Doe Permits Not Required For Archery Deer Season

Bowhunters in 94 Texas counties will not need permits to take antlerless deer during the special October archery season, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. These counties are located where antlerless deer permits were issued during the 1980-81 regular gun season. In other counties only bucks may be taken.

During the Oct. 3-Nov. 1 archery season, archers may take three deer, either sex, but no more than two bucks in Fort Bend and Wharton Counties in this area.

During the Oct. 3-Nov. 1 archery season in Colorado and Lavaca Counties and eight others, archers may take three white-tailed deer, either sex, but no more than one buck.

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Jeff Frnka, Sports Editor

Rice Belt DU Dinner Set Wed., Oct. 7th

Plans have been started for the Rice Belt Chapter of Ducks Unlimited annual dinner which will be held this year on Wednesday, Oct. 7th at the Provident City Hotel. Tickets to the event are now on sale.

The annual stag dinner will begin at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a social hour. This will be followed by a barbecued beef and sausage dinner. Then hundreds of valuable items contributed by businessmen, individuals and sportsmen in the area will be auctioned.

Tickets to the dinner are $25 each which includes a DU membership.

The event promises to be a super-special event again for all sportsmen in the Eagle Lake, Garwood, Columbus and El Campo and other areas.

Ducks Unlimited was founded in 1937 to help restore and rehabilitate prime waterfowl breeding grounds in Canada. These grounds were almost destroyed as a result of the sudden and massive westward expansion of civilization after World War I. Since its inception, Ducks Unlimited has completed over 1,500 wetland restoration projects. More than $88 million has been raised in DU's 42-year history, $68 million of which has been spent on wetland improvement and management.

East Wharton County DU Dinner Sept. 29

The East Wharton County Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will hold its annual dinner Tuesday, September 29, at the Hungerford Hall beginning at 6 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for $25.00 each. The stag affair will feature a limited auction containing the annual commemorative DU guns, plus wildlife paintings and other related items. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with free beer served during the evening.

Tickets are available at numerous businesses and from Robert Tondre in East Bernard.

2 Fined For Night Deer Hunting

Two young men working on an oil rig in the Matthews area recently ran afoul of the law when they were apprehended hunting deer at night with spotlights on a county road near Matthews.

State Game Warden Buddy Mills made the arrest after observing the two men riding down the road using a spotlight apparently in search of deer. When apprehended, the two had thrown aside a gun being used, but the weapon was later located by the game warden.

David Smith, 19, of Houston and Kevin Sparks, 17, of Beeville, were arrested and charged in Justice of the Peace M. M. Jones' court with hunting deer in closed season and each was assessed a fine and costs totalling $156.50 each.

The arrest was made by Mills at around 11:45 p.m. on August 15th.

Area Bowlers Win Prizes In Men's Tourney

A number of bowlers from this area won prize money in the Texas State Bowling Association's 49th annual tournament held in Abilene, Texas March 21-July 19th.

Included among the winners were:

Class A: Erwin Knippel of Columbus and Mano Graham of Altair, 58th in doubles with a 1195 for a $20 prize;

Class B: Skull Creek Lanes' team of Altair won 55th and a $55 prize with a 2744; Leroy Janda, Columbus, 57th and a $28 prize for a 616 in singles; Ben Castillo of Eagle Lake, 64th and a $26.00 prize in singles with a 613; Erwin Knippel, of Columbus, 187th and a $11.43 prize with a 585; Knippel also won 12th and an $80 prize in all events with a 1792; Castillo won 51st in all events with a 1735 for a $15 prize;

Class C: the J. B. Trojans of Columbus won 50th in Class C team play for a $65 prize with a 2694; Lawrence Stallman of Garwood and Glen Locklier of Eagle Lake won 176th and a $16.54 prize in doubles with a 1092; and Stallman won 84th and a prize of $10 in all events with a 1686;

Class D: Eagle Lake Implement Co. Imps (Vernon Gertson, Gus Seaholm, Draper Stephens, Daniel Becker, Butch Schmidt and Jimmy Dutcher) won seventh in Class D team play and a $340 prize for a 2669; Western Auto of Eagle Lake won 37th and $62.50 for a 2587; Ron Root of Columbus won 56th and $20.50 in singles with 269; Herb Graham of Altair won 116th in singles and a $14.43 prize for a 552; Root also won 53rd in all events and a $10 prize with a 1627;

Class E: Jerry Zhranek of Garwood won 97th in Class E singles and a $13 prize for a 521.

