Johnny Meitzen taking 2nd place finish into World Skeet Shoot

Eagle Lake's Johnny Meitzen will be attempting to add to his skeet shooting trophies this weekend. Friday he will begin competition in the 10-day World Shoot at San Antonio.

Meitzen, owner of Johnny's Sport Shop in Eagle Lake, is coming off a second place finish in the 8-station Duck's Unlimited Shoot held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. In that tournament, more than 250 shooters were in competition.

First place finisher, a Colorado Springs resident, broke 297 out of 300 birds, while Meitzen was close behind with 293. Third place finisher hit 291.

For his efforts, Meitzen brought home a Winchester Pigeon Grade Over/Under shotgun, and "a little prize money," he said. His wife Pat, who helps him practice on their private shooting range, made the five-day Colorado trip with him late last August. During the competition he used a Browning over/under four-barrel set. The shooting required the use of each barrel to shoot every gauge.

Meitzen has been shooting competitively only since 1985, and has placed in the top five in 21 events.

In San Antonio, there are more than 900 shooters entered from all over the world. Meitzen will be competing in 13 events.

Just last Friday Meitzen was notified by Winchester that they will pay for his ammunition at the World Shoot, and sponsor his practice ammunition for a while. If he does well enough in San Antonio, they likely will sponsor him in other events.

EAGLE LAKE HEADLIGHT SPORTS

ELMS 7th grade team whipped

Last Thursday, October 1, the Eagle Lake Middle School 7th grade Raiders were dealt a crushing defeat at the hands of the Yoakum Bull-pups. The score of the contest was 40 to 8.

The Raiders only scoring came in the 4th quarter with a run by Deshannon Cotton and a two-point conversion by Broderick Stevenson. Defensive standouts were Michael Cerda and Scott Garrett.

Sacred Heart beats Garwood/Sheridan

The Garwood/Sheridan Raiders lost to Sacred Heart 28-0 in Hallettsville last Tuesday.

Defensively, leading tacklers were Mark Ybarra and Matthew Gallagher, 9 tackles each; Jesse George and Raymond Ford, 8 each; Ken Henderson and Andrew Castenada, 7 each, and Norman Botard, 5. George and Ford both made an interception with Garland Axel recovering a fumble.

The Raiders travel to Louise for a 5:30 p.m. game.

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Raiders take win to title defense

The Rice Raiders marched 92 yards in 21 plays in the fourth quarter, consuming more than nine minutes of the clock, for the go-ahead touchdown in a 19-17 come from behind victory over the Yoakum Bulldogs here last Friday night.

The comeback allowed Clifton Darden's Raiders to secure their first win of the season after four straight losses in the final non-district game for both teams.

Yoakum, meanwhile, saw its record dip to 2-3.

The Raiders came through with a stellar defensive performance against Yoakum, limiting the Bulldogs to only 11 first downs and 159 yards in total offense.

The Bulldogs owned only 78 yards on the ground and added another 81 through the air as quarterback John Pelech connected on five of 14 passes.

Rice, meanwhile, managed to string together 21 first downs and amass 287 offensive yards.

The Raiders had 244 yards on the ground with fullback Douglas Tillman, who scored the winning touchdown in the waning moments of the final period, leading the way with 106 yards on 25 carries.

Quarterback Kevin Long also went to the air 10 times, completing two for 46 yards and a key touchdown late in the first half.

Trailing 17-13 after three quarters, the Raiders launched their winning drive from their own eight-yard line. The paydirt trip ended 21 plays and 9:38 later when Tillman scored on a one-yard run.

Rice's bid for the two-point conversion failed with 2:22 left, but the Raiders had a 19-17 lead and their first victory of the year.

After a scoreless first period, the Bulldogs finally broke the ice with 9:09 left in the half when Stephen Ferry drilled a 30-yard field goal.

But, the Raiders took the ensuing kickoff and promptly marched for their first touchdown of the game. The clincher came on Long's one-yard quarterback sneak. Scott Ripper added the extra point to give Rice a 7-3 lead.

It didn't take long for Rice's advantage to evaporate as DeWayne Arkadie fielded the kickoff at his own nine and returned it 91 yards for the touchdown.

Ferry's extra point attempt failed, but the Bulldogs still owned a 9-7 edge.

Yoakum extended its lead to 17-7 with 1:08 left in the half when Arkadie scored on a one-yard plunge and Pelech passes to Quinton Moore for the two-point conversion on a fake kick.

But, the Raiders struck right back and scored just before intermission, cutting the deficit to 17-13.

The touchdown came on a 30-yard pass from Long to Clarence Weeks. The extra point failed with 37 seconds remaining in the half.

In the second half, defense was the name of the game until the Raiders put together their brilliant game-winning drive in the final quarter.

Following Tillman, Long totaled 48 yards on the ground on eight carries while Marshan Norris owned 43 on six and Weeks added 41 on 10.

