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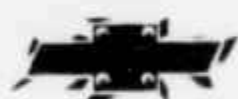
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INITIAL LEAGUE

In Initial League action Jan. 30, Skull Creek Lanes remain in 1st place with 355.5 points followed by E.L. Lanes in second with 325 and Bank Shots hold down third with 318.5 points.

Bruce Stephens captured individual high game and series with his 260-602 and WCL Builders compiled a 1033-3035 for high team game and series.

Other high rollers were Draper Stephens 207-515, Richie Rothbauer 200-526, Freddy Peltz 205-580, Roy Rucker 208-595, Kenneth Nelson 511, Les LeBoeuf 219-581, Doug Kipf 212-565, Lawrence Stallman 518.

MONDAY NITE MIXED

Starting off the pace at Monday Nite Mixed League Jan. 27 was Mano Graham's 226-640 capturing men's high game and series. Sandy Schneider had high game for the women with a 191 and Charlotte Hansen posted a 498 for women's high series. Skull Creek Lanes compiled an 850-2369 for high team game and series.

Other high rollers: Beverly Krenk 188, Diane Shifflett 183, Mike Henske 200-561, Roy Rucker 530, John Koepke 515. First place in team standing is Vorn with 45 wins; 2nd, High Flyers, 43; 3rd, UFO's, 42.5; tied for fourth, Par 4 and Gutter Cleaners, 41 each; 6th place, Garwood, Inc., 38; 7th.

RICE RAIDERS			
10 Jimmy Bellard	2	57	4
24 Curt McTeer	6	18	1
34 Marcus Wilson	5	97	1
42 Arthur Foster	1	52	5
54 Derrick Stevens	2	52	5
TEAM TOTALS	21	2031	14

COLUMBUS CARDINALS			
10 Jimmy Bellard	5	1/2	2
24 Curt McTeer	3	46	1
34 Marcus Wilson	2	62	4
42 Arthur Foster	1	52	5
54 Derrick Stevens	2	52	5
TEAM TOTALS	5	58	15

Score by Quarters			
Raiders	14	34	44
Cardinals	26	45	61

Four familiar teams in new UIL district with Rice, Columbus

Familiar school names will be returning to the Rice school district UIL competition scene next fall as the bi-annual realignment of districts was announced Wednesday morning.

Rice will move into District 23-3A which geographically stretches to the northeast from Colorado County, leaving behind District 26-3A that stretched from Colorado County to the west.

Rice teams, for athletics and academics, will face Sealy, Belville, Brookshire Royal, Hempstead and Columbus. Those teams were in the same district two years ago when there were eight school UIL districts and included La Grange and Waller.

The UIL governing body has since set up six-school districts to even out playoff problems, and moved Waller into the 4A classification.

"There will be tougher competition for us next fall," Raider athletic director and head football coach Clifton Darden said Wednesday afternoon. During the past two years while in district 26-3A, the Rice varsity football team has enjoyed first place, and trips into bi-district and regional playoffs.

Another coach in the district, Robert Kinney of Hempstead, pictures next fall's football competition as pairings of more evenly matched teams. Last year his team was one of the top



Despite the Cardinal press, the Rice Raiders took the rebound while No. 32, James Williams, and No. 54, Derrick Stevens, play the outside. Behind 34 is game in Columbus. No. 34, Marcus Wilson, takes

Raider varsity shows promise

It was showtime Friday night in the Columbus High School stadium as the Rice High 1 Raider varsity boys took on the Columbus Cardinals.

Not only did loyal Raider fans see their young team keep up with the veteran Cardinals, although Rice lost 76-62, they witnessed a show by All American Percy Waddle who earlier that day announced he would play football at Texas A&M University, drawing a Houston television station to film part of the game.

Waddle, all around athlete, was high-point man in the game with 24 from the field. He's a player that knows where he is at all times on the court, expresses his talent when he shoots or passes, and is a team player by tossing the ball to another Cardinal for a shot when he clearly could have made another for himself.

The Raiders weren't too shabby either, despite the point spread at the end of the game. Statistics show they hit 65 percent of their free throws. However, at least five of the 11 misses were the front end of one & one opportunities that could have put the game close. Still, watching the Cardinals play, fans easily get the idea that had the Raiders drawn closer, Columbus would have pressed a little harder to keep the lead.

Another Raider handicap was that they simply were out mated. When junior Arthur Foster fouled out that meant the five guys on the floor had to play the rest of the game since there were only six players. The Raiders lost one player, who was not a starter, this six-weeks through the no pass, no play rule. Columbus had twice as many suited up Friday night, and needed them when the referees called a close game, benching Stephan Boski, Scott Siewert and Greg Waddle with five fouls each. Of the 20 foul shots shown on the Rice scoreboard, the Cardinals hit 12 for 60 percent.

