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Rice, Columbus each have MVP on basketball teams

Lisa Brown, member of the 1985-86 Rice High School Raiders' girls' basketball team, has been named the most valuable player among the six district 26-3A teams in competition this year. For the boys, Percy Waddle of Columbus High School won the MVP honors.

The boys' all-district team was chosen after district play was completed last month, but could not been announced while a district team was still in state high school competition. Columbus suffered a last-second loss Saturday, by one-point, and was knocked from contention.

Two other all-district first team members from Rice, in addition to senior Brown, are senior Veronica Woods and sophomore Lynn McGrew. Seniors Emelda Clayton and Beverly Rucka and sophomore Lakeshia Jackson were named to the second team. The Raider girls won the district title again this year, making it two straight, and finished the season with an 18-8 record.

For the boys, Raider Marcus Wilson, a 6'2" sophomore, earned a spot on the all-district team while another RHS sophomore, 6'2" Derrick Stevens, was given honorable mention. Raider Curt McTear missed honorable mention selection by one vote.

The Cardinals also placed Greg Waddle, a 6'4" junior, on the all-district team. He and three other players from other district teams were elected unanimously. The others are 6'4" senior James Barton of Yoakum, 5'8" senior Falton Bryant of Edna and 6'2 senior Darren Nelson of Gonzales.

Other members of the boys all-district team are 5'10" senior Ray Harris of Yoakum; 5'9" junior Carl Franklin of Hallettsville, 5'9" senior Mike Morgan of Columbus and from Gonzales 5'8" senior Willard O'Neal and 6'3" junior Leonard Chapman.

Other honorable mention players on the boys team were 6'4" junior Stephen Borski of Columbus; 6'6" junior Daryl Remschel of Gonzales; 6'0" sophomore John Stevens of Hallettsville; 6'4" senior David Dollar of Edna, and 6'6" senior Veric Michaelson of Yoakum.

Other members of the girls's first team are sophomore Kim Calloway of Edna; sophomore Sikina Davis of Hallettsville; junior Paula Gerik of Columbus; sophomore Lisa Harris of Yoakum; senior Liz Munsch of Columbus; junior Donna Nelson of Gonzales; junior Brenda Vanek of Yoakum, and senior Elaine Vanel of Yoakum.

Other members of the girls' second team are senior Beth Bishop of Yoakum; junior Shawn Jones of Edna; junior Lisa Foeh of Hallettsville; senior Cindy Koehler of Gonzales; sophomore Madeline Nelson of Gonzales; senior Sherry Terrio of Yoakum, and senior Yvonne Wilson of Columbus.

Raider girls' track team traveling to Yoakum for meet; veterans return

The Rice Raider girls varsity track team, under coach Dellie Johnson, is well into its spring practice training in preparation for its first meet scheduled March 8 in Yoakum.

One of the stars of the team returning from last year is Emelda Clayton, the 1985 3-A Texas 100 meter state champion. With that in mind, Coach Johnson said last week that she is "optimistic" about this year's team after working with them the past two weeks.

After they work their way through the Yoakum meet, and another meet scheduled March 15 in Refugio, she said she will be better able to evaluate the team, to make coaching adjustments for the remainder of the schedule. As coaches and parents know, fans help the scholastic athletes perform, and Coach Johnson urged fans and friends to attend the Yoakum and Refugio meets, even though they are not held at Rice High School. Because of the lack of facilities, all meets are held at other schools.

Veterans return

In addition to Clayton, Johnson has four other veterans to work with this year: Terri Clayton, Marsha McTear, Renea Sanford and Veronica Woods. They were members of the 1984 state co-champion track team for their class.

New prospects working out for the team this year include Lisa Brown, Sheryl McGrew, Lakeshia Jackson, Carrie Perry, Traci Klein, Francis Cobia, Prisca Cantu, Vicki Darden, Lynn Brzozowski, Amanda Garcia and Marci Kutzer.

The girls track events are much like the boys, but there are a few differences. The girls have 800 meter relays and100 meter hurdles while the boys run 100 meter and 300 meter high hurdles. The boys also have pole vaulting competition that is not included in the girls sport.

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East Bernard added to Raider '86 football schedule with new district

It's only Spring, but football fans will be glad to know the 10-game schedule of Rice Raider varsity gridiron contests has been released. A new opponent this year will be the always-strong East Bernard Brahmas.