The Raiders, who shared the District 23-AAA title a year ago with Bellville and Sealy, will open defense of their championship this Friday night when Rice visits arch rival Columbus (2-3). Game time is 7:30 p.m. at Cardinal Stadium.

District 23-3A
VARSITY STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	% Won	Pts Scd	Pts Allwd
Brookshire	4	1	0	80.0	108	59
Bellville	3	2	0	60.0	81	102
Sealy	2	3	0	40.0	83	69
Columbus	2	3	0	40.0	68	134
Rice	1	4	0	20.0	51	162
Hempstead	0	5	0	0.0	31	116

8th grade Eagle Lake Raiders pound Yoakum

The 8th grade Raiders from the Eagle Lake Middle School pounded Yoakum 42 to 0 on Thursday night of last week. It was the team's third straight win of the year. Their record is now 3-0 for for 1987.

Offensively the Raiders were outstanding as fine blocking and running made the difference. Leading a fine team performance were:

Jesse Scott who had one touchdown run with two extra point conversion runs; O'Neil Tillman and Merrill Tillman with two touchdown runs each; Reggie Donner with one touchdown run and a two-point conversion pass to Kevin Jackson.

Defensively the Raiders looked strong as well. They had some hard hits and several fumble recoveries. Jesse Scott, Merrill Tillman, Reggie Donner, Kevin Jackson, Lupe Rodriguez, and Gonzalo DeLaGarza led a fine team effort on defense. Congratulations to the Raiders for a fine total team effort.

The team travels to Columbus for its next game to take on the Cardinals. Come out and support your team as they try to stay unbeaten. Game times are 5:30 p.m. for 7th grade and 7 p.m. for 8th grade Thursday, October 8. Go Raiders!

District 23-3A Roundup

Brookshire still top district performer

The final week of pre-district varsity football left the standings pretty much as they were last week with Brookshire still top dog at 4-1-0. The Royal Falcons easily handled Marian Christian 31-0. Bellville, now 3-2-0, stays in second place since the Brahmas squeaked past El Campo 8-7.

Sealy had a chance to stay even with Bellville but dropped another tough contest when they traveled to Giddings. The Tigers were beaten 15-14 and have a 2-3-0 record.

Columbus also at 2-3-0 was walloped by Giddings 42-14 to remain in fourth place.

Rice won its first game of the season with a last-quarter touchdown. They topped Yoakum 19-17 to improve their record to 1-4-0 and break out of the cellar tie with Hempstead. The Bobcats from north Waller County lost their fifth in a row when Hearne won 14-0 and have a dismal 0-5-0 record.

Here are the results and schedules:

Last week's results:
Rice 19 at Yoakum 17
Royal 31 at Marian 0
Bellville 8 at El Campo 7
Cuero 42 at Columbus 14
Sealy 14 at Giddings 15
Hearne 14 at Hempstead 0

Next Week's Schedule
All games at 7:30 p.m.
Rice at Columbus
Royal at Bellville
Sealy at Hempstead

Mistakes, Yoakum beat Raider JV

By STEVEN MEINECKE

The Rice JV Raiders have looked mighty tough in past weeks but might have taken Yoakum a little lightly as they lost 7-6 last Thursday, October 1. Their record in the five pre-district games stands at 2-2-1.

Offensively the Raiders piled up 318 yards versus the Bulldogs. Raymond Perkins ran for 164 yards and his brother Randy scored the only Raider touchdown. It came in the second quarter. Casey Clipson accounted for 121 yards with 86 rushing added to a 35-yard pass to DeWight Dopslauf.

Defensively the Raiders picked off three Yoakum passes, one by Matt Stovall and the other two by Michael Grahmann. Horace Mitchell recorded 12 tackles and three quarterback sacks. Deon Williams also played a good defensive game, recording five tackles. Two were touchdown savers.

"The team came out flat and never really got cranked up. We had a lot of individuals that did well, but we did not seem to click as a team like we did against Sweeny. As teammates we are tough, as individuals we are not. I hope the kids realize this now," said Coach Jack Sanders.

Horace Mitchell lead the Raiders on tackles with 12, followed by DeWight Dopslauf's 10. Other defensive Raiders were Matt Stovall with eight tackles; Nick Shorter with seven; Clipson with six, and Albert Perez, Pedro DelaGarza and Deon Williams with five.

The Raider JV is off next week, the first week of district play, since Columbus does not field a JV team. Rice travels to Bellville in two weeks! Go Raiders!

District 23-3A
JUNIOR VARSITY STANDINGS

Hempstead regains lead in JV in standings

Hempstead regained the top spot in the Junior Varsity rankings for teams in District 23-3A. The Bobcats whipped Hearne 13-6 to move their record to 3-1. Sealy's record slipped to 3-2 when it was shut out by Giddings 13-0.

