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**Bowling News**

**MONDAY NITE MIXED**  
In Monday Nite Mixed action the Kinfolks took honors for high team series with 2335 total pins. Bonus Lease with 862 received the honors for high team game. Mike Henke's 206-566 won him honors for high men's series and Mary Obenhaus with 516 took high women's. Bud Briscoe took high men's game with 209 and Mary Obenhaus took high women's game. Ernie Briscoe rolled a 205 which was also a notable score.

The Lucky Strikes are in the lead with 47 total wins; followed by Good Times with 45 and As is with 42. Kinfolks and the A's are tied with 41 wins and the Mavericks trail with 39.1.

**MOONLIGHTERS**  
The KC's are in first place with 49 total wins in the Moonlighters League. Cheapthrills is on their heels with 45 and Farmland Insurance took third place with 47 total wins. Shorty's Welding (43) and Blood and Guts (40) follow in fourth and fifth place, respectively.

A. Kiker took the honors with 613-233-216. Other notable scores were A. Tomcheson, 581; S. Karakos, 558-214; T. Webb, 545-233; E. Rucka, 528; L. Stolaraki, 517-212; L. Guthman, 514; J. Garza, 502; D. Pavlicsek, 505; M. Vacek, 503; and R. Gertson, 200.

**COMMUTERS LEAGUE**  
Briscoe Realtors took both high team series and high team game with a 2242-217 in Commuters League action Thursday night. Mary Obenhaus bowled the high individual series with a 530 while Lois Taylor's 192-513 took high individual game.

Other high scorers were Grace Zatepek with a 532 and Anne Burke with 510. Standings as of Thursday show the Gutter Lovers in first place with 44 total

\*\*\*\*\* **Sports** \*\*\*\*\*

**Raider Report**

**By: Cathy Lanyon**

There were interesting games for the Raiders last Tuesday night. The Raiders won two of the three games played that evening. Waller had excellent dribbling skills but was reluctant to move on their feet, causing several fouls.

**Freshman Girls**  
It was a close game for the Raider girls. They lost by a small margin with the score reading 14-11. By the end of the first quarter, the Raiders were behind by only two points. However, during the second quarter, the Waller Bulldogs raced ahead. He compensated for the low score. Rice used a play on the offense to stun their guard. They would switch the ball and go in for a lay-up. Beverly Rucka put two in using this method.

By the time the fourth quarter rolled around, both teams were fighting for the rebounds and concentrated on keeping their opponents out from under the basket. The girls ran up and down the court with the referees whistle-blowing on the fouls.

The lead scorer of the Raider girls was Lisa Brown with 7 points. Beverly Rucka and Laura Appet both had two points to contribute to the final score, also.

**Fresh boys win**  
The lead scorer in this game was Dennis Hemphill with 19 points. Other players that aided in scoring was James Botard, 14 points; Dodo Pratt, 4 points; and James Long contributed 1 point.

The boys did a tremendous job staying with their opponents. Dennis stayed tight on their feet to add speed for guarding the aggressive dribblers.

James Long added his touch to passing the ball. He made swift passes, doing so at crucial moments.

Dennis Hemphill bedazzled his opponent with some nifty dribbling skills.

During the fourth quarter the Raiders burst forth with drive and energy. They taunted their opponents and made them turn over the ball. Other times the Raiders stole the ball and laid up two more points. The final score was a whopping 50-24.

**J.V. empounds Waller**  
It was a tough game despite the difference in the scores. Waller was a very capable team when it came to hustling, endurance, and especially, dribbling. Waller continuously drove aggressively and was very flexible on offense. Rice, in turn, had to remain in a stance to compete with their opponents. They also had to stay light on their feet in order to keep with the fast opponents.

In the first quarter several fouls were made against the Raiders. Nelson Dabney and Donald Rae Spears both lined up at the free throw line to add to the score. Minnie Williamson broke the tie at one point in the game when he was fed the ball under the basket.

During the second quarter, both teams settled down and played with an intensity of concentration. Being a truly physical game, a lot of energy was spent on outwitting the opposition.

Other highlights of the game were breaking a 10 point lead from Donald Rae Spears, Malcolm Thomas at the free throw line after being fouled, and long snatched down the court to end up in the eager hands of a Raider.

When the buzzer sounded the score read 44-26. The two teams trudged into the dressing rooms to relieve their tired bodies. However, several Raiders smiled in spite of themselves, and they certainly had a right to. Donald Rae Spears made 13 points, Marcus Tillman led with 15 points, Minnie Williamson contributed 11 points, Malcolm Thomas laid up 9 points, and James Amos sank in 6 points.