The season opens on Sept. 5 with an 8 p.m. game at Raider Stadium, with Rice hosting Cuero. District competition opens October 10 against the Columbus Cardinals, also at Raider stadium. That game starts at 7:30 p.m. For you dyed-in-the-wood fans, there will be a scrimmage on August 22 at Raider Stadium with Houston Kinkaid, and another on August 29 on the road at Channelview

The first three games of the season start at 8 p.m., with the remainder of the schedule starting at 7:30 p.m.

RHS athletic director and head football coach Clifton Darden said the district schedule was established week before last when district coaches met at Sealy.

Here is the entire schedule:

date	opponent	place	time
Aug. 22	Kinkaid	here	scrim.
Aug. 29	Channelview	there	scrim.
Sept. 5	Cuero	here	8 p.m.
Sept. 12	Van Vleck	there	8 p.m.
Sept. 19	East Bernard	There	8 p.m.
Sept. 26	Sweeney	there	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	Yoakum	here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Columbus	here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Bellville	there	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Hempstead	here	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Sealy	there	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Brookshire	here	7:30 p.m.

Tony Hosman is named to Who's Who list

Tony Hosman was among the many students nominated for "Who's Who Among American High School Students." He is a senior at Rice High School.

To be eligible for this honor the student must have achieved a "B" grade or better; demonstrated leadership in academics, athletics or other extracurricular activities, and must be nominated by the school or an organized activity.

Tony received his certificate in December and is listed in the 1984-85 edition.

Spring sports competition underway at RHS

Several Rice High School athletic teams made their spring debut last week as the season for golf, baseball and tennis swung into action.

Saturday, the golf team hosted eight other teams on the Eagle Lake Recreation Center course. The Raiders, without the services of two of their better players, placed seventh. The Columbus Cardinal and Weimar varsity teams tied for first at the end of regulation play, each with scores of 318, but the Cardinals took top honors winning the first sudden death playoff hole.

Yoakum came in third with a 337; Boling was fourth with 338 strokes; Strake Jesuit was fifth with 340, and the Weimar JV team placed sixth with 356. After the Raiders, Bellville was eighth with 374, and Palacios finished last with 421.

For Rice, Jeff Marquardt was low man with an 89. Kevin Dornak had 91, David Schorlemmer had 93, Mitchell Miller shot 100, and Darrell Stancik had 112.

Coach Bill Cain said the team probably will improve by more than 30 strokes when the first-of-the-season nerves settle down and when Paige Paschal and Troy Webb join the team. They were expected to play Tuesday in the Sealy tournament with19 other schools.

In **Baseball** last week, the Raiders came up short against Bishop Forest, 10-5. The Raiders had six hits in 27 at bats, but committed six errors to allow th.ir opponents to maintain their lead.

Jimmy Botard and Doug Tillman shared pitching honors. Coach Gary McNeal said the team was hosting Hallettsville Sacred Heart this Tuesday at RHS. See box for game stats.

The tennis team, under coach Dusty Loewe, started off strong in the Schulenburg Tournament last Friday and Saturday, capturing wins in the first round of play, but falling in the second round.

The doubles team of Ben Gonzales and Norman Breman was the exception. They beat LaGrange 8-1 in the first match, then went on to beat Katy 6-3 in the second round. Their nemeses was the Bellville team that beat them 6-7.

Overall, the Raiders placed 8th out of 17, with Port Lavaca Calhoun capturing first place.

Other Raider players and their scores are: in singles William Gonzales beat La Grange 8-3 then lost to Giddings 4-8; Lane Thompson beat Elgin 8-2 and lost to Yoakum 0-8; Beverly Rucka beat Yoakum 8-6 and lost to Calhoun 4-8; and Laura Appelt lost to Yoakum 4-8.

In doubles, Rene Campos and David Flathman beat Weimar 8-5 and lost to Calhoun 0-8, and Danette Pagel and Suzanne Corman lost to Schulenburg 8-9, and Kim Garrett and Danella Alvarado beat Elgin 8-5 and lost to Flatonia 3-8.

The Raiders will host their tennis tournament at the Eagle Lake Rec Center courts on March 21.

The Raider **track team** will be in its first competition of the season this weekend in Yoakum. The boys team is coached by Bill Wild, and he is assisted by coach Jesse Russell.

