveland Scott and Spears with two fumble recoveries and Hemphill with a pass interception.

8th Graders Win Thriller

The Raider eighth grade, also coached by Freddie Armstrong and LaNoal Eschberger, made a thrilling come-back to take a 20 to 16 win over the Cardinals last Thursday. The win ups the Raider record to 3-3 on the season and gives them a chance to end the year with a winning mark if they secure a victory in East Bernard this Thursday. Last year, as seventh graders, the Raiders failed to win a game.

The going got a little tough in the opening period of last week's game with the Cards as Columbus piled up a 16 to 0 lead. And it appeared to get even worse when a Raider punt was blocked near the Raider end zone.

However, Rodney Parker was able to scoop up the ball and he turned near disaster into a momentum shifting 80 yard touchdown run. The six-pointer cut the Columbus lead to 16 to 6 after one half of play.

In the third period, Parker, a split end converted to running back, made a brilliant touchdown run from 57 yards out to put the Raiders in striking distance of Columbus.

In the final period the Raiders appeared to be in trouble again backed up on their own 10 yard line. But it was Parker making the big play again, scoring a 90 yarder that gave the Raider running back his third touchdown and the team the go ahead points. Keith Pesnell recovered a fumble in the end zone on the conversion for two extra points to end the scoring in the 20 to 16 Raider victory.

Defensively the Raiders were led by Steve Sims with seven tackles and five assists. Malcolm Thomas with five tackles, five assists and a fumble recovery and Pesnell with an interception.

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Final Football Game For Rice High School Seniors

This Friday night's football contest in East Bernard will be the final game for 20 Rice Raider seniors who formed the nucleus of the best Raider team in the school's 11-year history, posting a 7-1-1 record going into the final contest. These seniors are:

Front row, l. to r., Roger Fry, Vic Davis, John[illegible], Karl Hurd, Bruno Leal, John Schneider;

Second row, l. to r., Kenneth Mosley, Kenny Hyek, Troy Grounds, Chris Gold, Wayne Bowen, Robert Barrios, Robert Frazier;

Standing, l. to r., [illegible] Michael Schorlemmer, Jeff Pesnell, Larry Haynes, Mike Rios, Earnest Fields, and Michael Black. - Rice High School Photo.

District 22AAA Results

around the league

District Title To Be Decided In Season Finales Friday

This Friday night marks the end of regular season play for all but one District 22AAA team. Waller and Rice are currently tied for the lead and should both wind up winners this Friday, which would make them Co-Champions. Waller, of course, would get the nod to advance because of their 4 to 2 edge in penetrations over Rice in the 6 to 6 tie game played earlier this season.

Waller will travel to Wallis to take on the winless Brazos Cougars while Rice travels to East Bernard to take on the Brahmas in what could be a close game.

Other contests around the league have Hempstead at Bellville and Columbus at Sealy.

Action last week follows:

Waller 12 Bellville 0

The Waller Bulldogs scored a touchdown in each of the first two quarters for the only points in their 12 to 0 win over Bellville last Friday.

Byron Johnson and Dale Mikeska scored the TDs for Waller, both on two yard plunges.

Waller pounded out 162 yards rushing and added 99 through the air while allowing Bellville just 89 yards rushing and one yard passing.

Hempstead 12 Sealy 6

Hempstead's Anthony Pratt returned a blocked punt 45 yards for a touchdown to break a third quarter 6 to 6 tie leading the Bobcats to a 12 to 6 win over the Sealy Tigers.

The Bobcats had taken a 6 to 0 lead at halftime on a Johnny Holland six yard run, but Sealy tied the score in the third quarter on a six yard run by David Patcher. Pratt led Hempstead rushing with 92 yards while Holland led passing with 11 completions for 227 yards. Alfred Cloud led the Tigers with 105 yards rushing.

East Bernard 52 Brazos 0

J. B. Scott led the East Bernard Brahmas to a 52 to 0 win over the Brazos Cougars with 257 yards rushing and three touchdowns last Friday night.

Scott scored on runs of 36 and 27 yards to lead the Brahmas to a 39 to 0 first half lead and added another on a four yard run in the third quarter. Dexter Shavers added the Brahmas' final score on a 45 yard run in the third period to end the scoring at 52 to 0. Shavers, who rushed seven times for 73 yards, also scored on a two yard run in the first half.

Other first half scores came from John Kubena on a 30 yard pass play from Mike Black; Black on a four yard run; and E. Knight on a three yard run.

