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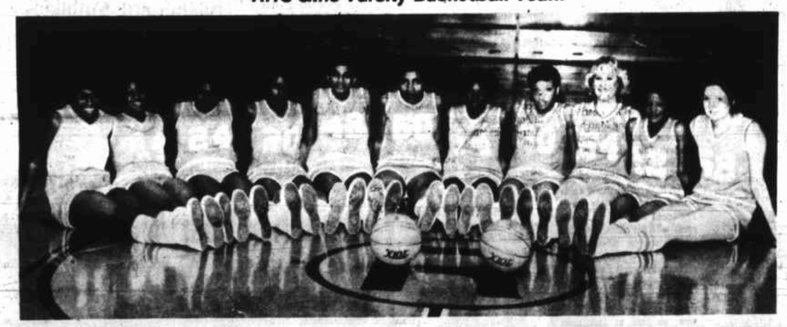
RICE HIGH SCHOOL RAIDERS

GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM

and Coach Reuben Wunderlich

DIST. & BI-DIST. CHAMPIONS

RHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team



The Rice High School Raider girls basketball team, champions of District 22AAA, coached by Reuben Wunderlich, are shown above, left to right, Patricia Fields, Janelle Banks, Sharon McTear, Patricia Banks, Mabel Bluntson, Yolanda McTear, Joyce Clayton, Phyllis Carter, Kim Wunderlich, Cheryl Sanford, and Mary Ann Becak. The RHS Raiders also won the Bi-District title Tues. night by defeating Barbers Hill 59 to 52 in Houston.

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In The
Regional Tournament
Blinn Junior College, Brenham
Fri. and Sat.,
Feb. 27-28
Rice Vs. Winner Dist. 17 & 18
7:30 P.M. Friday

GOOD LUCK
To Our
Rice Raider Boys
Basketball Team
in their regular season finale
Thursday vs. Hempstead
7:30 P.M. in Raider Gym

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Rice Baseball Team Wins Scrimmage In Yoakum

The Rice High School baseball team opened its season on a good note last Tuesday winning a scrimmage in Yoakum 5-4.

The Raiders, coached by Wayne Zimmerhanzel, trailed early in the scrimmage 3-0, but fought back to take the one-run victory.

This Thursday the Raiders will travel to Edna for another scrimmage session in the final warm-up before the regular season starts. Action in Edna starts at 4:00 p.m.

John Schneider and Alex Ramirez each went about five innings on the mound for Rice and turned in surprisingly good early-season performances, according to the coach. Between the two, they only walked four while striking out eight.

Schneider also showed some good signs at the plate, clubbing out three hits in five times at bat, including two doubles. Sophomore catcher Dwayne Pagel had a triple, the only other extra base hit for Rice.

Starting in the scrimmage for Rice were outfielders Darryl Hinze, Wayne Bowen and Mark Salazar; with Mike Rice and Troy Corman sharing duties at first base, Daniel Garza at second, Kenny Hysk at short, Schneider and Ramirez sharing duties pitching and playing third, and Pagel catching.

Others seeing action were Mark Munoz, Victor Reyes, Felix Soto, Frank Bittner, Richard Edwards and Henry Garcia. Manager for the Raider baseball team is Terry Saulnier and trainer is William Plessmer.

Coach Zimmerhanzel currently has 16 players on the team and has had his team working since Feb. 2 whenever weather permitted. Several more players are expected to try out for the squad once basketball season ends which will allow the Raiders to field a junior varsity squad. A six game schedule for the JV has already been set. Dale Norris will coach the Raider B team and will assist with the varsity.

