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****** Sports *******

Raiders face Bellville after 1 point loss to Columbus

The Rice Raiders move to Bellville Friday night for their final game of the season. There will be some new faces on the field as the team and its coaches look ahead to next season.

Last Friday, the Raiders went into the locker room at half-time with a 13-3 lead, but failed to hold on and lost by one point when the Cardinals kicked a field goal with just seconds remaining in the game. The final score was 20-19, Columbus.

Two significant plays stand out in the game, although it appeared it may have been one of the best games of the year for the team that has only one win on the books for this season.

First, Rice elected to go for a two point conversion attempt with a little over a minute to go in the game, after Rob Johnson scored, making it 19-17. That extra point try by Johnson was unsuccessful, meaning that if Columbus could get close a field goal would give them the game.

That's just what happened too. Columbus took the final Rice kickoff and in seven plays, including the second memorable play of the game, put their final three points on the board with a field goal.

To start that drive, the Cardinals were called for holding, but on the next play, [illegible] first down with a 15-yard run.

Their next play was an incomplete pass, but with 36 seconds remaining, they ran a 20-yard play down to the Rice 33. After gaining three more yards, Columbus tossed a pass, but the referee behind the play felt the Raider defender interfered with the Cardinal trying to catch the ball, and gave the ball to Columbus on the Rice four-yard line.

The three-point kick was good with four seconds remaining on the clock.

Many Rice players looked good during the game, including the usual standout, Rob Johnson, who scored all Rice points. He now has [illegible] season, breaking the season record held by Earnest Fields who had 668 yards two years ago. Johnson holds records for three of the best four seasons for rushing at the school.

Both Rice and the Cardinals fared about the same the first time each handled the ball, punting on fourth down. But Dwayne Pagel blocked the Cardinal punt, and five plays later, Rice was close enough to score first on a 27-yard field goal by Johnson.

It wasn't until the second quarter that Rice moved into scoring action again. The series of plays [illegible] Schoriemmer, a 170-pound senior, catch two passes in a row, for 12 and 15 yards. That got the Raiders moving quickly allowing Johnson to eventually score a touchdown on a 14-yard run. The kick was good and the score stood at 10-0 after seven minutes of play in the second quarter.

Three plays after Columbus received the ball again, they fumbled and Kenny Johnson recovered. Another pass to Schoriemmer went incomplete. Quarterback Mel Pratt, alternating with Troy Corman, made an exciting 37-yard run, and Derrick Thomas added another eight yards. When another pass attempt by Corman went incomplete, Johnson kicked the game's second field goal.

Columbus then began moving the ball and managed their first three-point score with four seconds remaining in the first half.

The Cardinals now lead the Rice-Columbus rivalry with nine wins, to the four wins the Raiders racked up in 1972 and 73, and 1980 and 81.

As the team goes into its last game of the year, Charlie Amos has 126 tackles, which is the second most by a non-linebacker for Rice and has 194 for his career at the school which is 11th best.

Pagel has 260 career tackles (86 this year) and is tied for career fourth, Johnson has 108 tackles and 282 for his career, which is third best.

Garwood-Sheridan team ends season 6-1-1

The Sheridan-Garwood Raiders capped off a very successful football season last week beating El Campo St. Philip's 26-0.

For the year, the combined 7th and 8th grade players finished with six wins, one loss and one tie, and with the exception of the Shiner game, the defense allowed only six points to be scored against them.

Mike Michalka is the coach in Garwood and Bennie Machac coaches in Sheridan.

The first score last week came in the first quarter on a 12 yard run by Dean Faichtinger, but the extra point try failed. At the end of the quarter, Florencio Ramos scored on a 60-yard run.

In the second quarter, Derrick Stevens intercepted a St. Philip's pass and ran it in for the third score, and this time, Ramos made good on the extra point try.

The final score came when Ramos ran a dive play up the middle, and "Just out ran everybody," Coach Machac said.

"Everyone got to see a lot of action," Machac said. Ramos had 138 yards, Greg King had 72 yards, Faichtinger had 31 yards and quarterback Michael Hurd had 11 yards and was 0 for two in passing.

Defensively, King got 11 tackles, Faichtinger had nine, Albert Lopez had seven and Jack Mayes, Lynn Montgomery and Ramos each had five.

