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## Raiders miss opportunities; 14-7 loss in rain sends record to 2-0

The Van Vleck varsity football team proved to be the beneficiaries of two "rain runners" last Friday night in Van Vleck as the Leopards outlasted the Rice Raiders 14-7 on a rain-soaked field.

As spectators were arriving at the stadium in Van Vleck for the 8 p.m. kick-off, the rain began to pour down and didn't let up until well into the game. The miserable conditions led to nine fumbles for Rice and eight for Van Vleck.

Also, the apparent inexperience of the young Raider team continued to give Raider opponents easy scoring opportunities.

However, Van Vleck earned its first score with a 50-yard pass only a minute and a half after the opening gun.

Rice wasn't able to move the ball when it received possession and punted, but quickly regained possession when Twayman Boone recovered a Van Vleck fumble.

That gave Rice the ball on the Van Vleck 39, and the Raiders were able to move downfield. The longest run of that drive was a 12-yard keeper by quarterback Kevin Long. The officials tackled another 10 yards out, but by calling Van Vleck with a personal foul, placing the ball on the

take the lead 14-0.

More are the game statistics:

| RICE                    | VAN VLECK |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| 33:32 Rushes/Yards      | 36:55     |
| 1:17 Passes/Comp.       | 2:10      |
| 10 Pass Yards           | 55        |
| 40:43 Plays/Total Yards | 46:120    |
| 8:31.5 Points Avg.      | 4:33.7    |
| 9.2 Fumbles/Lost        | 8.3       |
| 0 Interceptions Thrown  | 1         |
| 3:19 Punt Returns       | 4:9       |
| 3:57 Kick-Off Returns   | 2:39      |
| 4 First Downs           | 8         |

SCORE BY QUARTERS

| Team      | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | TOTAL |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| RICE      | 0   | 7   | 0   | 0   | 7     |
| VAN VLECK | 7   | 0   | 0   | 7   | 14    |

DEFENSIVE ACTION:

| Players   | Tackles | Assists | Totals |
|-----------|---------|---------|--------|
| SIMS      | 8       | 1       | 9      |
| DOGGINS   | 3       | 6       | 9      |
| TILLMAN   | 5       | 4       | 9      |
| KING      | 1       | 6       | 7      |
| A. FOSTER | 4       | 2       | 6      |
| SCOTT     | 1       | 5       | 6      |
| ROONE     | 1       | 4       | 5      |
| RHODES    | 1       | 4       | 5      |

OTHER STATS:

RECEIVING:

DOGGINS 1 Catch 10 Yards

FUMBLE RECOVERIES: Long,

Tillman, Lemons and Boone;

PASS INTERCEPTIONS: Arthur

Foster.

SACKS: Tillman and Sims combined

for one, Rhodes, one.



There was no stopping the Rice Raider freshman offense when it started rolling last Thursday against the Van Vleck Leopards. Ulabe Johnson, 22, and Casey Clippson were the scoring leaders for the Raiders.

## Rice Freshmen whip Van Vleck 22-0

The Rice Raider Freshman football team keeps its season record unblemished last Thursday night as they beat Van Vleck 22-0 on the Raider Stadium turf.

Ulabe Johnson was the scoring leader, scoring up the middle in the first quarter for a TD and two-point conversion. With 5:55 to go in the third quarter, he galloped 75 yards from scrimmage for another six points. That time the conversion was not good, and the score at half time was 14-0 Rice.

In the third quarter, after the teams traded quick interceptions, RHS caught the Van Vleck offense in their endzone for a two-point safety, making the score 16-0.

Then with 48 seconds to go in the game, Casey Clippson hit for another Raider score, putting the final points on the board for Rice.

A schedule change should be noted for the Raider freshmen for this week. Since East Bernard does not field a freshman team, arrangements have been made to play the Belleville freshmen on the Raider Stadium turf at 5 p.m.

## Varsity Standings District 23-AAA

| Team       | Won | Lost | Tied | % Won | Pts Scd | Pts Alld |
|------------|-----|------|------|-------|---------|----------|
| Sealy      | 2   | 0    | 0    | 100.0 | 42      | 21       |
| Bellville  | 1   | 1    | 0    | 50.0  | 67      | 36       |
| Columbus   | 1   | 1    | 0    | 50.0  | 34      | 34       |
| Hempstead  | 1   | 1    | 0    | 50.0  | 31      | 34       |
| Brookshire | 1   | 1    | 0    | 50.0  | 26      | 21       |
| Rice       | 0   | 2    | 0    | 0.0   | 22      | 42       |

## Sealy only undefeated district team

Only two games deep into the 1986 season, the Sealy Tigers are where they hope to be eight weeks from now — that is undefeated and alone at the top of the District 23-AAA standings.