Abandoned Wells, Cisterns Dangerous

[By Soil Conservation Service]

Abandoned water wells or cisterns that are left uncovered are death traps, especially for small children who might stumble into them, a local conservation official warned this week.

"Already this year, at least two children have died after falling into old open water wells," Connie Fair, district conservationist for the USDA Soil Conservation Service at Columbus said.

Fair said local landowners and operators are being urged to look for any abandoned open holes on their land so they can be capped or covered.

"State law requires landowners to properly cover any well, cistern, or hole more than ten inches and less than six feet in diameter," Fair continued. "The covering must be permanent and must be able to withstand a 400 pound weight."

He said the law also requires that any abandoned well or hole ten or more feet deep be completely filled or capped at a depth of ten feet with a permanent plug, then filled from the plug to the surface.

SCS personnel stationed at Columbus help farmers plan and install irrigation water management systems on cropland in the local Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District.

Duck, Goose Seasons Will Open On Nov. 7th

Straight Thru 72-Day Season On Geese; Dark Limit Extended

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, in session on Wednesday of last week, set the 1981-82 waterfowl hunting season with few changes in the hunting dates but the commission approved an "extra" dark goose while reducing the limit of geese from six to five, daily, and twice the daily limit as a possession limit.

The new regulations call for a split duck season but for a 72-day uninterrupted goose hunting season.

East of U.S. Highway 81, which includes this area, the season on all geese, snows, blues and dark geese including Canadas and Speckled Bellied or White-Fronted, will run from Saturday 7th, 1981 through January 17th, 1982.

The daily goose bag limit will be five, to include no more than one Canada and one Whitefront, allowing hunters to take one dark goose of each species in the daily bag limit (but not two of the same species in the daily bag limit). Last year the Commission approved an extra light goose in the bag limit of six which could have no more than one Canada or one White-fronted (Speckled Bellied) goose.

The goose possession limit will be twice the daily bag limit or ten geese not to include more than four dark geese (2 of each species only).

Shooting hours on ducks and geese will remain at one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. However it is noted that during the special teal season Sept. 12-20 the shooting hours do not start until sunrise.

The regular duck season will be split similarly to last year. The first half of the split will open concurrently with geese on Saturday, Nov. 7th and the duck shooting will end at sunset Nov. 29th. The second half of the duck season will open Saturday, 12th, 1981 and run through Sunday, January 17th, 1982.

Points On Ducks

The daily duck limit will be based on the 100-point system. The limit is reached when the last bird reaches or exceeds the 100-point total. The breakdown of duck point ratings for 1981-82 is as follows:

Canvasback - 100 points;

Mallard hens, mottled ducks, Mexican black duck, wood duck, hooded merganser, redhead, black duck - 70 points;

Greenwing teal, bluewing teal, cinnamon teal, pintail, gadwall, scaup, shoveler, baldpate, all mergansers other than hooded - 10 points;

All other legal species including the greenhead drake mallard - 20 points.

The 1981-82 duck season will be closed on blackbilled, masked and fulvous tree ducks.

Coots In Split Season

The Commission also OK'd a split coot season to run concurrently with ducks, Nov. 7-29 and Dec. 12-Jan. 17, with a bag limit on coots of 15 per day and 30 in possession.

Other Seasons Set

The Commission had taken action earlier on seasons for snipe, woodcock and gallinules.