DeWayne Dopslauf recovered two fumbles and had four tackles, and Bill Hefner recovered one fumble.

Bowling News

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

Competition in the Wednesday Nite Trio at Altair is very tight with the Weekly Widows holding a one game lead in the league with 23 total wins. Leftovers trail by one with 22 wins as Potter Farms and Goetz are right behind with 21 each. The Country Swingers hold down fifth with 19 and Misfits sixth with 18 wins.

Anne Burke took top individual honors in the league last Wednesday with a 242-605 series. For team honors, the Leftovers rolled high game of 523 and the Country Swingers posted the 1392 high series.

Other top bowlers included Glenda Moore 230-526, Joyce Graham, Beatrice Botard 201 and Sharon Otradovsky 205.

MOONLIGHTER'S LEAGUE

Each of the top five teams in the Moonlighter's League at Sealy is separated by only one game between each with only four games the difference between 6th place and first place.

J. C. Quartet holds the narrow lead in the league with 21 wins; Blood and Guts is in second with 20; Shorty's Welding, third with 19; Cheap Thrills, fourth, 18; and Farmland Insurance, fifth, 17.

Last Thursday Leonard Stolarski rolled top individual scores with a 205-538 with L. Waddell bowling a 202-533, J. Leopold 514, S. Mitchel 514, M. Vacek 508, and B. Miller 506.

Eagle Lake Raiders pluck Cards

The Eagle Lake Middle School Raiders got back on the winning side of the scoreboard last Thursday as both teams plucked their rivals, the Columbus Cardinals, at the Middle School field.

Seventh and eighth grade teams from Eagle Lake will play their final games of the season this Thursday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Bellville, and they invite your support in their last outing, which is expected to be an exciting one.

In the seventh grade game last week the Raiders came from behind at the half to win the game 18 to 14. James Williams put the first Raider touchdown on the scoreboard, but the extra point attempt failed. Columbus' first touchdown also came in the first quarter, but they made the extra points, to give the Cardinals the edge in the game, 8 to 6.

In the second quarter, Brian Balas scored the touchdown for the Raiders; the extra point attempt failed, making the score 12 to 8 in favor of the Raiders. However, the Cardinals scored again, missing the extra points, to conclude the half at 12 to 14 in favor of Columbus.

But the Raiders weren't to be defeated and came back after the first half to score the only touchdown in the final half. This touchdown was scored on a 45 yard run by Doug Tillman; extra points were missed to make the score 18 to 14 in favor of Eagle Lake.

The final quarter went scoreless for both teams, thus the local team came out victorious in the game.

Coach Bobby Zander listed the following as outstanding players for the week: James Williams who had 150 yards rushing in the game; Kevin Amos, two interceptions and a punt return for a total of 54 yards; and Doug Tillman, 48 yards. Defensively, named as outstanding players in the game were Albert Barrios, four tackles and three assists; James Williams, two tackles, four assists and one fumble recovery; Alcario Barrios, four tackles; Kevin Amos, four tackles and one assist.

Named outstanding offensive players by Coach Larry Varley were Billy King with 173 yards and Dwight Stovall who added 148 yards. Defensive standouts were Glen Leopold, three tackles, one assist and a safety; and Mickey Scott, three tackles and one assist.

The home team's first scoring opportunity came in the first quarter when they moved the ball down to the one yard line but couldn't come up with the score and handed the ball over to Columbus. But in the same quarter the Raiders scored a safety when they tackled a Columbus player behind the end zone. First quarter scoring ended at 2-0 in favor of the Raiders.

In an active second quarter Dwight Stovall scored a touchdown for the Raiders and Billy King was credited for the extra points. Another touchdown in the same quarter for the Raiders was scored by Billy King, but the extra point attempt failed. This closed the first half at 16 to 0 in favor of the Raiders which was good for the game as neither team could score a point in the final half.

8th grade wins 16-0

The eighth grade Raiders defeated the Columbus Cardinals 16 to 0, with all the scoring taking place in the first half of the contest.

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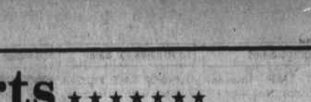

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