1981 Rice High School BASEBALL SCHEDULE

	MARCH	
5	Gonzales	4:00
6	Hallettsville	4:00
10	Schulenburg	4:00
12	at Sacred Heart	4:00
16	at Gonzales	7:00
19-21	La Grange Tourney	
24	at Schulenburg	7:00
26	*Waller	4:00
	APRIL	
2	*at Sealy	7:30
6	*at Bellville	4:00
9	*Columbus	4:00
13	*at Waller	7:30
23	*Sealy	4:00
28	*Bellville	4:30
	MAY	
1	*at Columbus	7:00
5	*Waller	4:30
12	*at Sealy	7:30
14	*at Bellville	4:30
19	*Columbus	4:30

* Denotes District Game

1981 Rice Junior Varsity BASEBALL SCHEDULE

	MARCH	
3	Sealy	4:00
9	at Sealy	4:00
13	at Bellville	4:00
16	at Gonzales	5:00
17	Bellville	4:00
30	*at El Campo	5:00

* Denotes Double Header

Fishing Calendar Available From Parks & Wildlife

For which fish species does February feature excellent fishing?

Certainly, largemouth bass and white bass come to mind. News of hot fishing action for these two species has been filling space in outdoor reports for the past couple of weeks.

In freshwater, February is a good month for crappie, striped bass, rainbow trout and walleye, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's "Update Your Fishing" calender.

Anglers desiring a handy guide for the peak fishing periods for various fish can obtain the calendars by writing to Literature Section, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Road, Austin 78744 or by dialing the department's statewide toll-free line, 1-800-252-9327.

BOWLING

Initial League

Freddy Pelts rolled a 221-616 series and Mano Graham a 229 game in a 562 series to lead the individual scoring in the Initial League at Skull Creek Lanes last Thursday. Wood Butchers had the top team series with a 2955 and the Imps posted top team game of 1032.

Other top scorers were: Lawrence Stallman 217-577, Leroy Rothbauer 216-572, Butch Schmidt 200-557, Gus Seaholm 553, Draper Stephens 201-548, Leroy Janda 546, Billy David 520, Howard Dahse 516, James Dahse 516, Daniel Becker 512, Jerry Zbranek 505.

The Imps hold a scant lead in the league with 400 points followed closely by Skull Creek Lanes with 396½, Weimar Lites 358½, Lake Motors 337½ and J. F. Miller Ford 332½.

Skull Creek Mixed

Night Stalkers were the top team scorers in the Skull Creek Mixed League Feb. 17th with a 844-2855 series. Erwin Knippel led the men with a 217-222-627 and Margie Knippel led women's scoring with a 206-531. Jeanette Matura had a 502, Ottis Coleman 203, Al Novosad 504, Ben Castillo 525, "Chic" Stein 524, Leroy Janda 544, Jimmy Simpson 211-528, Larry Rothbauer 224-577 and Mano Graham 554.

Catfish Farmers lead the league with 64 wins followed by Skull Creek Lanes with 56½, Night Stalkers 55, Woolly Boogers 53, Hip Shots 50 and What Can I Say 48.

Commuters League

The league leading Low Rollers posted top team scores in the Commuters League Feb. 19th with a 791-2186 series. Laverne Criswell had high individual series with 509 and Elaine Dromgoole had high game of 189.

The Low Rollers have 61½ games, followed by Baumgart Insurance with 58, Sheridan Drilling 54, Fireballs 51½, Schlitz Beer 44½, and Grim Reapers 43½. Also Gutter Lovers have 41½, Gifts of Distinction and High Rollers 39, Scott's 36½, Marek's 35 and Winton's 26.

Moonlighters League

The Sandbaggers continue to lead the Moonlighters League at Sealy Bowling Palace with 59 wins, followed by Webb's Electronics with 52, J.B. Trojans 50½, Blood and Guts 47 and KC's and Commercial Electric are tied for fifth with 42 wins each.

Big Guns rolled top team scores last week with an 810-2308 series. Wolf Ignasiak had high individual scores of 237-244-268-749. Mike Grigar had 221-570, Ben Castillo 559, Mickey Kochwelp 214-555, Joe Foster 561, Brice Stephens 232-544, A. J. Smith, Jr. 526, Mike Bienek 205-523, Ronnie Pfeffer 513, Steve Almanza 211, Joe Babb 510 and Bob McIntzer 503.