Snipe

The season for common or Wilson's snipe (jacksnipe) is set for Nov. 1, 1981, through Feb. 14, 1982. Shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limit will be eight; possession limit 16.

Woodcock

The season will be Dec. 12, 1981, through Feb. 14, 1982. Shooting hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Bag limit will be five, possession limit 10.

9-Day Teal Shoot Begins Sunrise Sat.

A nine-day, early teal shooting season will be open at sunrise this Saturday, Sept. 12th and continue open through sunset on Sunday, Sept. 20th.

Large migrations of the small, swift teal have moved into the area and more are expected. Ponds, lakes and second growth rice fields should all produce good hunting.

Heavy rains and turbulent weather during the past 2 weeks have tended to scatter the teal and hunters may find shooting a bit difficult because of these factors.

Teal hunters must have in their possession a signed Federal Migratory Duck Stamp [costing $7.50] and also a $5 Texas Duck Stamp [which is required this year for the first time].

The state waterfowl stamp, created by the 67th Texas Legislature, is required of all duck and goose hunters during the 1981-82 seasons. It is available from department offices around the state and from retail outlets where hunting licenses are available. In Eagle Lake at Clyde's Food Market and Johnny's Sport Shop; and in Altair at Marvin's.

Revenue from the sales of the waterfowl stamp will be used for waterfowl research, management and habitat acquisition. Federal law also requires waterfowl hunters to purchase a federal waterfowl stamp, which is available at most post offices. Both must have the hunter's signature affixed on the front of the stamp in order to be valid, notes the P&WD.

Also if hunters hunt out of the county of their residence they must have in possession a 1981-82 hunting license which costs $5.25 or a combination hunting and fishing license which costs $8.75.

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New Licenses Required

Sept. 1 was an important date for Texas' hunters and fishermen since all hunting and fishing licenses expired on Aug. 31st.

All hunters and fishermen must now have their 1981-82 hunting and fishing licenses if they take to the field or lake.

Rampaging Raiders Ease Past La Grange 33-7 In Season Opener Last Friday Night

The Rice High School Raiders opened their 1981 football season with an easy 33-7 win over the La Grange Leopards in a non-district battle in La Grange last Friday night.

Two touchdown runs by Ed Thomas, key receptions and kick returns by split end Ronnie Fry, and a stubborn defense sparked the Raiders to the decisive victory.

For coach Clifton Darden's Rampaging Raiders the win was easy but the statistics were not as impressive as the Leopards compiled a total of 182 yards compared to Rice's total offense of 159 yards.

"Excellent field position kept us from gaining many yards in the first half," said the coach, "but we took advantage of every opportunity and I was pleased with that."

Darden complimented the Raider defense for setting up those easy scores and indicated overall satisfaction with the teams play last week.

The Raiders scored in each of the first three quarters while the Leopards' lone touchdown came with only three seconds left in the game following a short punt that set the football on the Raiders 21 yard line.

But for the most part the Raider defense, led by linebackers Dwayne Pagel, Robert Turner and Rob Johnson helped in keeping the Leopard offense intact for most of the night and in setting up several short yardage scoring opportunities for the Rice offense.

Dale Norris, linebacker coach for the Raiders, said, "our linebackers stunted well and kept the Leopards confused but still need more work on reading opposing offenses and formations in order to become even more effective."

Raiders Score Early

The Raiders started the scoring on their first possession with Ronnie Fry returning a Leopard punt to the 15 yard line. Two plays later, with 9:38 left in the first quarter, Raider halfback Ed Thomas, on a key block from teammate Kenneth Hemphill, who also plays halfback, carried in for the score on a 14 yard run. The kick by Rice failed and the score stood at 6-0.

It was the Raider defense that set up the next two touchdowns for Rice, both following fumble recoveries.