RHS Baseball Statistics

Team/Player	POS	AB	R	H	E	2B	SAC	BBSO	RBI
RICE		27	5	6	6		1	6 10	
Bishop Forest		34	10	9	-	1	1	4 6	
Brian Wiese	7	2	3	0				2	
Jeff Marquardt	1	3	0	2				1	2
Glen Leopold	4	3	0	0				1 1	1
Jimmy Botard	8	2	0	0				2	
Doug Tillman	8	1	0	1				1	
Frank Adkins	2	4	0	0				1	1
Cash Coble	6	4	0	0				3	
Michael Burke	5	3	2	2				1 1	
Owen Gallagher	3	2	0	0		1		1	
Brian Rucka	9	3	0	1				1	1

Prairie chickens booming at Attwater Refuge

The endangered Attwater's prairie chicken, though threatened with extinction, has not lost its instinctive ability to produce a most interesting and elaborate exhibition of courtship. These courtship displays are now occuring in limited areas of the state. The Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge in Eagle Lake offers opportunities to the public to witness this spectacular ritual, according to Tom Prusa, refuge manager.

The booming season of the Attwater's prairie chicken began this year about the first part of February. It will continue, to some degree, through April with March being the peak month.

Prairie chickens do not pair for breeding; they are promiscuous. Males occupy selected courtship stations on booming grounds that are visited by the females. Booming grounds vary in shape, elevation and size, but they all have scanty plant cover or no cover at all. The females are attracted to these courtship areas by the spirited fighting and booming of the males.

The call of the booming male resembles somewhat the sound "whur-ru-rrr," with strong accent on the second syllable. It usually lasts about five seconds and carries for a mile or more on quiet days. It has a ventriloquial effect and often seems farther away or closer than it actually is. The sound is weird, deep, and hollow like blowing over the neck of an empty soda bottle. When not actually booming, the male often gives a henlike cackling sound.

The appearance of the male, while actually booming, is striking. As a preliminary to uttering the call, he stretches his neck forward parallel to the ground. His erected neck tufts (feathers) point forward and his spread tail is held vertically. His wings are extended downward almost touching the ground.

A short run forward is followed by vigorous stamping with the feet. Inflation of his orange air sac is synchronized with the stamping, and the first syllable of the booming is given before stamping ends. He holds his head down until the air sacs are deflated.

Fights between males are common. Frequently two males, as if possessed by the same thought, suddenly hop off the ground, wings beating rapidly, and clash in midair. These bouts usually discontinue after three or four flurries and seldom, if ever, end fatally.

During the courtship season, males boom regularly for two or so hours in the early morning and late afternoon.

Visitors come from all over to view the prairie chicken at the Attwater Prairie Chicken Refuge. However, because the birds are so easily disturbed, this has to be tightly controlled during the booming season. Photoblinds are available by reservation February 1 to May 1. This enables people to take close range photographs and get an excellent observation of the chickens on the booming grounds (leks). Also, early morning tours are provided by the refuge staff to guide visitors to leks with a minimum amount of disturbance.

If you are interested in seeing this courtship display first hand, contact the refuge headquarters at Attwater Prairie Chicken NWR, P.O. Box 518, Eagle Lake, Texas 77434 or call (409) 234-3021 for more information or reservations.

WCJC to celebrate Texas' birthday and its birthday

A musical, artistic and epicurean salute to Texas on its 150th birthday and the 40th anniversary of Wharton County Junior College will be featured Thursday, March 13 on the Pioneer campus in Wharton.

Music, art, drama and speech students invite the public to enjoy a special concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Pioneer Student Center. Admission is $2.

Activities for the evening include a Texas sesquicentennial epicurean supper beginning at 6 p.m. in the ensemble room of the Duson-Hansen Fine Arts Building, meal price is $5; sesquicentennial WCJC 40th anniversary edition of TRY will go on sale for the first time; a free art exhibit by WCJC students of Morna Nation is scheduled in the foyer of the Pioneer Student Center;

The WCJC Band, Brass Guild, Choir, and Madrigals have programmed an outstanding concert. Trumphet player Ignacio Rodriguez, of Eagle Lake, will be among the band members to perform. An old fashioned sing-along will be led by the Choir.

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about as a write-in candidate.

Also on that ballot will be two bond issues as discussed on Page Two of this issue of The Headlight.

That same day is the Rice School district board of trustee election. Incumbent Steve Balas is not a candidate this year, and John Matthews of Eagle Lake has filed for that seat. Natalie Dupré is seeking re-election to the board. Terms are for three years.

The city balloting will be at the municipal building and the school balloting will be at the Garwood and Sheridan schools for those community areas, and at the Eagle Lake Community Center in Eagle Lake.

The primary election for county and state posts is in May.

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