Monday Nite Mixed

Longhorns have a three game lead in the Monday Nite Mixed league with 67 wins, followed by G.C.O.C. with 54, the A's have 50, Mavericks 47½, Team No. 9 45½ and Pearl Liter 45.

Nonies Lites had the top team series with a 2401 and the A's had high game of 865. Doyle Waldrop rolled top series for men with a 209-585 and Harold L. Williams had high game of 218-568. Virginia Waldrop had high series for the women with a 516 and Ruth Stein rolled high game of 201. Gayle Gertson posted a 204-562. Mike Henske 510 and Mark Henske 201-506.

Rice Hosts Hempstead Thurs. In Crucial Dist. 22AAA Finale

Win Can Wrap Up 2nd Half Title, Playoff Berth For Rice Boys

The Rice Raider boys' basketball team will wrap up its regular season District 22AAA competition this Thursday night hosting the Hempstead Bobcats at Raider Gym in Altair. A freshman game will be played at 6:00 p.m. followed by the varsity contest at 7:30 p.m.

The Raiders, now 6-0 in second round league play with a 12-1 overall district mark, picked up their 20th and 21st wins of the season against Brazos on Friday night and Waller Tuesday night. The win Tuesday by Rice, now 21-10 on the season, marked the 200th victory for Jack Grammer at Rice High School. In his 10th season at Rice, his record is now 200-108.

Raiders Must Win Thurs.

A win by the Raider varsity over Hempstead this Thursday would give them the second round title and a shot at the Columbus Cardinals (first round winner) in a playoff game that would take place some time next week. A loss, on the other hand, would spell disaster for the Raiders as they would end up tied for the lead and lose-out on a playoff berth.

Rice, a 96 to 53 winner over Hempstead in the first round, has not shown the championship style play that has given the team its current second round lead, so Raider head coach Jack Grammer is not looking ahead.

Raiders Beat Brazos

The Raider coach, who always "plays 'em one at a time", never had a better reason to stay with that philosophy, especially after the Raiders pulled out a slim 59 to 54 win over Brazos last Friday night in Wallis. Rice beat the Cougars in first round play in Raider Gym by a score of 94 to 32.

Thanks to a couple of good performances by Raider players, Rice was able to escape without a loss. Kenneth Bluntson accounted for half of the Raiders' scoring with 27 points and he also grabbed nine rebounds in the game. Larry Haynes was also instrumental in the win, according to Grammer, as he scored 12 points and hauled in 15 rebounds. The 6'5" senior forward also handed out five assists in the win.

JV, Frosh Win

The Raider freshmen and junior varsity were also winners Friday night at Brazos Cons. The freshmen opened play with a 51 to 49 win led by Delbert Jarvis with 22 points and Stanley Powell with 19.

In JV action the Raiders crushed the Cougars 65 to 36. Ronnie Fry led Rice in scoring with 18 points, Kenneth Hemphill had 16 and Wayne Dabney added 12.

Raiders Sweep 3 Big Ones From Waller Tues. Night

The Rice Raiders took a step closer to the second round title in District 22AAA Tuesday night with an impressive 85 to 45 victory over Waller Bulldogs in Raider gym. The Raiders swept three games from the Bulldogs.

Coach Grammer said the Raiders played one of their better games in chalking up the 85-45 win. Larry Haynes paced the attack with 31 points while David Grammer added 20, Kenneth Bluntson 15 and Vic Davis 12. It was Grammer's 200th win as a Raider coach and an important one in the Raiders' quest for the second half leadership in district play.

The Raider JVs scored a 53 to 32 victory with Ronald Dawson and Wayne Dabney getting 12 each and Billy Townsend 10. This ended the season for the Raider JVteam since there will be no JV game against Hempstead Thursday.

The Rice Frosh won their contest 53 to 32 with Stanley Powell scoring 15 and Kenny Johnson 12.

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Coach Jack Grammer Gets 200th Win At Rice H.S.

Jack Grammer

Jack Grammer chalked up his 200th victory as head coach of the Rice High School boys' basketball team with a win over Waller at Raider Gym in Altair on Tuesday night of this week. Grammer, in his 10th year at Rice, has posted a 200-108 record, so far.