Dist. 22AAA Standings

	W-L-T	Season
Waller	5-0-1	7-0-2
Rice	5-0-1	7-1-1
East Bernard	4-2-0	6-3-0
Bellville	4-2-0	4-5-0
Columbus	2-4-0	3-6-0
Hempstead	2-4-0	2-6-1
Sealy	1-5-0	2-7-0
Brazos	0-6-0	0-9-0

GRID SCHEDULE

Results Last Week:

ELMS 7th 26 Columbus 0
ELMS 8th 20 Columbus 16
Garwood-Sheridan 6 Schulenburg 18
Rice Frosh 22 Columbus 14
Rice JV 24 Columbus 0
Rice Var. 33 Columbus 14
Waller 12 Bellville 0
East Bernard 52 Brazos 0
Hempstead 12 Sealy 6
Hallettsville 28 Goliad 8
Flatonia 21 Lexington 0
Ganado 35 Louise 14
Shiner 53 Weimar 8
Columbia 34 El Campo 6

Games This Thurs.:

Garwood-Sheridan hosts Lexington in Sher., 5:00
ELMS 7th at East Bernard 5:30
ELMS 8th at East Bernard, 7:00
Rice JV host E. Bernard 6:00

Games This Friday;

Rice Varsity at East Bernard, 7:30
Hempstead at Bellville
Waller at Brazos
Columbus at Sealy

THANK YOU
I wish to thank everyone who took time out to vote in the General Election on Nov. 4th, and I especially thank those who saw fit to vote for me.
Your continued support is appreciated.
"Doc" Mueller
Sheriff, Colorado County
(Pd. Pol. Adv. by "Doc" Mueller, Dr. 2, Box 65, Wallisville, Tex. 77597)

Duck, Goose Shooting Off To A 'Fair' Start

The 1980-81 duck and goose hunting seasons got off to a fair start last Saturday with some light ground fog which helped in some cases and hindered others in getting limits of birds during the opening weekend.

Saturday's kill was reported as being good but Sunday, less snow geese and ducks were killed, but limits of the dark geese were frequent.

According to Parks and Wildlife District Supervisor Sam Center, the population of snow geese in this area is light at this time with most of the birds still in the nesting areas of Canada. The number of young birds in the kills during the first weekend was considered much lower than last year when this area had one of its best seasons ever.

Violators Arrested

Center reported that nine violators of game laws were arrested during the weekend in the Eagle Lake area and around 15 in the Lissie area, and all were for having more dark geese than the limit allows. No cases of trespassing, one of the more frequent violations in this area, were included in the arrests.

Geese, both light and dark varieties, will be in season for the entire 72-day shooting period which will end at sunset on January 18, 1981. Ducks, however, will go out of season on Nov. 30th (at sunset) and the duck season will remain closed Dec. 1-12, reopening on Sat., Dec. 13th and remaining open for the rest of the season ending on Sun., Jan. 18, 1981.

Club operators were filled to capacity for the first week-end of shooting in this area, known nationally as the Goose Hunting Capital of the World. Another large crowd of hunters is expected for the next week-end and throughout the season. Advance reservations indicate that the number of hunters coming to Eagle Lake this season will be even greater than ever before.

Snipe Season

The season for common snipe and Wilson's snipe is Nov. 1, 1980 through Feb. 15, 1981 from one half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limit is eight, possession limit is 16.

The woodcock season is Nov. 15, 1980 through Jan. 18, 1981 from one half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limit is five, possession limit is 10.

Commr. Court Considers Taking County Out of Regulatory Game Controls

Hearing On Proposal At 1:15 P.M. Dec. 8

A delegation of citizens met with the Colorado County Commissioners' Court Monday and requested that the court initiate action to remove this county from the State Parks and Wildlife Department's regulatory program, especially as the program refers to deer. The court indicated that it was ready to pass a resolution to the state representative-elect Robert Saunders and state senator-elect Kent Caperton asking that such action be initiated but delayed final action on the resolution until after a public hearing at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 8th.

Chief spokesman for the delegation of about fifteen persons was V. M. Crawford and he stressed the fact that deer herds are being destroyed in this county through the issuance of doe permits and the killing of doe deer in this county. Crawford admitted that the deer are starting to come back and the situation is looking good, but added, "I'm afraid that another heavy kill of does will wipe out all the progress being made." He added that "illegal hunting in this county takes care of any surplus of deer that might exist in this county."

He added that the deer are not in such numbers in this county that another doe season should be approved.

County Judge Lester Crane said that he has heard such reports many times in his ten years as county judge but testimony offered by local citizens before the regular Commission hearings held in regulatory counties in August, "evidently has fallen on deaf ears." He noted that any action to remove the county from the regulatory program would have to come through action by the State Legislature and initiated by the representative and senator from this area.