The first came after Pagel, on a blitz, jarred the ball loose from the Leopard quarterback and defensive lineman Michael Faichtinger recovered on the La Grange five yard line. Rice fullback Rob Johnson carried in two plays later on a one yard dive for a touchdown. James Rhodes kick upped Rice's lead to 13-0.

The next fumble recovery set up the Raider offense on the Leopards' 28 yard line. Quarterback John Dawson capped the drive on the sixth play on a one-yard keeper and with Rhodes' kick the Raiders were up 20-0 with 3:54 left in the first half.

Rice Drives For 70 Yd. TD

The Raiders took the opening kickoff and put together their best drive of the game, an 11 play, 70 yard march.

"I felt in the first half that offensively we were real rough," said Darden. "All our scores had come from in close and I wanted us to establish that we were capable of a long drive."

Darden focused most of his halftime talk on a long drive when the opportunity arose and obviously it paid off.

It was Ed Thomas scoring his second touchdown of the night to cap the important opening drive of the second half. His 21 yard TD run was set up by a couple of Dawson to Fry receptions which netted the Raiders 43 yards and a key first down. A penalty against Rice on the extra point moved the Raiders back 15 yards and the kick from the 18 yard line failed.

Second String Scores

The Raiders' final score came with 2:10 left in the third quarter with many reserves now seeing action. The score was set up on a pass interception and 25 yard return to the 12 yard line by Robert Turner. Reserve quarterback Pagel ended the four-play drive with a two yard plunge on a fourth down play. Rhodes' kick made the score 33-0.

Punt Sets Up Leopard TD

With 3:36 left to play in the game Rice stopped a La Grange threat that had driven down to the Raider seven yard line. A sack by Pagel on 4th and seven to go for a touchdown gave Rice the ball on its own seventeen. Unable to move, the Raiders were forced to punt and Johnson, who averaged 35 yards in five kicks, shanked this one good for only 11 yards to the 21.

On first down Pagel again sacked Leopard quarterback Michael Mach for a 10 yard loss, but then an 11 yard reception by Joey Strmiska and an 18 yard end around by Ronny Eans gave La Grange a first and goal on Rice's five yard line with only 14 seconds left to play.

On first down halfback Merville Johnson carried in for the score with just three seconds left in the game. Mach's kick ended the scoring at 33-7.

Fry Returns Kick 60 Yds.

It appeared that the game was over but on the ensuing kickoff, Fry came within one defender of returning the kickoff for a touchdown. He did return it about 60 yards before the Leopards were able to bring him down as time ran out.

Team Statistics

The Raiders ended the contest with a total of eight first downs with 115 yards rushing in 40 carries. In the passing department, Dawson completed three of five passes for 44 yards. Rice fumbled twice in the game but recovered both. In the contest the Raiders were flagged for 10 penalties for a total of 90 yards.

La Grange also had 8 first downs and rushed for 165 yards. Mach passed five times in the contest completing two for 17 yards and also had two intercepted. The Leopards also turned the ball over three times on fumbles and were penalized three times for 15 yards.

Individual Statistics

Leading the Raider offense were: Ed Thomas with 52 yards in five rushes, Johnson with 40 yards in 10 carries and Dawson with 21 in 10 tries. Merville Johnson topped all rushers in the contest for La Grange with 131 yards in 14 carries.

Fry was on the receiving end of all three receptions thrown by Dawson accounting for Rice's 44 aerial yards. Strmiska caught both passes from Lep quarterback Mach good for 17 yards.

Defensive leaders for Rice included Pagel with nine tackles, including three sacks, Johnson with eight tackles and a pass interception, Fry with seven tackles and Kenneth Bluntson with six.

Johnson and Robert Turner each had interceptions for Rice.

Johnson punted five times for Rice for a 35.3 average with Mach punting four times for La Grange and averaging 31 yards.

