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Bowling News

MONDAY NITE MIXED

On February 11, Gamblers still hold down first place with 32 wins followed by Bonus Lease in second with 48, Pinbusters in third with 47 1/2, Wine Heads in fourth with 44 and Who Cares in fifth with 43 wins.

Lo Rollers posted an 872 for high team game and Who Cares compiled a 2578 for high team series. Sam Center bowled

a 206 for men's high game and Gayle Thomas compiled a 190-518 for men's high series. Beverly Krenk rolled a 228-637 for women's high game and series.

Other high rollers were Jody Neave 559, Suzanne Andrews 531, Wayne Lipperdt 515, Leon Schneider 506.

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Mano Graham's 214-598 gave him the men's high series in Skull Creek Mixed League action on February 12 in Altair. Sharon Otradosky rolled a 186 for women's high game and Glenda Moore posted a 478 for women's high series. Spurs posted an 872-2947 for high team game and No Names compiled a 2379 for high team series.

Other high rollers were Roy Rucker 561, Freddie Peis 210-515, Erwin Knippel 549, Donnie Rollins 208-522, Bubba Schrader 209-555, Carl Pennell 501.

Woody Boogers hold down first place with 59 wins followed by Rice Birds in second with 52 1/2 wins. Spurs in third with 52, Skull Creek Lanes in fourth with 49 wins, Oops in fifth place with 48 1/2 wins and Don't Know's in sixth with 48.

INITIAL LEAGUE

On February 14, WCL Builders hold down first place with 362 1/2 followed by E.L. Imps in second with 354, Western Auto in third with 340 1/2.

Mano Graham posted a 258-654 for individual high game and series. Western Auto captured high team game with its 1046 game and Columbus KC's compiled a 3069 for high team series.

Other high bowlers were Gus Seaborn 599, Draper Stephens 555, Butch Schmidt 307-566, Glen Lockier 305-578, Lawrence

Stallman 521, Ray Rucker 305-581, Larry Rothbauer 533, Ray Kocurek 327, Dwight Hadley 504.

MOONLIGHTERS

At Sealy Thursday night, February 14, in the Moonlighters League, Scott Holden bowled a 246 for high game and Stan Mitchell compiled a 226-595 for high series.

Other high bowlers were

Sonny Spaniel 225-588, Bob McIner 225-575, Steve Almasa 224-584, John Garza 543, Thurston Webb 542, Albert Tomchesson 529, Benny Miller 523, Glen Janow 512, Sam Firtle 500.

Hot Shots hold down first place with 61 1/2 wins followed by First Place Team in second with 61 wins, Cheap Thrills in third with 57, K.C.'s in fourth with 48 and The Up Pro Shop in fifth with 47 wins.

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Raiders vs LaGrange Friday

By GEORGE FERGUSON

The varsity boys' basketball team is the third Rice High School sports aggregation to reach the playoffs this school year. Coach Ducky Lowe's Raiders completed District 26 AAA play in second place with a 13 win-loss record.

In basketball, the district champion and runner-up champion advance to the University Interscholastic League playoffs. Gonzales was the conference champion, sporting a sparkling 19-0 record.

The district champion (Gonzales) must meet the runner-up champion in District 26 AAA (Pflugerville) and the runner-up champ in 26-3A (Rice) meets the 25-3A champion (LaGrange) in the bi-district round of the playoffs.

Gonzales tangles with Pflugerville at 7:30 p.m. this Friday at San Marcos High School gym. And Rice's Raiders are all set to meet LaGrange in a 7:30 p.m. tilt Friday at Weimar High School gym. The winners of these games advance to the area playoff game. Area winners will play in a regional tournament slated later at Kingville.

The Kingsville winner then goes to the state 3A tournament in Austin at Frank Erwin Center Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 7-9.

The Rice Raider football team was District 26 AAA champion during this past season and the Rice Lady Raiders, varsity girls basketball team, won the 26-3A district title with a 10-0 mark this season just ended. The Lady Raiders were eliminated in bi-district competition last Saturday night by Pflugerville, however.

The football team defeated Luling in bi-district, but fell to eventual state champion Medina Valley in the area playoff.