Commissioner Crockett Leguenderker and Otto Lessin commented that action on removing the county from regulatory control "is long overdue" and they proposed a resolution to the state representative-elect and state senator-elect to initiate bills in the next Legislature to remove the county from the regulatory control program.

However before the issue was brought to a vote, the court decided to call a public hearing on the removal of the county from the state game regulatory program at 1:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8th so that both sides of the question might be heard. The motion to table the motion made by Commissioners Leyendecker and Loessin passed unanimously and was placed on the table for action following the hearing on Dec. 8th.

Others Testify

Among others to testify were Kenneth Brune and Charles Copeland. Brune suggested that perhaps a portion of the county might be made non-regulatory, but it was not known whether this would be possible or not. He too stressed the great shortage of deer in areas where once they were plentiful and in some cases in numbers that they were declared to be a nuisance.

Copeland suggested that perhaps the season on deer shooting could be shortened from seven weeks to about two weeks. "We're getting our deer back, but we need to protect them if they are to return in good numbers." He added, "killing does is not the way to get them back."

Most of those present were landowners in deer populated areas which have been included in hunting leases which have added substantially to the county's economy. Fear was expressed that if the deer population continues to decline so will be the opportunity to lease properties resulting in a loss of valuable income to some property owners.

Raiders Pluck Cards' Feathers 33-14; Finale In East Bernard Fri.

The Rice High School Raiders moved one step closer to their first district football championship with a decisive 33 to 14 win over the Columbus Cardinals in the final home game for the Raiders last Friday night in Altair.

Unfortunately for Rice, Waller won its contest last Friday, a 12 to 0 [illegible] battle over Bellville, which keeps Rice and Waller tied for the league lead.

The Raiders will close out their regular season this Friday night traveling to [illegible] to take on the Raider team will serve as captains for the game. Waller will travel to Brazos for their regular season finale and are heavy favorites to win.

Last Friday night the Raiders and Cardinals battled to a scoreless first quarter but it was Rice taking the lead on the first play of the second quarter.

The Raiders started their initial scoring drive on their own 20 following a Cardinal punt by Woodrow Tolliver. On the first play quarterback Kenny Hyek connected with tight end Robert Frazier on a pass play setting up Rice on the Cards' 35. In the next series Hyek again went to Frazier in a clutch situation and gained 17 yards on the pass play. Fullback Rob Johnson and halfback Vic Davis picked up enough yardage for another first down in three plays down to the 13 where three plays later halfback Earnest Fields carried in from eight yards out for the score. The 11 play, 80 yard drive ended with 11:53 left in the second period and with the extra point kick by James Rhodes, the Raiders took a 7 to 0 lead.

Neither team put together any sustained drive until just over midway through the period when the Raiders took over following a punt and a penalty setting up first and 25 from the 20.

A screen pass was unsuccessful on first down but on second Hyek again went to Frazier this time good for 29 yards on the pass play. With a 17 yard gain by Fields and a Hyek completion to split end Robert Barrios, the Raiders moved to the Columbus 19. On the next play Fields took a pass from Hyek and darted 19 yards for another score with 3:17 left in the half. The kick failed and Rice held on to a 13 to 0 lead.

Davis Scores

On the Raiders' second possession of the second half, Davis capped a 10 play, 59 yard drive on a one yard plunge. Fields ran in for two extra points to put Rice on top 22 to 0 with 4:44 left in the third period.

Columbus picked up a first down following the kickoff but on the next play Kenny Hyek intercepted one of his three passes of the night to give Rice the ball on the Cards' 29. Runs by Johnson, Fields and Davis moved the ball to the 13 in five plays [illegible] working at quarterback. On the next play Dawson kept on the option and carried in for the score with just under two minutes left in the period. Rhodes' kick was blocked but Rice held on to a 27 to 0 lead.

The Cards came right back starting a drive on their own 15 and marching to the Rice 13. But four incomplete passes gave the ball back to Rice. But the Raiders gave the ball right back on the next play when Dawson kept around left end for about a 10 yard gain. A hard hit on the tackle knocked the ball loose and the Cards recovered on the 24.

Card QB Tom Ostert connected with split end [illegible] first down good for [illegible] the Rice three. Woodrow Toliver got the call on the next play and carried in for the three yard touchdown run. Ostert connected with Boone for the conversion to cut the Raider [illegible] in the game.

Rice bounced right back however, scoring on the first play following the Card kickoff. Johnson did the scoring, a 55 yard run right up the middle. A try for two failed and [illegible] defined 33 to 8.

