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Sports

Raiders facing a tough schedule

By GEORGE FERGUSON

Rice High School's basketball Raiders have no choice but to take on a spinach diet early this season. In fact, if Popeye was around he would perhaps recommend cans of the leafy vegetable at both ends of the court for each of the next three games.

Rice's head basketball coach, Dusty Lowe, predicted before District 26-AAA play began that the conference race would be between Rice and three other foes: Gonzales, Columbus and Edna.

In district openers last Friday night, Rice defeated Hallettsville easily 86-65, and Gonzales, rated sixth in 3-A in the state, won over Columbus 73-65. In the other game last Friday, Edna rolled over Yoakum, 48-46.

But that's just the beginning. Rice was to meet Columbus Tuesday night, host the tough Gonzales team at Rice gym this Friday night and travel to Edna to meet the Cowboy cagers Tuesday of next week.

Coach Lowe would like wins over both Columbus and Gonzales, of course, but he said Monday that if he could come out of this week's schedule with Columbus and Gonzales with just one victory he would be happy.

In the game with Hallettsville last Friday at Altair, the score was knotted 12-12 at the end of the first period after Hallettsville had taken a scoreboard lead early in the contest.

At halftime, the visitors were leading the Raiders by one point, 31-30. But after looking less than alive the first half, the Raiders were obviously inspired the final two periods.

The Lady Raiders upped their district record to 2-0 last Friday night by defeating Hallettsville 43 to 36 in the Brahmas gymnasium. The team was led by Emelda Clayton and Veronica Woods with 10 points each. They were closely followed by Karen Bluntsoo with 9 and Lakeshia Jackson with 8. Lisa Brown rounded out the score with 6 points.

In the JV game, the baskets seemed to fall short when the Raiders were defeated 35 to 30 in overtime. The JV's were led by Yolanda Stevens with 8 points, Carrie Perry and Paul Baumgarten each had 6, Marsha McTeague and Vicki Darden put in 4 points each and Marcie Kutzer added 2.

The Raider freshmen team won 19 to 12 over the Hallettsville team. The bulk of the scoring for the Raiders was done in the first quarter with 10 points, while the Brahmas had 7. Jackie Smith led scoring with 8 points, Sheryl McGrew had 6 and Traci Klein added in 4 points.

The Lady Raiders played the Columbus Cardinals this past Tuesday in Raider territory and will be on the road this Friday to play the tough Gonzales team. They return home Tuesday night to play Edna. The JV contest will start at 6 p.m. and the varsity will follow at approximately 7:30 p.m.

leading at the end of the third quarter 54-46 and outscoring the Hallettsville cagers 32 to 19 in the final period. Rice won, 86-65.

James Williamson, a 6-0 senior and returning letterman in the Raider lineup, pumped in 20 points to lead the scoring for the locals. Nelson Dabney, also a senior at 6-2 and a returning letterman, was second best with 19 points. Donald Ray Spears, only 5-10 but a returning starter, scored 15 points.

Dennis Hemphill, the only junior on the squad until Jimmy Botard was moved up from the junior varsity team by Coach Lowe just prior to the Hallettsville game, also scored in the double figures with 11 points. Botard scored a respectable 10-point average in four games played this season by the junior varsity team before he joined the big boys. Botard hit four of five attempted free throws in the game with Hallettsville last Friday.

On paper, Rice and Columbus, the Raiders' foe Tuesday night, look about even. In tournament bouts with the Cards earlier this season, Rice split, winning the first outing with Columbus, 60-59, and the Cardinals defeated Rice 65-57 in the second encounter.

FRESH ROLL

Coach Steve Carroll's freshman Raider basketball team just continues to roll — the freshmen team defeated the Hallettsville visitors last Friday night, 74-31. Carroll's team is now 4-0 going into the game with Columbus this past Tuesday night. And all of the Raider freshmen wins have been big ones.

Marcos Wilson and Mario Pope each scored 15 points for the winners. Kurt McTeague added 10, Kevin Long and Derrick Stevens each scored nine points and Jeff Marquart hit for eight.

The freshmen play at 5 p.m. at home every Friday just prior to the junior varsity game. The varsity cagers play at 7:30 p.m. All three Raider basketball teams are on the road every Tuesday.

JV's LOSE

The Rice junior varsity

basketballers lost last Friday to Hallettsville, 51-30. Hallettsville was behind 30-19 with only moments left in the game and the visitors hit a field goal just as the buzzer sounded giving them the narrow victory.

Michael Hearn tossed in 12 points for the Raiders in the battle. After meeting Columbus at Columbus this past Tuesday night, the Raiders host Gonzales this Friday and are on the road next Tuesday at Edna. Yoakum comes calling at Rice a week from this Friday night.



Sheridan girls basketball team

Members of the Sheridan girls basketball team for the 1984-85 school year are, front row (kneeling), from left: Shelley Slawinski, Belinda McClendon, Janie Botard; back row (standing), from left: Sharra Querner, Shannon Del Dotto, Coach Bennie Machac, Jennifer Hooper and Vernita.



Sheridan boys basketball team

Members of the Sheridan boys basketball team for the 1984-85 school year are, front row (kneeling), from left: Freddy Soto, Michael Till, Michael Grahmann, Clay Sonntag, Cash Coble; back row (standing), from left: Coach Machac, Kevin Edds, Rodney Laake, Steven Moore, DeWight Doplauf, Bobby Walker.

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