The Raider basketball team fell only to Gonzales by close scores twice and Columbus once in regular district competition. But Rice bounced back to defeat Edna and Yoakum handily in the final two regular season games and mark up the 7-3 record and take second place in the district standings.

LaGrange, 25-3A champion and Rice's bi-district competition this Friday night has an 8-1 record in district play this season, the only loss was to Elgin, third-place finisher in the 25-3A loop.

A spokesperson at LaGrange High School said there were no outstanding players on the LaGrange team. The coach (Dick Hughes) might have a different idea about that, the spokesman said, but the way I see it, we have a group of boys who want to play basketball — they play well together. But we have no stars," he said.

Coach Lowe is in his first year as head basketball coach at Rice. He moved here after a two year stint as head coach at Rockdale, Tx., High School.

The new coach had only two starters back from the Rice

team of last season — Donald Ray Spears and Malcolm Thomas. There were four lettermen returning, including the starters. The other two lettermen are James Williamson and Nelson Dabney. Gary Spates, a 6-2 junior, joins Spears, Thomas, Williamson and Dabney in the starting lineup. Dennis Hemphill, a 5-11 junior, comes off the bench and usually gets a lot of playing time.

Cornell Hurd and Jimmy Bolard complete the thin Rice roster. Coach Lowe has to be tremendously pleased with the Raiders' performance this year. As he said early in the season, "We have little depth and no height and we are in a super tough district."

Very few fans have followed the Rice team out of town this season, however more showed up for the final regular season game at Yoakum than is customary. Coach Lowe and the Rice Raiders obviously will appreciate support of Rice fans at Weimar Friday night when the locals tackle 25-3A champion LaGrange.

Raider Baseball 'looking good'

"Things are looking good in the Rice High School varsity baseball camp. That's the word from coach Clifton Darden, who head football coach and athletic director at Rice.

Darden said he had 13 players out and he expects three more players to join the baseball squad from the District 26 AAA runner-up champion in basketball. The basketball team is in the state playoffs, scheduled to meet District 25 AAA champ LaGrange in a 7:30 p.m. game Friday at Weimar High School gymnasium.

These eager expected to also play baseball are Malcolm Thomas, all sports man Donald Ray Spears and James Williamson.

Regular non-district season play begins for Rice on Mar. 4 when the Raiders host Sealy at Rice's diamond. Belville calls on Rice on Mar. 7 and conference competition starts on April 9 when Edna visits Altair.

The Rice baseball lineup for 1985 includes:

Jason Smith, catcher; Keith Pennell and Bryan Babela, pitchers; John Adams, first base; Jon Wunderlich, second base; Glen Leopold and Chad Miller, shortstops; Curt McTeer and Michael Burke, third base; Steve Almasa and Everett Alvarado, leftfielders.

Also, Kevin Long, centerfield; Steven Drik, rightfield.

Four pay heavy shooting fines

Four men from Pasadena, Texas, paid \$1,390 in fines and court costs last week after they were arrested for shooting geese in a field along FM 3013.

Sheriff's deputy James Brooks was on patrol last Wednesday about five miles north of Eagle Lake and noticed the men in the field. When he made a U-Turn to investigate, the men ran for their car and drove off after a short high-speed chase, Brooks stopped the car and ticketed the driver for speeding. Police chief Ben Johnson and Lt. Game Warden Sam Center, among others, were called to the scene, and after blood was noticed on the car's bumper, searched the vehicle.

They found 11 geese, and issued two citations for possession of geese out of season. Mac Jones, justice of the peace for precinct eight in the Eagle Lake area, levied \$343 in fines and court costs against each of the men. One of the four paid the cash fine and was released, the other three spent the night in the Colorado county Jail.

About 25 boys reported for the first practice session for track and field at Rice High School recently, according to Steve Carroll, head track coach at the high school.

"It's far too early to tell what we will have this year," coach Carroll said. "I do expect to have a couple of standouts, however," the coach said.

He said he was sure that the Rice tracksters will be participating in about three meets before the district, regional and state track meets during the upcoming season.

Coach Carroll is in his first year as a sports mentor at Rice. He moved to the high school from the middle school in Eagle Lake. He was an assistant football coach, freshman basketball coach and now track coach at Rice.

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