**Leopards' spot**  
Fresh weaknesses  
The game was played in a slow tempo as the Raiders battled it out with the La Grange Leopards. Rice continued to steal the ball away from their opponents for the Leopards posed as no real threat to them on offense.

Stray White hit "her" shot to help close the gap in the score to just a ten point difference. Lisa Brown sank in one after moving the ball around.

During the fourth quarter, La Grange was losing their aggressiveness and in the heat of the moment they would throw away the ball. And as whistle after whistle blew the Raiders surged with revitalization. They then pressed heavily and made some points off the fast opponents. The final score was 34-21.

Stray White led the scoring with 11 points. Lisa Brown and E. Clayton both hit 4 points and L. Ware added 2 points.

**Fresh boys claw Leopards**  
The freshman boys had captured another victory last Friday night in the Raider gym. They stunned their opponents with a maneuver that reversed the ball and worked its way into the basket. Rice also pressed the forwards which caused some turnovers when the ball was brought down. La Grange made a mistake on defense when they all moved to the side of the ball which left the low post open.

Some of the highlights were an outside jump-shot made by Dodo Pratt, a stylish lay-up made by Dennis Hemphill, and a snatched ball made by Cornell Hurd. James Botard positioned himself down the court waiting for a long pass. He received one and added two to the score.

Towards the middle of the fourth, the Leopards were closing in. The score was now 20-24. Unfortunately for the Leopards they managed to foul a few too many.

Several players wearing the Rice jersey were lined up at the free throw line, taking shots to help the uncomfortable. By the time the buzzer sounded, the score was 34-22.

Those that contributed to the score were: Lisa Brown sank in 4 points; Dennis Hemphill, 10 points; Dodo Pratt, 6 points; James Long, 2 points; David Morgan, 3 points; James Botard, 8 points; Cornell Hurd, 1 point.

**J.V. Boys close by one**  
It was a disappointing loss for the boys last Friday night. Their contenders were evenly matched. However, they did not guard the ball as well as they could have. Rice managed to steal the ball several times during the first quarter. Nelson Dabney stole the ball one time and made two points. James Amos took it to the basket and Nelson again made two points.

One of the plays on offense for the Raiders, is to rotate the post positions.

36-23 on the scoring of Fields, Scott, Woods and Elaine Riggins with 8 each, and two points each by Bluntson, Machele Milligan and Sharlette King.

This week they played Sealy and are scheduled to play Bellville Friday night. Those are the only two teams that have beaten the JV girls, according to coach David White.

The last two games of the season are against Columbus in Raider Gym, and at Brookshire-Royal.

**Varsity boys lose in FIVE overtimes**

The Rice Raider varsity boys staged a "good comeback" last Friday against La Grange, coming from 12 points behind in the fourth quarter to force the game into overtime, but the Leopards came out on top - finally.

At the end of regulation it was 48-45, and the first of five extra three-minute periods went on the clock. In each overtime, Rice scored first, but La Grange also was able to score to keep it tied. Each team scored once each overtime until the final buzzer.

Then the Leopards scored first, Stanley Powell tied it up at 58-58, but La Grange scored on a three-point play at the buzzer to give them the win, 61-58.

The Rice district record now stands at 4-4, and according to coach Jack Grammer, "That pretty well eliminates us from a chance at first place."

However, coaching Grammer still is shooting for a place in the district tournament, because many of this year's players will be back next year. "The experience could do them a lot of good," he said Monday.

There is a remote chance of something happening to the leading teams, but it would take wins in the remaining four Rice games and losses by the leaders to change the standings.

In the La Grange game, Powell scored 26 points and Rob Johnson had 19.

**Cotton and grain clinic to be held**  
Wednesday, Feb. 9

The 28th annual Wharton County Cotton and Grain Clinic Wednesday, February 9 at Silver Wings Ballroom in El Campo will provide important information to farmers and also emphasize the importance of agriculture to the area, state and nation.

Registration begins at 1 p.m. and the \$2 fee includes a meal of Wharton County barbecued beef with trimmings, 6-8 p.m.

U.S. Representative Charles W. Stenholm of West Central Texas will address the clinic at 6:30 p.m. He is one of only two Texans on the House Agriculture Committee and serves on many agriculture subcommittees. He is also a member of the Small Business Committee.



Rodney Parker (54) scrambles for a loose ball during the Columbus-Rice Raider game. Hidden in the background at left is (42) Delbert Jarvis, and (50) Rob Johnson.

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