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Sports

30 Rice athletes are sidelined

By GEORGE FERGUSON

A new rule under a Texas education reform law currently sidelines more than 30 athletes at Rice High School, according to a report given at a recent school board meeting. Only track and golf teams presently have ineligible players, however, since football and basketball seasons have ended.

Nine track participants are involved and two golfers are sidelined under the new rule. Rice athletic director Clifton Darden said.

Overall at Rice, about 37 percent of the students are missed currently from extracurricular activities under the new rule.

This seems about average.

About 20 percent of the high school athletes in the Houston Independent School District, for example, failed at least one course and will be benched from spring sports such as baseball and track.

The baseball team at Rice has not been affected by the new rule, Darden said.

The rule, part of the sweeping education reform law approved by the Texas State Legislature last summer, requires that students pass all courses each six weeks to be eligible for extracurricular activities the following six weeks.

Before, students had to pass only four courses each week to participate.

What does Darden think of the new rule? "Well, I'm for total education, but I think the new rule is pretty strict," he said. "The rule not only affects athletics," he said. "It affects the band, one act plays — for example, if one student was

ineligible in a one-act play, it would involve the play perhaps being cancelled with none of the students participating. Yes, I think the rule is too strict," Darden said. But again the athletic director emphasized he is completely in favor of "total education," pointing out that extracurricular activities afford education for students also.

The highly controversial state law was initiated by a study headed by Dallas millionaire H. Ross Perot over the past recent months. The Perot committee findings were endorsed by Texas Gov. Mark White.

The 1985 football season will be the first time that sport has been under the guidelines of the new law. It will be interesting to see how emotions run on the state high school football scene this fall as far as the new rule is concerned. That is, provided the rule is not watered down somehow.

Bowling News

MONDAY NITE MIXED

On March 4, Gamblers still hold down first place with 57 1/2 wins followed by Bonus Lease in second with 56. Pinbusters in third with 52 1/2. Who Cares in fourth with 52 and Lo Rollers in fifth with 46 1/2 wins.

Lo Rollers posted an 827 for high team game and U.F.O.'s compiled a 2352 for high team series. Doyle Waldrop bowled a 119 for men's high series and Chic Stein compiled a 192 for men's high game. Elaine Sonntag rolled a 198-538 for women's high game and high series.

Other high rollers were Alta Barten 501.

MOONLIGHTERS

At Sealy Thursday night, March 7 in the Moonlighters League, Gene Jones and Sam Pirtle tied for high game series with 557 and Arthur Flores bowled a 215-525 for high game.

Other high bowlers were John Garza 207-514, Joe Foster 204-521, Scott Holden 200-523, Stan Mitchell 200-534, Sonny Spaniel 528, Jack Leopold 523, Darrell Gerton 523, Mickey Kohlwep 515, Thurston Webb 514, Bob McInteer 507, Ray Sykowski 501.

Hot Shots moved into first place followed by First Place Team in second, Chapp Thrilla in third, Bad News Bowlers in fourth and Tee Up Pro Shop in fifth.

SKULL CREEK MIXED — Skull Creek rolled a 224-537 for men's high game and series in Skull Creek Mixed League action on February 28 in Altair. Margie Knippel rolled a 500 for women's high series. Wooly Boogers compiled a 873-2443 for high team game and series.

Other high rollers were Keny Venghaus 204-231-540, Eloy Jentach 208-554, Freddie Peltz 224-582, Lonnie Owens 206-519, Roy Rucker 507, Mano Graham 224-553, Bud Briscoe 532, LeRoy Janda 205-573.

Mano Graham bowled a 222-597 for men's high game and series in Skull Creek Mixed League action on March 5 in Altair. Margie Knippel rolled a 206-580 for women's high game. LaVerne Graham compiled a 200-502-574 for women's high series. Skull Creek Lanes compiled high

COMMUTERS LEAGUE

On March 7, LaVerne Graham posted a 210-547 for women's high series. 7777 compiled an 840 for high team game and posted a 2297 for high team series.

High Rollers moved into first with 54 1/2 wins followed by Low Rollers in second with 52. Baumgart Insurance is third with 50 1/2. Rice Kernels in fourth with 49. Gutter Lovers in fifth with 48. 7777 in sixth with 45 wins. Gifts of Distinction in seventh with 44. Our Bowling Team in eighth with 41. Stickers in ninth with 40 1/2 and Mifflin in tenth with 31 1/2.

Raiders play in tourney at Shiner

Shiner High School baseball team is looking for its first win Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Raiders opening-round game in the Shiner High School Baseball Tournament. The Raiders meet Youkum in the first game for the Raiders in the double-elimination affair.

The Raiders have lost its first two outings this season, falling to Sealy 9-2 two weeks ago and losing to Belville, 14-6 last week.

The next regularly scheduled game for the Raiders following the Shiner tournament will be against Sealy at Sealy on March 18.

