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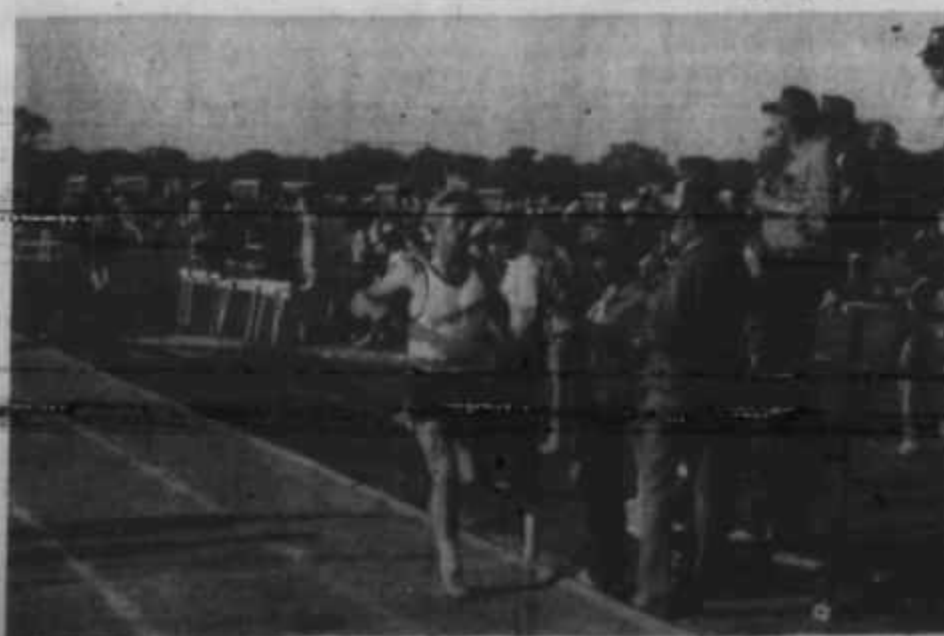
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Although the crowd was slim at the recent Rice track meet, parents and relatives of athletes were out in force. Below is East Bernard star athlete Ronnie Orsak who won the mile and two mile races at Rice.



Sports

106 compete in Lions golf tournament

A beautiful day and a large crowd was the setting for the 13th annual Eagle Lake Lions barbecue and invitational golf tournament held Sunday at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center.

A barbecued chicken dinner was served by Lions members to approximately 800 people and 106 golfers entered the tournament.

The tournament was divided into two groups with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Prizes awarded in the tournament included: first place, set of Spalding Elite Irons; second place, set of Spalding Elite Woods; third place, Spalding golf bag; fourth place, travel case and fifth place, golf balls. There was also a prize for a hole-in-one.

Two \$100 U.S. Savings Bonds donated by First National Bank of Eagle Lake was the prize for the hole-in-one, but no one won it.

Winners in the five flights were:

Championship Flight: John Bell of Weimar, first; Johnny Reyes of Belleville, second; 71; Dean Dahse of Weimar, third; 71; Gary Braun of Weimar, fourth; 73; and Roger Millican of Sealy, fifth; 73.

First Flight: Garlan Kelley of Pasadena, first; 72; Lee Baker of Wharton, second; 76; Brock Ashby of Eagle Lake, third; 77; Alan Crawford of Belleville, fourth; 78; and Tommy Pilkington of Eagle Lake, fifth; 78.

Second Flight: John Mumme of Belleville, first; 79; Joe Higginbotham of Belleville, second; 79; Jack Birtchett of El Campo, third; 80; Glen Sunderman of Eagle Lake, fourth; 80; and Phil Ferguson of Eagle Lake, fifth; 82.

Third Flight: Charlie Hart of Pasadena, first; 79; Jerry Coble of Rock Island, second; 81; Jack Harrell of Eagle Lake, third; 85; Jimmy Thomas of Eagle Lake, fourth; 85; and A. B. Cone of Eagle Lake, fifth; 85.

Fourth Flight: Rusty Spangler of Houston, first; 87; Richard Allen of El Campo, second; 88; Bob McInteer of Eagle Lake, third; 88; Davis Waddell of Eagle Lake, fourth; 88; and John Apppling of El Campo, fifth; 89.

All ties were settled by a putt-off (closest to the hole putting contest).

Special awards went to Clyde Brown of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas who came the farthest distance and received a dozen golf balls for being able to hit the ball more than anyone else in one afternoon. Closest to the hole contest on both par 3 holes was won by Tommy Pilkington of Eagle Lake for number 5 hole and Tom Quail of Houston for number 4 hole. Tommy was 9'9 1/2" from the hole and Tom Quail was 42" from the hole. They both received \$100 each. Many other contests went on throughout the day.

Prizes were awarded to the winners in the events at the conclusion of play on Sunday evening by Abel Gonzales, Lions president and Mark Anderson, past president and District Governor.

Larry Dulany, tournament chairman, extended a big thank you at that time and to the support of the Lions Club members who helped make the tournament and barbecue run so smoothly.

Special thanks to the members of the Eagle Lake Recreation Center for use of golf carts and M&S Distributing of Columbus. Also a very special thanks to Oscar and Bennie Miller and Annie Broesche and to the many people who added to the success of the annual event.

Rice girls, boys in regional track meet

Four members of the girls track team, and three members of the boys track team at Rice High School will be participating in the regional track meet on May 6 and 7 at Blinn College.

The seven tracksters won the opportunity for regional competition last weekend in the district track meet at Prairie View A&M University. Those who won first or second place in district events qualify for the regional.

According to Rice girls coach Dottie Johnson, Emelda Clayton placed second in the 100 meter dash, and the team of Clayton, Jackie Parker, Tracey Davis and Renia Perdue won second in the 800 meter relay.

Both Clayton and Perdue are freshmen.

According to boys coach Finest, Axel, another new school record was established as Rodney Parker won first place in the district 200-meter dash with a time of 22.88 seconds.

That puts Parker in the regionals, along with Andy Anderson, the school's 800 meter record holder, who won that district race, and James Powell, who jumped 22 feet to win the long jump.

Axel said he hopes to enter the boys in a district meet this weekend for Five-A schools, to give them some of the toughest competition as added practice for the regionals.

"Parker feels he can't be beat," Axel said Monday. "I hope he's right, but I'd rather enter him in tough competition this weekend where losing won't count against him, as it would in the regional."

As far as Axel knows, a member of a Galveston High School track team is the only one who has run faster in the 200 meter than Parker.

There was some Rice disappointment during the district meet. The sprint relay team thought it placed second, and was awarded the medals. But, once on the bus thinking they were on their way to the regional, coach Axel learned one of the pickers had changed his mind, and awarded second to Hempstead.

Axel had to settle for third place and ask the boys to turn over the medals to the Hempstead runners.

Overall, the boys placed fourth in the district meet with a total of 62 points, compared to first place Belleville's 140 points. Other Rice winners include Phillip Schorlemmer in the 300 intermediate hurdles and Ed Thomas in the 100 meter run; Allen Jones was fourth in the 400 meter dash. In the mile relay, the team of Thomas, Jones, Schorlemmer and Anderson placed fourth, and Vincent Dancy won fourth in the discus.

For the girls, the team of Lisa Parker, Perdue, Clayton and Karen Schneider placed fourth.

Andy Anderson crosses the finish line ahead of his closest contender in the recent track meet at Rice High School. The race was billed as tough competition for Anderson.

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