The impressive mark by Grammer, who is also the Rice Athletic Director, is not of much concern to him at this time since his Raiders are battling to hold on to their second round lead in District 22AAA competition. As it now stands the Raiders, with one league game remaining, have a good shot at the second round title which would match them against first round winner Columbus, in a playoff game sometime next week.

Playoffs for the successful coach are not unusual. He took over the reigns of the Raider basketball program in the school's second year of existence, and has four times guided his team to post-season play. And he is only a couple of wins away from sending his team to another play-off berth which would be five times in the past seven years.

Things were not always rosy at Rice for the Raider courtmaster as he posted a pair of losing seasons in his first two years here. But it did not take long for his program to take effect as his third season produced a 22-8 record.

This year the Raiders are currently 21-10 and it marks the seventh time in the past eight years that Rice has won at least 20 games. The Raiders missed the 20 win mark in 1977-78 when they went 19-11.

Several Championships

Under Grammer's guidance the Raiders have earned several championships including:

- 1974-75 - District 13AAA Champs; Region IVAAA Champs; State Semi-finalist.
- 1975-76 - District 13AAA West Zone Champs.
- 1976-77 - District 14AAA Champs; Region IVAAA Finals.
- 1978-79 - District 20AA Champs; Region IIIAA Champions; State Finalist.
- 1980-81 - ??

Won-Lost Records

1971-72 Season	14-18
1972-73 Season	9-18
1973-74 Season	22-8
1974-75 Season	24-10
1975-76 Season	21-8
1976-77 Season	22-9
1977-78 Season	19-11
1978-79 Season	27-7
1979-80 Season	21-9
*1980-81 Season	21-10

*not completed

SUPPORT THE RAIDERS

New D. U. Regional Director

In keeping with its policy of recruiting the most competent wildlife professionals available to assist in its waterfowl conservation efforts, Ducks Unlimited is pleased to announce that James H. Dunks, Austin, Texas, has joined its national field staff.

As DU regional director in southern Texas, Dunks will coordinate Valley Mills, will continue to serve as DU regional director for northern Texas.

Back the Raiders

Boys' and Girls' Teams Must Win!

Play-Off Hopes On The Line

GIRLS:
Raiders In
Regional Tourney
At Blinn Jr. College,
Fri. and Sat.
Rice Vs. Winner Dist. 17 & 18
7:30 P.M. Friday

BOYS:
Host Hempstead In
Dist. Finale Thurs.
Raider Gym, 7:30 P.M.

Dist. Playoff, If
Needed, Next Week

Don't You Dare Miss 'Em!

SPORTS

Jeff Fruka, Sports Editor

Women's Bowl Assn. Tourney This Weekend

Members of the Colorado County Women's Bowling Association will hold their annual City Tournament at the Skull Creek Lanes in Altair this weekend.

There will be action in singles, doubles and team competition starting Friday night and continuing Saturday and Sunday.

The public is invited to the lanes to watch some of the area's top women bowlers in action.

Wildlife Dept Sets Hearings On Regulations

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has announced the dates and locations of public hearings to be held during March on proposed hunting, trapping and fishing regulations for the 1981-82 seasons.

The public is invited to testify at the hearings. Public comments will be compiled and submitted to the Parks and Wildlife Commission before it takes final action on the proposals at its April 22 meeting in Austin.

The Colorado County hearing will be March 20 at 3 p.m. at the county courthouse in Columbus.

Fayette County's meeting will be March 17 at 8 p.m. at the county courthouse in La Grange.

For Lavaca County, the hearing will be March 20 at 10 a.m. at the County Courthouse in Hallettsville.

The Austin County hearing will be March 17 at 2 p.m. at the county courthouse in Bellville.