Although Hempstead has played one less game than Sealy, it has scored only three fewer points. The Bobcat defense is doing its share to keep the team in the lead, allowing only 32 points to be scored against them.

The last three spots in the standings remain unchanged.

The Rice Raiders and Brookshire's Royal haven't moved but this week they are tied for their spot. The Raiders lost a one-point decision to Yoakum, 7-6, and Brookshire did not play. Rice has played five games and Royal has played only three games.

In the bottom spot is Bellville. That team lost their fifth decision of the season last week when El Campo overpowered them 22-0.

This week competition against district teams begins.

Team	Won	Lost	Tied	% Won	Pts Scd	Pts Allwd
Hempstead	3	1	0	75.0	57	32
Sealy	3	2	0	60.0	60	54
Rice	2	2	1	50.0	79	55
Brookshire	1	1	1	50.0	32	13
Bellville	0	5	0	0.0	8	75

These teams credited with loss for these standings for their second game of season; But, both games were called for inclement weather before the games were completed. Columbus does not field a JV team.

Raider Frosh loses 30-0

The Rice Raider Freshmen were overwhelmed by their Yoakum opponents last week, bringing home a 30-0 loss.

Coaches said one pass was completed by Kevin Williams to Jose Gonzales, and that Wade Satsky was an offensive team standout.

Kevin Dogins played outstanding on the line. Running back Greg Blair, coaches said, ran the ball with authority.

Defensively, Kevin Dogins was the leading tackle, but Jason Dulany added a great tackle on the last play of the game.

Co-captains for the game were John Coldewey, Walt Meitzen and Dulany.

Oct. national stamp Collecting Month

October has been designated as National Stamp Collecting Month. Houston division merchandise and promotions manager Gloria McClenon of the U.S. Postal Service says the special observance for 1987 will focus on the significant contributions the locomotive made to the development of our nation, and the variety of locomotive-related stamps issued over the years.

The postal service and other related groups will be co-sponsoring this year's observance. Across the country, activities are being planned that focus on the educational and cultural benefits of stamp collecting.

"Stamp collecting still is the world's most popular hobby," says Houston division general manager Samuel Green Jr.

"We are encouraging knowledgeable collectors to share with beginning collectors the beauty and history to be found in their collections of U.S. stamps. When a collector introduces someone to a hobby, he or she is sharing an educational activity that will last a lifetime."

THE STATS...

(Courtesy of Joe Fling and Leroy Alvadaro)

Rice		Yoakum
21/244	Rushing	30/78
10/2	Passing	11/4
0	Pass Intcpts.	0
47	Passing Yards	81
291	Total Yards	159
21	First Downs	11
4/36.3	Punts/Avg	3/38.0
2/1	Fumbles/Lost	3/1
4/22	Penalties/Yds.	3/25
29:07	Time of Poss.	18:53

Score by Quarters

Team	1	2	3	4	T
Rice	0	13	0	6	19
Yoakum	0	17	0	0	17

Second Quarter...
9:09 Yoakum — Stephen Ferry, 30-yard field goal
4:58 **Rice** — Kevin Long, 1 yard run (Ripper kick good)
4:45 Yoakum — DeWayne Arkadie, 90-Yd. kickoff return (kick failed)
1:08 Yoakum — Weeks, 30-yard pass from Long (kick failed)

Fourth Quarter...
2:22 **Rice** — Tillman, 1 yard run (run failed)

Raider Defense...

Player	Tackles	Assists	Tot. Hits
J. Dogins	7	6	13
D. Tillman	5	7	12
I. Jones	5	3	8
M. Kurcherka	5	2	7
C. Weeks	4	3	7
M. Rhodes	2	3	5
V. Corman	2	3	5
A. Lopez	2	3	5
M. Norris	2	2	4
K. Long	1	3	4
R. Labay	2	2	4
B. Balas	1	2	3
T. Pratt	1	1	2
L.Richardson	0	1	1
P. Paschall	1	0	1
N. Belmares	1	0	1
W. Johnson	0	1	1
Team Total	41	42	83

Of note on defense: Lopez recovered a fumble; Kurcherka had a quarterback sack, and Brian Balas and Johnell Dogins were standouts on pass defense.

Raider Offense...

Rushing	Carries	Yds.	Long.
D. Tillman	25	106	12
C. Weeks	10	48	9
K. Long	8	48	18
M. Norris	6	43	16
D. Perdue	1	1	1

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds
K. Long	10	2	47

Long's longest pass was for a touchdown to Weeks

Receiving	Catches	Yds.
J. Dogins	1	17
C. Weeks	1	30

Punting	Punts	Yds.	Long
K. Long	4	145	37

Kickoff	Returns	Yds.
D. Tillman	1	37
K. Perry	2	22
M. Norris	1	10

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