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JV, Freshman football teams victorious over Hallettsville

The Rice Raider junior varsity and freshman football teams both were victorious in their second outings last Thursday, beating their Hallettsville opponents.

According to coaches Finest Axel and Gary Wrinkle, the JV win came on a score of 42-0, led by quarterback James Morgan. However, the JV team will be retrenching this week as Morgan has been moved up to the varsity squad. Jon Wanderlich, a junior, is moving into the JV quarterback position. He played at quarterback some during his freshman year, but last year played end, and has been playing strong safety this season.

The JV scoring started early when Everett Alvarado blocked a Hallettsville punt, which was covered in the end zone by Cornell Hurd, giving the Raiders a 2-0 lead on the safety. Donald Spears scored the first two Raider touchdowns, on runs of 16 and 10 yards, and Henry

Gonzales was successful with one of the extra point kicks, making the score 15-0.

The Raider scoring continued with Morgan keeping the ball for a TD, and in the third quarter, Gable Barrios scored with a 20-yard run followed by another successful Gonzales extra point kick. Before the third quarter ended, Barrios scored again, then in the fourth, Raymond Thomas intercepted a pass and three plays later scored on a 15 yard run.

After Thursday's JV game with Needville at Raider Stadium, coaches Wrinkle and Axel will be facing another player position to fill, with Danny McElhane scheduled to move to Colorado. Axel said he is a defensive captain, and could have been moved up to varsity.

Freshman success came on a score of 18-6, according to coach Henry Gindrat. Warren Hurd, playing at quarterback, scored early with a 60-yard run from the

line of scrimmage then Dean Faichinger took a 10-yard pass from Hurd for another score.

"It was a pretty fair effort," coach Gindrat said Monday. "They hit pretty good." The freshmen also take on their Needville peers Thursday.

The JV roster included:
10-Jon Wanderlich
42-James Long
22-Dennis Hemphill
24-Donald Spears
32-Raymond Thomas
30-Gable Barrios
40-Bryan Wiese
42-Orlando Pratt
55-William Gonzales
61-Tim Kleppel
62-Henry Gonzales
65-Stevie Almanza
74-Danny McElhane
75-Michael Meinecke
34-Everett Alvarado
80-Marcus Tillman
81-Billy Cook
83-Cornell Hurd
82-Morales Xavier

Hill wins first, Almanza takes second

Jim Hill of Cat Spring won the \$10 first prize and Becky Ann Almanza of Eagle Lake won the \$5 second prize in the second week of the Headlight football contest. Only of the games were scored, since the Baylor opponent was incorrectly listed on the contest page last week.

Almanza missed only two games, as did six other entrants, but was closest to the 70 total points scored in the Rice game with 52. Others with two wrong were Skip Pustejovsky, R. J. Armstrong, Jeff Pensick, Wendall Ward, Andrew Harbich and Traylor Walker.

game, where Miami beat the Cougars 29-7. Almanza also missed that game, but Bellville 36; 3. Montgomery 10; 4. Elgin 20; 5. Hearne 27; 6. La Grange 14; 7. Smithville 12; 8. Livingston 18; 9. Waller 20; 10. Minnesota 21. Rice 13; 11. Grambling 13; 12. Houston Oilers lost to A. Raiders, and 14. Dallas beat St. Louis.

Last week's results are:
1. Hallettsville 26, Rice 12; 2. Magnolia 12, Bellville 36; 3. Montgomery 10; 4. Elgin 20; 5. Hearne 27; 6. La Grange 14; 7. Smithville 12; 8. Livingston 18; 9. Waller 20; 10. Minnesota 21. Rice 13; 11. Grambling 13; 12. Houston Oilers lost to A. Raiders, and 14. Dallas beat St. Louis.

Fun today at Recreation Center this Sunday
Another fun golf tournament will be held Sunday starting at 2 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center.
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***** Sports *****

Raiders smash Hallettsville 50-26

Victory came smashing home last Friday night for the Rice High School Raider varsity football team, beating Hallettsville 50-26. Except for Rice ending up on the winning side of the scoreboard, coaches said the only difference in the game was that the players lived up to their potential.

Hallettsville, last year's runner-up in their district, wasn't able to contain the Raider offense that came close to existing statistical records kept for the team by Joe Fling. For instance, it was the fifth best passing game since the school was consolidated, and was the second game in which a quarterback has run for more than 100 yards.

Head Coach Cliff Darden, naturally positive about the team since practice opened in August, said there were some great efforts among

the players, but that it was a real team and coaching effort, scouting reports included. His after-game discussion kept centering on his players "You just can't say too much about how the kids took over...They decided they wanted to play real good ball."

As for the opponents, Darden said they were playing well, and when our blocking would fail, Hallettsville would step in the gap and shut Rice down. Hallettsville and Rice both committed serious errors, but Rice overcame the mistakes.