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GRID SCHEDULE

* THURSDAY, SEPT. 10 *
ELMS 7 & 8 hosts Hallettsville, 5:30 & 7:00 p.m.
Rice Frosh at Columbus, 7
Rice Sophs. host Weimar in Sheridan, 5:30
Rice JV at Hallettsville, 7
* FRIDAY, SEPT. 11 *
Rice hosts Hallettsville, 8
Hempstead - open
Navasota at Sealy
Needville at Bellville
Brazos at Sommerville
Columbus - open
Palacios at East Bernard
* SATURDAY, SEPT. 12 *
Bowling Green at Baylor, 7:30
N. Texas St. at SMU, 7:30
Texas Tech at Colorado, 2:30
Rice at Texas, 7
SWTSU at Tex. Luth., 7:30
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* SUNDAY, SEPT. 13 *
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★★ Sports ★★

[Jeff Frnka, Sports Editor]

Ladies' Slo-Pitch Tourney Sat.-Sun. To Benefit Little League

12 Teams To Compete, Starting At 9 A.M. Saturday

A 12-team women's slow pitch softball tournament will be held at the Eagle Lake Little League Field this Saturday and Sunday with all proceeds from the event benefitting the Little League program.

Action in the tournament, which includes some of the top teams from Eagle Lake and surrounding areas, will open on Saturday morning with games slated throughout the day until about 11:00 p.m. Action will resume on Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. and is scheduled to end with the finals about 6:00 p.m.

Following the championship game, trophies will be awarded to the top teams and players in the event by tournament director Mary Jo LeNorman.

"We invite local softball fans to come out and enjoy some exciting women's softball action this weekend and to help support the Eagle Lake Little League Association," said LeNorman.

Lots of refreshments will be available at the concession stand, according to the tournament director, so plan on spending the day at the park to enjoy the softball and to support a good cause.

Busy Week For Rice Dist. Football Teams

ELMS 7th, 8th graders Host Hallettsville Thurs.

This week will be a busy one for Rice CISD football teams with six games scheduled, including four season openers on Thursday night.

• The Raider junior varsity makes its season debut playing the Hallettsville Brahmas, there, at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday.

• The Rice Sophomores open their season on Thursday hosting Weimar at 5:30 p.m. in Sheridan.

• Eagle Lake Middle School seventh and eighth grade Raiders will host Hallettsville in their season openers on Thursday at the ELMS Field. Game times are 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

• The Raider freshmen take on Columbus this Thursday, there, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

• Friday night the Raider varsity will look for its second win in non-district play as it hosts Hallettsville in the home opener at Raider Stadium in Altair at 6:00.

• The Garwood-Sheridan Raiders have two more weeks to wait before they kickoff their season. The Raiders' first game will be Sept. 24 against St. Anthony in Garwood starting at 5:00 p.m.

Rice Freshmen Lose Season Opener To La Grange 16 to 0

The Rice High School freshmen football team opened its 1981 football season on a "muddy" note on Thursday night of last week losing to the La Grange Leopards 16-0 at Raider Stadium in Altair.

The junior varsity game was cancelled since La Grange does not have a JV team.

This Thursday the freshmen will be looking for their first win as they travel to Columbus to take on the Cardinals in a game scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Last Thursday, Coach Dale Norris' freshmen Raiders found the ball a bit slippery as they committed five costly turnovers on a rained soaked field. Only a light drizzle fell during a portion of the game but the rains that flooded the area earlier in the week resulted in extremely soggy field conditions.

Both La Grange touchdowns followed miscues by the Raiders.

La Grange also scored on a safety in the final period following a valiant goalline stand by Rice that halted a Leopard series after they had a first down and goal from the three yard line.

around the league

Bellville Upsets Highly Ranked Sweeny

The first week of football provided some big surprises for District 22AAA football teams highlighted by Bellville knocking off highly rated Sweeny by a score of 6-2. Waller was also a victim this week losing to Tomball and in other contests Hempstead lost to Caldwell, Needville beat Sealy, Columbus topped Rockdale, East Bernard walloped Palacios and Brazos easily beat Louise.