Garwood and Sheridan LL scheduled

Colorado Valley Little League baseball players will be reporting in the near future for tryouts, according to Mrs. Sharon Garwood, president of the league.

The Colorado Valley Little League is made up of two major teams each for Garwood and Sheridan, and there will be two T-ball teams from each community, she said.

Players for major teams range in age from nine to 12 years and T-ball participants are in the six to eight year old range, Mrs. Garwood said.

League play begins in May.

County association bowling is staged

The Colorado County Women's Bowling Association City Tournament was held on March 1, 2 and 3 at Skull Creek Lanes in Altair. Here are the results:

Winning first place in the team event was Goetz Services, Inc. with a 2963. Team members are: Jackie Goetz, Betty Dodge, Bonnie Schoppe, Janna Sicks and Shirley Graham. Hall Cats won second with a 2940, members included: Marlene Shoop, Una Gerton, Ordell Powell, Wanda Henry and Glenda Moore. Wooly Boogers, third place, 2922, members: Hertha David, LaVerne Graham, Jo Ann Venghaus, Nora Rollins and Margie Knippel. Baumgart Insurance, fourth place, 2909; members: Teresa Sewell, Bea Moore, Louise Untermyer, Suzanne Andrea and Elrose Baumgart. 777, fifth place, 2888; members: Joyce Rucker, Judi Penzell, Doris Owens, Joan Schrader and LaVerne Graham.

Good Times sixth, 2885; members: Phyllis Thomas, Linda Lippert, Wanda Center, Ernie Sommerlatte and Gwen Paschall. Doublet Dorothy Selph and Cathy Leopold captured the doubles division with their 1283. Others winning were: Gwen Paschall and Marlene Miller, second, 1278; Joyce Rucker and scale.

Rice board hears report

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Pay scales for teachers for the next school year also were discussed. Since it is time for the administration to start work on the next budget that begins in September, King asked for guidelines from the board on salaries. "If there is a limited amount of money for salary increases, should we pursue a flat raise for everyone, or use a more selective process?" he asked.

Although there wasn't any clamor of answers, the board tentatively agreed there should be something for everyone, but not on a percentage basis. They agreed without voting, that pay scales for some areas — where there are teacher shortages such as in math, science, foreign language and English as a second language — probably would have to be increased, in order to attract qualified teachers.

The board also agreed that schools should dismiss about 1 p.m. on Good Friday, April 5, and decided to have a special meeting soon to establish guidelines for evaluating teachers for the career ladder payments.

After a very lengthy executive session to discuss some personnel, that lasted until after 1 a.m., contracts were renewed for teachers and other professional personnel, including athletic director and head football coach Clifton Darden. The board also accepted the resignations of two high school coaches, James Grey and Gilbert Good.

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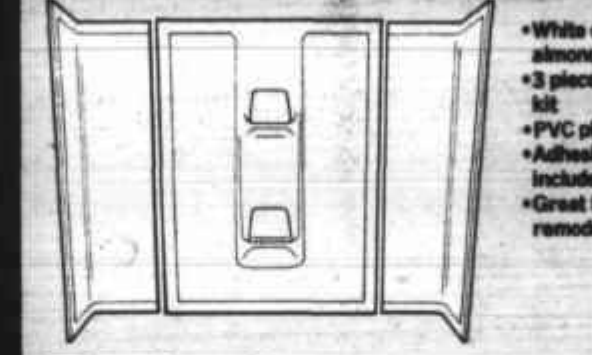
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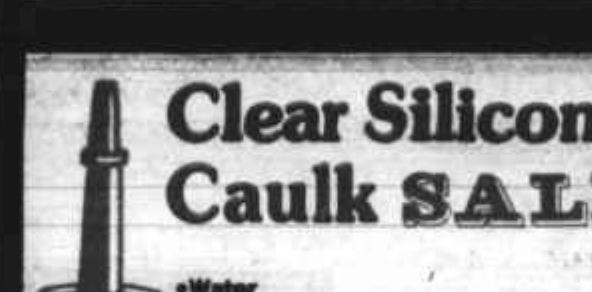
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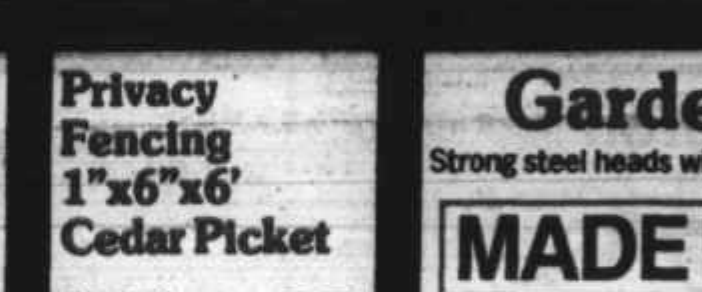
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