

SPORTS

Raiders take second in holiday tournament

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"We have had a very busy Christmas schedule and the young men have responded well up to this point," said Coach Johnson.

The young men responded indeed at the game with Shiner. Raymond Ford's response was a solid 20 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists. Eddie Fields scored 21 points, with 11 rebounds and 4 blocked shots. Also, Brandon Cunningham made 15 points, 9 rebounds and 2 steals; Ernest Sims made 8 points, 6 rebounds and 5 assists; Jerome Haynes, 7 points; Darian Barrow, 6 points, 7 rebounds

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Their first game against Shiner ended 70-44 for the Raiders. Coach Johnson commented, "We played fair considering this was the first game back from the Christmas holidays."

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High scorer for the game was Eddie Fields with 24 points and 10 rebounds as well as three blocked shots. Also making points were Raymond Ford with 12 and 5, Ernest Sims with 10 and 7, Adrian Farrow with 9 and 6, Brandon Cunningham with 5 and 4, Matt McGaughey with 4 and 5, Kerry Sims with 3 points and Darian Barrow 2 points.

In the Saturday morning game, the Raiders beat Poth 55-47. Again Ford and Fields carried the Raider scoring with 17 points each. Ford also had 7 rebounds, 4 steals and 5 assists; Field had 12 rebounds and 4 blocked shots. Also helping the Raider win were Farrow with 7 and 6, Sims with 4 and 4 assists; and Kerry Sims scored 3 points.

"We are going to recognize our junior high teams during January and February. On Jan. 7, we are recognizing our boys teams from Garwood. Sheridan will be recognized Jan. 10, Nade on Jan. 21 followed by Eagle Lake on Feb. 4, said Coach Johnson.

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The last game was the playoff for champion between Rice and Houston Episcopal. In a hard fought try for the title, the Raiders ended with a loss of 54 to 61 and second place.

Ford made 23 points and 4 rebounds. Fields made 10 and 5, Farrow made 8 and 6, Cunningham scored 4 and 8, Barrow had 4, Sims had 3 and Haynes had 2 for the Raider scoring squad. Coach Johnson remarked, "We played a very good game for the championship and we played hard. We fell behind early and never could quite make up the difference."

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Games This Week!

Thurs.-Sat., Jan. 9-11 ELMS Basketball Tournament, Here, TBA
Fri., Jan. 10 Raiders vs. El Campo, Here, 5, 6:30 & 8 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 11 Sheridan Boys & Girls at Schulenburg Tournament
Tues., Jan. 14 Raiders vs. Hallettsville, Here, 5, 6:30 & 8 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 16 ELMS Boys at Bellville, 5 p.m.
ELMS Girls vs. Bellville, Here, 5 p.m.

Rice Raiders take Hempstead game by seven

The Rice Boys Varsity Basketball team hosted Hempstead on Dec. 20. In an aggressively played game, the Raiders won with a seven point margin. Final game score was 65-58.

The offense played well against Hempstead's strong offensive team. Raymond Ford with 22 points was the Rice high point game. Also scoring for the Raiders, Eddie Fields made 14 points, 10 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 blocked shots; Adrian Farrow had 8 points and 7 rebounds; Darian Farrow made 6 and 4; Brandon Cunningham, Jason Vasek and Matt McGaughey each made 4 each; and Ernest Sims made 3 points.

SCORING BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	TOTAL
Rice	15	14	19	17	65
Hemp.	15	9	18	16	58

Will Christensen had 4 and 4; Rick Thomas had 4 and 2 and Jason Brunner had 2 rebounds.

Will Atkins led the Raider outside players with 5 points and 8 rebounds. The 44 total rebounds by the Raiders assured the victory over El Campo.

The Raider's post men, Arlen Lemons and Antrone Clark, led the team with a total of 31 points and 22 rebounds between them. Chris Clemens, also a post player, added to the Raider total with another 10 points and 3 rebounds. In addition, Roland Hemphill had 4 points, 3 rebounds;

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El C.	12	13	14	19	58

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Foot Facts

By Dr. Eric R. Tepper, Podiatrist

ULCERS: A PROBLEM OF CIRCULATION

One of the consequences of poor circulation is that skin becomes more susceptible to ulcers. As leg muscles fail in their job of pumping blood back to the heart, blood pools and ulcers form. The most common type of ulcer, stasis ulcers, usually occur around the ankles, heels and sides of the foot. Early symptoms include itching and redness around the bony bumps of the ankle and foot. Scratching often aggravates the site, resulting in a painful, infected wound. One key to either preventing or healing ulcers is to improve circulation. Foot and leg exercises can help, as can wearing support stockings. Always seek your doctor's advice if an ulcer develops, as special dressings may be prescribed.

Some folks are affected with poor circulation as a hereditary factor, however, exercises can go a long way in helping improve this. Please call my office for further information or for an appointment, at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital at 409-234-5571. I am there the first and third Tuesdays of the month. I offer your entire family high quality, professional and sensitive service.

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Periodontal disease may occur more frequently in persons who have diabetes, or blood disorders, or who take certain medicines. Those who grind their teeth while sleeping and individuals with a malocclusion (bad bite) also may be prone to develop gum disease.

A general dentist or periodontist may choose to treat gum disease by scraping away the calculus. If this is not effective, surgical removal of deep pockets at the gum line and antibiotic therapy may be necessary.

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Sealants are almost 100 percent effective, and there is almost no tooth structure removed. It is really a simple procedure, but one which must be done with care. Properly cleaning and conditioning the teeth before applying the sealant is extremely important and requires meticulous technique.

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NORTH TEXAS

AMARILLO 27.24 4.50 120

DFW AIRPORT 46.70 18.25 164

LONGVIEW 60.84 16.26 136

LUPKIN 56.38 16.44 142

STEPHENVILLE 38.44 12.35 147

TEXARKANA 50.38 7.43 117

WACO 38.02 8.25 128

WICHITA FALLS 29.48 3.53 114

SOUTH TEXAS

AUSTIN 39.60 9.39 131

BEAUMONT 72.42 22.52 145

BROWNSVILLE 30.75 6.03 124

COLLEGE STATION 49.88 12.61 134

CORPUS CHRISTI 38.33 9.07 131

DEL RIO 19.44 2.57 115

HOUSTON 53.63 11.41 127

MCALLEN 22.65 .29 101

SAN ANTONIO 28.93 .40 10