Bellville 6, Sweeny 2

The Bellville Brahmas' only score came on a 78 yard punt return in the second quarter but it was enough to knock off the Houston Post's No. one ranked Houston Area Class AAA team Sweeny by a score of 6-2.

Freddie Benjamin, who was Bellville's leading offensive performer in the game with 25 yards in 2 pass receptions, returned the Sweeny punt for the lone touchdown in the game. Sweeny's only points came on a first quarter safety.

Bellville ended the contest with five first downs and only 53 yards total offense. Sweeny collected 10 firsts in the contest and had 166 yards total offense.

Caldwell 14, Hempstead 0

Caldwell scored one touchdown in the first quarter and added another in the fourth to collect a 14 to 0 win over Hempstead in the season opener for both teams. Douglas McCoy rushed nine times for 35 yards and Johnny Holland completed 5 of 11 passes for 74 yards to lead the Hempstead offense in the loss.

Columbus 7, Rockdale 6

Columbus scored on a one yard run by quarterback Ricky Noska in the first quarter of its contest last Friday and Henry Rodriguez booted the decisive extra point to give the Cardinals a win over Rockdale 7 to 6.

Rockdale scored their lone tally in the final period but a try for two points failed and the Cards held on for the win.

Doug Stovall led rushers in the contest for Columbus with 123 yards in 14 carries with teammate Wayne Johnson adding 91 in 15 carries. The Cards collected 9 firsts in the contest with 227 yards rushing and seven passing. Rockdale had 8 firsts, 120 yards rushing and 69 passing.

Needville 7, Sealy 6

The Sealy Tigers scored on a 31 yard pass reception by Troy Schroeder in the second quarter of their contest with Needville last Friday, but a missed extra point proved to be the difference as Needville also scored in the second quarter and successfully converted the extra point to take the 7 to 6 win.

Steve Cerny threw the touchdown pass for Sealy and completed 19 passes on the night for 117 yards. Rusty Labay connected with Mike Maupin on a 58 yard pass play for Needville's lone score and Mike North kicked the extra point. Labay completed 13 passes in the contest for 136 yards.

East Bernard 47, Palacios 0

J. B. Scott scored on touchdown runs of 3, 53 and 5 yards to spark the East Bernard Brahmas to a 47-0 opening day win over Palacios last Friday night in East Bernard.

Besides Scott's three touchdowns, John Kubena, Scott Pitts and John Williams also found paydirt for the Brahmas.

Scott led all rushers in the game carrying 19 times for 204 yards. The Brahmas ended the contest with 20 first downs, 296 yards rushing and 59 yards passing. Palacios had six firsts, 83 yards rushing and 69 passing.

Tomball 14, Waller 6

Brazos 28, Louise 0

Hallettsville Tops Schulenburg 20-0 Last Friday Night

An interception and 21-yard return by Hallettsville's Brent Schindler in the first quarter of their opening football game of the season were all the points the Brahmas needed for a victory as they went on to whip Schulenburg 20-0 last Friday night in Schulenburg.

Glen Adams, who led rushers in the game with 94 yards in 19 carries, added to the lead with a six yard TD run in the third quarter and the Brahmas added their final score in the final period on a six yard pass play from Jeff Grisham to Ricky Bonewald. Schindler converted on two of the three extra point attempts to account for the rest of the scoring.

Hallettsville ended the game with 148 yards rushing, 17 yards passing and collected 11 first downs. Schulenburg had 87 yards on the ground, passed for 49 and picked up 9 firsts in the game.

Rice Kernels

By Jeff Frnka

Coach Clifton Darden's Rice Raiders lived up to their pre-season billing last Friday night with the easy 33-7 win in La Grange and all 23 Raiders suited up for the game saw action.

Rice ranked among the top ten Class AAA teams in the Houston area did not hurt its ranking with the win and should move up in the list since several top teams were upset in the first week of grid action.