On Tuesday of last week, the Raiders pulled out their first district win of the season, topping Hallettsville 80-63.

Following the form of previous games, the Raiders trailed at the end of the first quarter, but then poured on the play and by half-time were only one point behind, 37-36. In the third quarter picked up the pace and lead 57-53, then kept putting points on the board for the 17 point winning margin.

Sophomore Derrick Stevens was the star of the game with a strong 27-point effort. Sophomore Marcus Wilson tossed in a respectable 16 points and James Williams scored 14. Junior Arthur Foster also hit for 14 points.

The Raiders now are 1-6 in district play, and the remainder of the schedule, after last Friday's game, pits them against Hallettsville (here) Feb. 4, at Edna on Feb. 7, and at home against Yoakum on Feb. 11.

Lady RHS Raiders			
Karen Blanton	3	57	1
Lo Brown	2	23	6
Emelda Clayton	2	23	6
Vicki Darden	1	23	2
Yolanda Diggins	1	23	2
Lakisha Jackson	3	02	3
Sheryl McGraw	4	48	12
Beverly Rucka	1	—	3
Blenda Soto	4	24	2
Veronica Woods	4	24	2
TEAM TOTALS	18	1530	26

Lady CHS Cardinals			
Caroly Toliver	2	24	1
Phyllis Gore	1	22	3
Lo Murchi	—	38	3
Blenda Rose	1	01	3
Misty Macy	1	02	3
Kay Moore	—	12	3
Ange Marchak	—	01	5
Toni Maddison	—	02	1
Andrea Shannon	—	01	0

JV boys top Columbus; 6-1 in district

The Rice Raider junior varsity basketball team wallowed Columbus Friday night in Raider gym, 54-32, and are waiting on Gonzales to see which team will have the best district record.

The Raiders, through last Friday night were 6-1 in district play, but Gonzales held a perfect record at 7-0. The two teams were to meet in Gonzales on Tuesday night for a show-down. Rice then has two home games, meeting Edna on Feb. 7 before ending the season with Yoakum on Feb. 11.

With the talent from this team, and the talent and experience the sophomores and juniors on the varsity are getting, the 1986-87 version of the Raider varsity boys team should be ready to meet the

competition of the new district alignment announced last week.

JV leader John Diggins scored 20 points against Columbus, coming off a 26 point performance the previous Tuesday against Hallettsville. Coach Bill Cain said Diggins has a 14 point game average this season.

Wayne Yell, who scored 10 against Columbus, has average 12 points a game this season, Cain said. In Friday's effort against the Cardinals, Jeff Marquart also scored 10. Jimmy Foster hit for eight and Phillip Riggins scored six.

Freshman Raiders are 6-4 this season, suffering a 29-24 defeat last Friday night against Columbus.

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Lady Raiders take second district crown

For the second consecutive year, the Lady Raider varsity basketball team has captured the District 26-3A basketball championship. This year, they clinched the title with two games remaining on the calendar.

Last week they demolished their Columbus opponents, 51-19 with their aggressive play and excellent trap defense. The Tuesday game that week saw the Lady Raiders whip Hallettsville by almost as big a margin, 59-27.

In Friday night's contest, second-year girls head coach Mike Tankersley's charges confined the Cardinals scoring effort to free-throw tosses. It wasn't until near the end of the third quarter that the Lady Cardinals managed a two-point field goal. And that was their only points of that quarter.

At the half it was Rice 25 and Columbus 8, at the end of the third period, the margin had climbed to 33 to 10.

Sheryl McGraw was the top scorer for the Lady Raiders with 12, hitting four field goals and four of eight from the free line. Veronica Woods also tossed in four field goals and hit two of four from the free line to total 10 points. The rest of the scoring was pretty evenly spread among the six other players who scored.

In Tuesday's game, McGraw also was high scorer with 15 points, followed closely by Lakisha Jackson with 13 and Emelda Clayton with 10.



This year, based on the strength of the Lady Raiders' victories in district play, they have the opportunity to compete much further, and could even win a birth in the state 3-A championships. The Lady Raiders did that in 1976. That was their first competition beyond district play, and have since been in the bi-district playoffs five more times, including this year.

Here are the results of last week's games:

Aggressive play is the trade mark of the Rice High School varsity girls basketball team. Beverly Rucka, No. 10, doesn't let a loose ball slow her down. Yolanda Diggins, No. 35, rushes toward the ball. The Lady Raiders whipped Columbus 51-18 last Friday night to clinch the district.