Hyek intercepted another pass to stop a Cardinal drive on their possession following the Raider score. From the Card 33, Rice moved to the four yard line in three plays but on first down on the four the Raiders fumbled and Columbus took over.

The turnover was a costly one as Columbus, with the help of three untimely Rice penalties, moved all the way down the field for the score. Most of the yardage in the drive came through the air with Ostert connecting with Boone and back Doug Stovall for good yardage. With first and goal on the four, Ostert carried three times up the middle and finally made it in for the Cardinal score with just 28 seconds left in the game. The kick by the Cards was blocked and the score ended at Rice 33 and the Cards 14.

Statistics

Johnson was the leading ball carrier for Rice with 100 yards in 13 tries. Fields had 82 in 10 attempts and Davis ran 13 times for 41 yards.

Hyek completed eight of 18 passes for 143 yards with three going to Frazier for a total of 90.

Ostert completed 15 of 29 passes for Columbus totalling 206 yards with Stovall on the receiving end of 146 yards of that total.

Defensively the Raiders were led by Johnny Gonzales and Dwayne Pagel with 11 tackles, Calvin Foster with seven, Johnson and Barrios with six each and Jeff Pesnell had four including a sack. Columbus' defense was led by Russell Maertz with eight tackles and Boone who had an interception.

	Rice	Col.
Firsts	19	16
Rushes	40/254	27/31
Passes	8-19/143	15-29/206
Total Yds.	397	237
Penalties	10/90	4/43
Fumbles/Lost	5/2	1/0
Had Intercepted	1	3
Punts/Ave.	2/35.5	4/31.5

Rice Kernels

By Jeff Fruka

District Title At Stake Friday

* The Rice Raiders will play the most important game of the season this Friday night when they travel to East Bernard for the final District 22AAA game of the year.

At least a share of the district championship will be at stake.

Raider Coach Clifton Darden believes his Raiders will make it over that last step to the league crown.

"I am so proud of the effort of these guys this season," said the first year Raider head coach. "We are improving with each game and I believe there is going to be one heck of an effort by some of our seniors in the game."

There are 20 seniors currently involved with the Raider varsity as seen in the picture at the top of the page. Eighteen of them will be suited up for the game. The other two will be on the sideline backing the team all the way.

Bert Tise is one of those two. He is the trainer for the Raider team and has played a major role in Rice athletics for four years.

John Schneider is the other. He will still be wearing a cast that came as a result of an injury prior to district play. John's leadership on the team was proven by his teammates voting him to be a captain for the first four games. Because of that, Coach Darden has picked John as one of five captains that will represent the Raiders in the final game. The other four were chosen by teammates and they will be Kenny Hyek, Vic Davis, Calvin Foster and Rob Johnson.

* One interesting statistic out of last week's game with Columbus is the fact that three catches for 90 yards by end Robert Frazier lowered his average catch per game for the season. Frazier was averaging about 38 yards a catch but had that mark lowered to 35 with Friday's results.

* The Raiders, obviously having their best season, currently have two running backs close to the 600 yard mark for the season. Both Earnest Fields and Rob Johnson are nearing that mark while Vic Davis is closing in on 500 yards. These three backs have combined for 25 of the Raiders' 41 touchdowns this season. The most TDs in a season by a Raider team in the past was 25.

* Congratulations to the Rice Raider band! They put on one great halftime show last Friday, the same performance that won them a first division rating in Marching Contest in Victoria last week. A real big tip of the hat to band director Floyd Spenrath who has guided the Mighty Raider Band to such excellence.

Last Friday's halftime show almost seemed as though it was a political rally or something with all the standing ovations. The band got a couple and the director got one too when the senior members of the band unveiled a huge banner saying "Thanks For Everything Floyd".

Senior members of the band performing their last home show included: Mary Ann Becak, Leigh Ann Bryant, Janie Clipson, Gilbert Corella, James English, Sheiba Parker, Victor Reyes, Craig Rohwer, John Stephens and Bobby Williamson:

Also, Bridgette Beyette, Judy Bunge, Carol Crabb, Vickie Eberhart, Claudette Parker, Jennifer Quinney, Michele Sibley, DeLesiyn Valenta and Mary Jane Yanez.

Prior to the Raider game the Raider Band featured six of its members in a unique brass sextet arrangement of the National Anthem. The sextet included Gilbert Corella tuba, John Stephens and James English trombone, Kevin Pellerin and Melissa Hoffman trumpet and Bobby Williamson on baritone.

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