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Without Dogins Raiders suffer; now 12-3

The Rice Raiders (class 3-A) escaped with a narrow 57-54 victory over the El Campo Ricebirds (Class 4A) on Dec. 1 but three weeks later El Campo gained some revenge by dominating the Raiders 68-37 on Tuesday night of last week at Ricebird Gym in El Campo.

The Raiders, who have lost two of their last three starts after stringing together seven straight wins, dropped to 12-3 on the season and are an even 500 at 2-2 since losing the services of senior stalwart Johnell Dogins.

Dogins has been sidelined for the past four games with bruised kidneys. Before being hospitalized, he was the Raiders' top scorer and rebounder with an average of 13.5 points and 10 boards, respectively.

According to Raider head coach Dusty Lowe, Dogins is expected to miss Rice's next three starts, but should return in time for the District 23-AAA opener against arch rival Columbus on Jan. 15.

The Ricebirds, who improved to 9-5 and canned four of six three-pointers in the rout, never trailed against Rice as El Campo raced to a 20-13 spread in the first quarter and then outscored the Raiders 18-10 in the second period to carry a 38-23 margin into the dressing room at intermission.

The third quarter, however, spelled the difference as the Raiders managed only four points while El Campo netted 11 to mount a 49-27 advantage.

The Raiders, who easily suffered their worse loss of the season, struggled from the field. Rice managed to slice the deficit to five points midway through the second period, but then went ice cold.

Rice did not score the final 2:02 of the half and then went the first 6:31 of the third quarter before breaking the drought on a basket by Marcus Wilson. But, by then, the Ricebirds held a commanding 46-23 lead.

Curt McTeer and Derrick Stevens

sparked the Raiders' offensive attack with 10 points each while Wilson connected for nine. Oliver Johnson totaled six and James Williams netted two.

James Terrell was the leading scorer for El Campo with 17 points followed by Thaine Busby's 11, Rodney Williams' 10 and Jeff Goerig and Sam Tolden with nine apiece.

Both teams had their share of chances from the charity stripe as the Ricebirds hit 11 of 18 for 61 percent and Rice canned 15 of 22 for 68 percent.

The Raiders played at Edna this past Tuesday night then will host Edna next Tuesday, Jan. 5. On January 8 the team travels to Seaweney for the final pre-district warm-up.



Top Support Soldier

Sgt. Oscar Hurd, stationed in Jacksonville, Florida, has just received a large trophy from the U.S. Army. It is the 1987 battalion award for top support soldier. Recruiting U.S. Army Sgt. Hurd is up for a promotion and is a graduate of Rice High School. He is the son of Mrs. Hazel Hurd of Eagle Lake.

Jackson seeks

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a review and refinement should be a continuing effort of the board and the legislature. He went on to say that possibly the greatest problem confronting public education in Texas is the recent court decision calling for a drastic overhaul in the method of financing education. He pointed out that this will call for experienced, capable and well-qualified state board members.

Jackson stated, "I have the experi-

Murder

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Smith said one shot hit the car Ms. Lewis was in, one went astray, and one shot struck Toliver in the head, killing him.

Toliver was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Richard Schmidt. The JP denied bond for Lewis and he was lodged in the Colorado County Jail. Smith said burglary charges may be filed against Lewis by the sheriff's department.

Texas Ranger Ray Nutt also assisted in the investigation and arrest.

ABOUT TOWN

Rodney Williams of Eagle Lake was among 36 other players on the Texas A&I football team who have been approved for letters this fall. Rodney is a sophomore at the university.

In case you were wondering, the chef featured on a Houston Post magazine cover last Sunday is a cousin of Headlight editor John Fearing. The chef, Dean Fearing, has become well known for his Nouveau American Cuisine using strictly American ingredients and food combinations. In the last year or two his culinary ideas have earned him a place in the American cuisine. If you are in Dallas and have an opportunity to enjoy a meal at his restaurant, it would be a pleasurable and interesting evening.

Funeral services are scheduled Thursday at 10 a.m. for Charlie F. Jochetz who died Tuesday in Wharton. Services will be in the chapel of the Wharton Funeral Home. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery.

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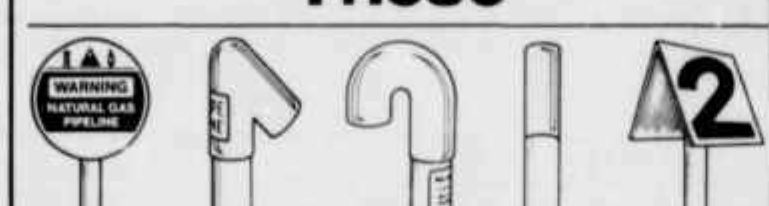
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