Headlight Classifieds really pay off - 234-2783

District 22AAA And Bi-District Champion Raider Girls Cagers

The Rice High School Raider girls' basketball team shown above was jubilant with their victory over Sealy in Bellville gym Saturday afternoon to clinch the District 22AAA championship. Sharing in the district championship honors were: front, left to right, Patricia Banks, Joyce Clayton and Yolanda McTear; back row, l. to r., Assistant Coach Jane Dostal, Sharon McTear, Mary Ann Becak, Phyllis Carter, Kim Wunderlich, Mabel Bluntson, Cheryl Sanford and Coach Reuben Wunderlich. The Raiders also won the Bi-District title Tuesday night with a victory over the Barbers Hills girls in Houston Baptist University gym and they advance to the regional playoffs Friday and Saturday.

Raider Girls Prove They're Champs In Dist. Tourney

Defeat Hempstead, Sealy In 4-Team Playoff Tourney In Bellville

The Rice High School Raider girls basketball team proved to be a deserving champion of District 22AAA by defeating Hempstead and Sealy in a four-team district tournament which was made necessary at the last minute in order to determine a district champion by the 12 midnight Saturday deadline. The situation making the playoff tournament necessary is explained elsewhere on this page.

Friday evening, the Columbus Cardinal girls' team, which came out with the best record in the second half of district play and had been projected to meet the first half winner, the Rice Raiders, in a playoff game, got derailed by dropping a 44 to 32 decision to the Sealy girls in the opening game of the 4-team tournament. The Raiders held on to their playoff berth with a 58 to 46 win over Hempstead and thus advanced to the finals of the tournament at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the Bellville High School gymnasium.

The Raiders jumped out to a 2-0 lead at 6:59 left in the first period and never trailed in the game although the score was tied several times in the first period before the Raiders began to inch ahead. The Raiders committed several costly turnovers in the second quarter and Sealy tied the score at 19-19 but Rice forged out front 30 to 23 at the halftime buzzer after taking a 13-9 first quarter lead.

They continued to mount a lead and were ahead 42 to 33 at the end of the third quarter of play and 58 to 46 at the final buzzer, bringing great jubilation to the players and coach Reuben Wunderlich, assistant coach Jane Dostal and the sixty or so faithful fans on hand for the contest.

Two quick baskets by Sharon McTear with 2:59 left in the third quarter gave the Raiders a 40 to 27 lead and things looked real bright at that point.

In the fourth quarter Coach Wunderlich used a control-type offense and the Raiders took advantage of some easy shots on breakaways and added to their lead with good free throw shooting. Mary Ann Becak hit three of four free throw attempts at the 4:46 mark in the fourth quarter to up the Raider lead to 51 to 37, the largest margin in the entire contest.

Raiders Show Good Hustle

Coach Wunderlich praised the Raiders for their great hustle and determination, and despite the fact that they had a "cold" shooting record in the first period, this hustle kept the Tigers out of decent shooting range.

Phyllis Carter led the Rice scoring with 16 points while Yolanda McTear and Mabel Bluntson scored 12 each. Sharon McTear, Mary Ann Becak and Patricia Banks added six points each.

Bluntson also had 11 rebounds and turned in a real good job, according to the Raider coaches.

The victory won for the Raiders the right to enter bi-district competition against Barbers Hill in a game played at Houston Baptist University gymnasium in Houston at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday night of this week, resulting in a 59 to 52 win described in another story on this page.

Beat Hempstead Fri. Nite

On Friday night the Raider girls won their first round game in the championship tournament over Hempstead 58 to 46.

Sharon McTear led all scorers in that contest with 21 points, Patricia Banks had 12 and Joyce Clayton added eight.

Beat Brazos Last Thurs.

Last Thursday night the Raiders ended their regular season schedule with a convincing 84 to 19 win over Brazos Cons. in Raider Gym. Yolanda McTear pumped in 29 points for Rice with Mabel Bluntson scoring 10 and Sharon McTear adding eight to lead a host of Raiders who contributed to the win.

"Foul Up" In District Schedule Forces Dist. Championship Tour.

The Rice High School Raider girls' basketball team, the first round league champs, and the Columbus Cardinals, second round winners, were scheduled to meet in a one-game playoff last weekend to determine the girls District 22AAA basketball champion.