For instance, the game started somewhat in Rice tradition. The Raiders moved the ball down into scoring position, but were not able to move it into the end zone, turning the ball over on a missed field goal attempt. But the Raiders pressed on when Hallettsville fumbled on their 17; Michael Mota recovered for the Raiders, only to see two penalties called and the ball moved back to the 34 yard line.

Quarterback Mel Pratt, who knew Darden brought James Morgan up from the

JV team as a possible replacement, continued his evening of well run plays, hitting Delbert Jarvis with a 22 yard passing gain. When it got to a 4th down, with one yard to go position, Pratt made the first down with a keeper, then Jarvis scored from the five, with 6:53 left in the first quarter. The extra point attempt failed.

Pratt really came through. Darden said Monday. He did a fine job of reading the option, and was helped by the good blocking of the line and the backs. Pratt threw several passes that weren't completions, but even those landed in the arms of the receivers. And on the option runs, Michael Davis' name didn't show up in the statistics very much, because fake hand-offs to him helped fool the Hallettsville defense, and allowed others to make big gains.

After the first score, it took another four minutes to maneuver the ball into the end zone for a score by Cleve Scott. With a little more than 90 seconds gone in the second quarter, Hallettsville scored by



Michael Mota



Delbert Jarvis

moving the ball 64 yards in ten plays, allowing Williams in for the six points.

With the score then 12-6, and the ball game still open to question, Rice began to move away. On a double-reverse play, Jarvis threw to Pratt for a 15 yard gain and a first down; standby quarterback John Harborth playing at fullback, ran for 31 yards up the middle, practically untouched for the first 20 yards. A couple of plays later, Pratt hit Jarvis for 17 yards and Amos for 18 for the third score. The Raiders tried to make up for the two missed extra points by running Harborth, but he couldn't get over the line. So, with 7:48 left to play before the end of the first half, Rice lead 18-6.

In the next five minutes, Hallettsville fumbled twice, giving Rice two more opportunities to score. They were able to do so once, with Pratt on a keeper. On the kickoff, Hallettsville fumbled again, Pratt tossed to Amos for a nine-yard score, then Pratt stayed on the field to kick the game's first successful extra point. It was 31-6 in favor of Rice, when Hallettsville got the ball back, and moved it 61 yards for a score. Raider mistakes gave Hallettsville three first downs and 54 yards on that drive that closed the half with Rice ahead 31-14.

Hallettsville scored once

each second-half quarter, while Rice scored once in the third and twice again in the fourth period, to close the game at 50-26.

Friday night, the Raiders play Needville for the first game of the season on the road for Rice. Last year when Needville came to Rice, the Raiders netted their only win of that season. Most Raider fans anticipate the Rice season to stand at 2 wins to one loss after this week's game. Needville's record this year is 0-2.

For statistical records, the defensive effort was pretty even. Jeff Argo is credited with four tackles and four assists, followed by Doug Baumgarten with four tackles and three assists. Scott totaled six, followed by Leonard Perry.

Tony Hosman, Malcolm Thomas and Jimmy Clippson with five each. Five players had four each: Jarvis, Trahan Taylor, Jason Smith, Tillman, Amos, Harborth, Davis, Amos, Parker, Brian Thomson, Ron McGrew, Mota and Keith Pensell also were credited with tackles or assists. Tillman, Perry Mota and Jarvis made the ball back, and moved it 61 yards for a score. Raider mistakes gave Hallettsville three first downs and 54 yards on that drive that closed the half with Rice ahead 31-14.

Bowling News

SKULL CREEK MIXED

Last week in the Skull Creek Mixed League action, Freddie Peits started off the season by capturing the men's high game and series with a 235-593. LaVerne Graham bowled a 195-201 for the women's high game and series. Who are we? We posted an 836 for high team game and Good Guys brought home the high team series with a 2334.

Other high scorers were: Henry Burke 228-553, Mano Graham 222-517, Al

Novosad 523, Jack Dromgool 502, Erwin Knippel 531, Ray Rucker 514, Arthur Flores 204, and Elaine Dromgool 191-489.

COMMITTEES
Glenda Moore's 221-537 took high individual honors September 8 in the Commuters League action. In Allair with Gutter Lovers compiling a 2180 for high team series and Gifts of Distinction capturing high team game with 765.

Elisa Gertson 516, Connie Crane 523, Mary Obenhaus 215, and Ernie Sommerlatte 213.

League standings as of September 8 are: Low Rollers and Balls of Fire tied for first with 4 wins each; Gutter Lovers, Gifts of Distinction and Rice Kernels tied for third with 3 wins each; tied for sixth with 1 win each are Screw Balls, Jo Ann's and Scrappers; and tied for ninth are Baumgart Insurance Agency and Sheridan Drilling.



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