Ironically, La Grange outrushed the Raiders in the game 165 to 115. A big reason for that is that the Rampaging Raider defense kept giving the ball to the offense close to the goal line. Four of the five touchdowns started from the 15, 5, 28 and 12 yard lines. The Raiders did put together a good drive to open the second half, an 11-play, 70-yard march.

• The Raiders showed some signs of a well-balanced team last Friday, both offensively and defensively, plus a good showing on special teams.

Ronnie Fry proved that the Raiders will be a threat on the special teams as he returned two kickoffs for a total of 81 yards and three punts for 45 yards. He returned one punt to the Leopard 15 and nearly broke a kick-off return all the way in the final seconds of the contest.

According to Darden, Fry has been a big surprise so far this season.

"I told Ronnie last spring that his only hope of playing on this year's team would be to make the kicking teams," said the coach, noting that Fry only weighs 121 pounds and that he felt he was too small to play anywhere else. "Ronnie worked hard during the off-season on kicking teams and during our pre-season practices and he proved me wrong, earning himself a spot on not only the kick teams but also starting spots on both offense and defense."

Fry had a pair of key receptions in the game and was the third leading tackler on defense against the Leopards last week.

In the kicking department, James Rhodes on field goals and extra points and Rob Johnson on punts and kickoffs should provide Rice with a powerful punch. Rhodes kicked three of five extra points Friday night, missing one after a 15 yard penalty and not getting a kick away on the other because of a bad snap.

Offensively the Raiders have three new faces in its backfield this season. Joining returning fullback Rob Johnson are halfbacks Ed Thomas and Kenneth Hemphill and quarterback John Dawson.

While Johnson, Dawson and Thomas all got into the scoring column and combined for 113 yards rushing, Hemphill did not score and netted a minus four yards rushing. He did, however, make a key block allowing Thomas to score Rice's first TD and that, according to the coaches, is just as good in their book. The coaches warned, however, to keep an eye on Hemphill, saying he will have his share of big nights before the season is over.

The Raiders also boast a big offensive and defensive line with the likes of Michael Faichtinger at 222 pounds, Andy Gertson 200, Calvin Foster 248, James Garner 204, Kenneth Bluntson 222 and James Rhodes 260. Eugene Kazmir, Charlie Amos, Ronald Dawson and Ricky Miller do not add to the size, but add strength and quickness to the line.

Defensively, the Raiders had a big night against La Grange and came within three seconds of holding the Leps scoreless. With the exception of two runs by La Grange's halfback Merville Johnson of 54 and 32 yards, the defense would have held their opponent under the 100 yard mark.

According to Darden, the Raiders have worked real hard on defense this season including changing to a 4-3 set.

"We gave up way too many points last year and we intend to hold that down this season," he said. Darden indicated that the Raider offense looked "a little rough" in last week's game despite the high score and blamed the emphasis on the defense in practice for that. However, he feels the offense will mold into shape with a little more experience.

• The Raider scouting report indicates that Hallettsville is not near as strong as last season and the loss of a strong nucleus to graduation would indicate that also. In spite of that, Darden says the Brahmas fielded a good junior varsity team last year and that many of those players, along with a tradition of beating Rice, should make them a tough team to beat. The Brahmas have won all five previous meetings with the Raiders.

Rice Sophomores Host Weimar In Sheridan

The Rice High School Raiders Sophomore football team will open its 1981 season this Thursday in Sheridan against Weimar, with kickoff at 5:30 p.m. Members of the team include: front row, l. to r., James Scott, Gilbert Alvarado, Cedric Pope, Richard Davis, Mark Munos and James Amos; middle row, l. to r., Calvin Tillman, Rupert Contreras, Charles Tillman, Jeff Arga, Trahan Taylor and Kenneth Johnson; back row, l. to r., Billy Harrison, Steve Sims, Delbert Jarvis, Rodney Parker, Vernon Stephenson, Clarence Spears, Tim Wilks and Coach David Wilks. - Rice High School Photo.

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