However, a "foul up" in scheduling brought about an unforeseen problem that forced the league's executive committee to set up a four-team tournament, adding Sealy and Hempstead to the playoff for the championship. All other District 22AAA teams were invited but Brazos, East Bernard, Waller and Bellville declined to participate.

Basically what happened was that the district had to determine a champion before midnight of Saturday, February 21st, as required by the University Interscholastic League. Last year, when making up the schedule, representatives of each District 22AAA school realized the deadline and even went as far as changing the final district game from Friday to Thursday, to allow an extra day for a playoff, if it was necessary.

Only 2 Games A Week

However, what was not realized at th time and what caused the problem was another U.I.L. ruling that forbids high school girls to play more than two games a week. Yet, the U.I.L. allows an exception to that rule in the event of a tournament.

The U.I.L. office in Austin was contacted by the district about the scheduling problem but would not allow an exception to the two-game a week rule.

Therefore, the decision of the district executive committee, which held a special meeting in Waller last Thurs. afternoon, was to set up a tournament and allow third place Sealy and fourth place Hempstead a chance for the title. The ironic result was that the eventual district champion had to play four games last week, instead of the three that would have been played if Columbus and Rice had met in a one-game playoff.

The decision of the executive committee was the best possible solution considering the circumstances, according to Rice CISD Supt. Harold King, who represented Rice at Thursday's special meeting.

King noted that the possibility of a coin flip was considered for determining whether Rice or Columbus would be the champ, however that alternative was ruled out by both schools.

The district, said King, was limited in its alternatives because of the U.I.L. regulations and deadline, but indicated that the final decision reflected a concern for both Columbus and Rice to have as equal an opportunity for the title as they would have had in the originally scheduled playoff game.

Boys' Schedule Not Effected

Jack Grammer, athletic director at Rice High School, reported earlier this week that there would not be a problem with the boys schedule should a one-game playoff between the first and second round winners be necessary.

If the Raiders win this Thursday night they will win the second half district title and will play first round winner Columbus, sometime next week at a neutral site.

Raider Girls Rally Late To Win Bi-District Title

Advance To Regional Tourney With 59-52 Win Over Barbers Hill

The Rice Raider girls' basketball team, trailing by nine points to open the final period of play, scored a thrilling 59 to 52 victory over the Barbers Hill Eagles to capture the bi-district championship in Sharp Gym on the Houston Baptist University campus in Houston on Tuesday night of this week.

The win advances the Raiders, coached by Reuben Wunderlich to the Region III Tournament in Brenham this Friday and Saturday where Rice will compete for a berth in the Class AAA State Tournament.

Late Information is that Rice will play the winner of District 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The 6 p.m. game will be between Kountze and Rockdale. The finals will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

It wasn't until Phyllis Carter sank a pair of free throws with 2:24 left to play in the final period that the Raiders were able to take the lead in Tuesday night's game against Barbers Hill. Carter added another pair from the charity stripe about a minute later to up that lead and the Raider defense, which came through in the clutch all night, limited the Eagles in the final minutes to lead Rice to the win.

The Raiders weren't able to brag about their free throw shooting for most of the game as they could connect on only 19 of 36 tries. That failure to take advantage from the charity stripe kept the Raiders down anywhere from five to nine points for most of the contest.

But midway through the final quarter, the McTears, Yolanda and Sharon, combined for four unanswered baskets and the Raiders moved to within one at 47-46 to set up the clutch free throws by Carter that eventually led to the win.

Other standouts in the game included Mabel Bluntson, who led a rally at the opening of the second half with a pair of steals, an assist and a basket, but the Eagles bounced back from that. Patricia Banks also turned in good play as she guarded the Eagles top scorer and kept pressure on her until the Barbers Hill sharpshooter fouled out in the final quarter.

Leading the scoring for Rice were B. McTear with 17 points, Bluntson with 11, Carter with 10, Y. McTear, who had a pair of blocked shots, scored nine, Banks had seven, Mary Becak three and Joyce Clayton added two.