The Tigers remained the district's only undefeated team after a 21-13 victory over the La Grange Leopards, as T.J. Mills' gridders are now 2-0 with a pair of impressive wins on the road.

Elsewhere in 23-AAA action last week, Belleville laughed its way into the win column with a 53-8 runaway over Magnolia. El Campo floored Columbus 21-7. Huffman shocked state-ranked Hempstead 21-14. Van Vleck soaked Rice 14-7 and Brookshire Royal claimed its first win with a 20-14 decision over Houston Kinkaid.

In the District 27-AA circle, state-ranked Shiner rocked East Bernard 28-19. Schulenburg bombarded Shiner St. Paul 45-0. Class A power Flordia rallied to defeat upset-minded Weimar 28-16 and Industrial battled Danbury to a 20-20 standoff.

There were two losers — Woodboro clipped Yorktown 15-7 and La Vernia blanked Bloomington 20-0.

And, besides East Bernard and Danbury, Brazos was nudged by Victoria St. Joseph 42-8 in 2B-AA. With Tidehaven open, Boling was the only winner in a 1-0 slatover over the Edna Cowboys.

Running back Joe Mark Kohlman sparked the Tigers to their 21-13 victory over La Grange as he rushed for 160 yards on 26 carries and scored two touchdowns.

Kohlman produced Sealy's first TD on an eight-yard run in the initial quarter and then came through with the clincher on a 23-yard ramble in the third quarter.

The Tigers' other score came when Lance Odum blasted 30 yards for a touchdown. Chris Thompson also booted a 40-yard field goal to ring the scoreboard.

The Brahmas rolled to their first victory after suffering a 28-14 defeat to Class AAAA Brenham in their opener.

Magnolia was no match for the fleet-footed Brahmas as Belleville limited the Bulldogs' 49 yards in total offense. That included a minus 70 yards on the ground as Belleville completely manhandled the Bulldogs in its 53-8 rout.

In fact, the big play on defense was a 62-yard interception return for a touchdown by Howard Palmer for the Brahmas' final score.

Chuck Lane also claimed an interception and recovered a fumble and Mike Leaks owned an interception.

Offensively, the key cog was Gabe Smith. The senior running back totaled 121 yards on seven carries and scored four touchdowns. He had TD runs of three, 24 and 62

yards and also returned a punt 72 yards for a six-pointer.

Belleville also scored on a 16-yard run by Greg Jackson, a one-yard plunge by Brandon Clinie and a 31-yard pass from backup quarterback Rodney Lange to Lane.

Columbus saw its record dip to 1-1 after a 21-7 setback at the hands of the El Campo Ricebirds in a game which saw the Cardinal offense sputtered.

The Cardinals produced just 182 yards in offense and only 35 on the ground. Columbus owned the bulk of its yardage through the air as Craig Tyler hit nine of 26 passes for 147 yards.

In fact, Tyler scored the

touchdown.

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The Van Vleck freshman passing attack was held down last Thursday when the Raider defense powered through the line toward the quarterback.

## JV Football Roundup

Including East Bernard & Weimar

There were no winners last Thursday among the Junior Varsity football teams in District 23-3A, but the Hempstead JV team remained atop the standings with an 8-8 tie in their game with Huffman.

The teams that were tied with Hempstead after the first week of play, now sink into second place, while Brookshire and Rice remain in the winless cellar.

Weimar of district 27-2A won its first game of the season, and East Bernard's 1-0 record last week changes this week to 1-0-1 with a tie in the game with Class 2A Shiner.

## Area Freshman report

Here are the results from the area Freshman football teams for last Thursday, Sept. 11, the second week of the season:

Van Vleck 0 at Rice Raiders 22  
Columbus 12 at El Campo 12 (TIE)  
La Grange 12 at Sealy 30  
Magnolia 12 at Belleville 0  
Huffman 0 at Hempstead 0 (TIE)

Brookshire, East Bernard and Weimar do not field freshman teams.

## Freshman Standings District 23-AAA

| Team       | Won | Lost | Tied | Pts Scd | Pts Alld |
|------------|-----|------|------|---------|----------|
| Hempstead  | 1   | 0    | 1    | 50.0    | 20 14    |
| Sealy      | 1   | 1    | 0    | 50.0    | 48 28    |
| Belleville | 1   | 1    | 0    | 50.0    | 41 45    |
| Columbus   | 1   | 1    | 0    | 50.0    | 7 48     |
| Brookshire | 0   | 2    | 0    | 0.0     | 16 51    |
| Rice       | 0   | 2    | 0    | 0.0     | 6 62     |

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