SPORTS

ELMS Tournament adds excitement to weekend

The weekend of Jan. 9-11 was an exciting few days of basketball at the annual Eagle Lake Middle School Basketball Tournament. The tourney, sponsored by the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO), kicked off Thursday evening with a good crowd and exciting teams to watch.

The middle school coaching staff appreciates and thanks the PTO for sponsoring it and for their help in running the tournament. They also thank Hartz Chicken in Sealy, Lake Crest Flower Shop and the parents and others who contributed to making the tournament a success.

Trophies were awarded to the first, second and third place teams in each category. ELMS, Columbus, La Grange, Needville and St. Philips schools participated in the weekend event.

First place for the eighth grade girls contest went to Columbus. Second was La Grange and third was Eagle Lake. In seventh grade competition, the top girls' team was St. Philips with ELMS taking second. Columbus was in third place.

The first place boys team in eighth grade play was Needville. Columbus was second and ELMS took third place. The seventh grade boys of Eagle Lake took first place with St. Philips in second and Columbus, third.

"The PTO did a great job. Thanks again to them for all the help. Also a great thank you to the teams that participated, to the coaches, the workers and the fans for making this another successful year's tournament," said Coach Jackson. "I would like to thank Donna Stephens for her work and the other coaches for their help. See you again next year!"

"Raider Pride '92"
Coach Jackson

Sideline strategy meeting

Coach Jack Sanders huddles with his seventh grade players during their game against St. Phillips last Saturday. Apparently the strategy he relayed to the team worked. The Seventh Grade Raiders took first place in their division.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

All four Middle School teams place at own tournament

At the Eagle Lake Middle School Tournament last weekend, Jan. 9-11, the ELMS boys seventh grade team took first place for their division. The seventh grade girls came in second for their division and both eighth grade boys and girls took third place trophies.

Seventh Grade ELMS Boys

The seventh grade Raider boys played their opening game against Columbus for a close win of 26-25. Top scorers were Willie Cleveland with 8 points and 5 rebounds and Norman Shropshire who made 8 points and 15 rebounds. Also, Maison Pratt had 4 and 6, Jermaine Collins had 2 and 8, Chris Hughes made 2 and 3, Lance Grigar made 2 and 2, and Warren Smith had a rebound.

Their playoff game with St. Philips was for the victory and first place. In the 25-29 game, Pratt was high point maker with 10 points, 10 rebounds. Also scoring well were Shropshire with 8 and 11, Hughes with 8 and 2, Cleveland with 6 and 6, and Collins with 2 and 5. Lance Grigar had 3 rebounds, Kris Gertson, J.R. Garcia, Matt Christensen and Tim Powers each had one rebound.

Seventh Grade ELMS Girls

The seventh grade Lady Raiders took the second place trophy. They saved their most exciting game of the year for their first game of the tournament. The ELMS girls squeaked by Columbus with a 15-12 score in a tight game. This was the first victory of the season for the seventh grade girls.

The Young Lady Raiders established an early lead that they held through the third quarter. In the last couple of minutes of the last quarter, the Cardinal girls put together a six point scoring run, but thanks to timely scoring by Ericka Fields and Gina Sides, the Lady Raiders held onto the lead and the victory.

Saturday afternoon the girls played against the Pioneers of St. Philips for the top two places in the tournament. The seventh grade Ladies fell just short of the gold, losing to the well disciplined Pioneer squad, 19-15. The ELMS team made a tough defensive effort but could not generate the offensive punch to get the lead. In the third quarter, the girls lost part of their heart as Termika Shropshire went to the floor with a knee injury. However, she was able to return to the court in the fourth quarter and the ELMS girls caught the spark. The hometown girls outscored their opponents 11-4 in the final quarter but the lead was too great to overcome. The Pioneer girls took the top trophy and the Lady Raiders came in second.

ELMS Eighth Grade Boys

The ELMS eighth grade boys opened the tournament against Columbus and after a tough game came away with a loss of 40-46. Making high points for the Raiders was B. Mathis with 22 and 16 rebounds. Also scoring, J. Bishop made 7 points and 6 rebounds, B. Black made 5 and 12, A. Hatton had 4 and 2, M. Wiese had 2 points, G. Hagendorf had 2 rebounds and C. Cordova had 1 rebound. This loss put them in the playoff for the third place slot.

They played a good game against La Grange to come away with the third place trophy. They beat the Leopards 38-12. Helping to get the win, Mathis made 15 points and 11 rebounds, Black made 10 and 17, Bishop scored 6 and 15, Cordova had 4 and 3, Wiese had 1 point while Hatton and Hagendorf had 5 rebounds each.

ELMS Eighth Grade Girls

The eighth grade Lady Raiders put together a great effort only to fall short at the hands of the Columbus Cardinal girls in their first game of the tournament. The lead switched back and forth through the first part of the game. Then the Cards turned on their scoring machine to take the lead and keep it in spite of the ELMS girls' strong comeback attempt. The victory went to Columbus for 38-27.

Helping the Lady Raider scoring effort were Rebecca Burrow with 15, B.J. Salazar with 4, and Cortney Parker, Michelle Parker, Jill Satsky and Alana Johnson with 2 each. Defensive leaders were LaShondra Williams and Alana Johnson.

In the consolation match for third place of the eighth grade girls division, the ELMS girls faced Needville. The Lady Raiders put together their best offensive effort as well as a good defensive performance to defeat the Blue Jays 32-9.

All the hard work of the season paid off as the Raider girls jumped out to an early lead and never relinquished control of the game. Needville had a struggle on offense but didn't give up and made the Lady Raiders put forth an all out effort to the end. The ELMS girls took the third place trophy for eighth grade.

Congratulations to all the kids on the Eagle Lake teams for a fine overall effort. They played extremely well and their coaches are proud of them. The coaches for the Eagle Lake Middle School Basketball Teams are Lee Politsch and Cynthia Saha for the girls and Dennis Jackson and Jack Sanders for the boys.

"Our next games are against Bellville in district competition Thursday, Jan. 16, beginning at 4 p.m. The girls' teams will play here and the boys will play in Bellville. Come out and see your teams play ball."

Tops in 7th Grade Boys Division

Team members of the Eagle Lake Middle School 7th Grade Raiders proudly display their first place trophy captured in the ELMS Tournament. Two players chosen for the All-Tournament team, Willie Cleveland and Norman Shropshire, hold up their trophies from the back row.

Seven chosen from Eagle Lake...

All-Tournament Team members

Five players were chosen to the All-Tournament team for each bracket in last weekend's ELMS Basketball Tournament.

All-tournament eighth grade boys team was made up of Brandon Mathis from ELMS, Andy McRae and Rodrick Benson from Needville, Greg Polask and Ladell Wilson from Columbus.

The seventh grade all-tournament boys team was Willie Cleveland and Norman Shropshire of ELMS, Jeffrey Little of St. Philips, Aaron Douglas of Needville and Terence Wright of Columbus.

Eighth grade girls all-tournament team included B.J. Salazar and Rebecca Burrow of ELMS, Kim Klien and Rhonda Warschak of Columbus and Chrissy Filla of La Grange.

Chosen for the seventh grade category all-tournament team were Britni Schememund and Aundry Ray from St. Philips, Termika Shropshire and Nichole Chamberlain from ELMS and Carmen Reyna from Columbus.

Second Place, 7th Grade Girls

The ELMS 7th Grade Lady Raiders fought to the very end with St. Philips who bested them by only four points in the final score during the championship game. Shown with Coach Cynthia Saha, the girls show off their second place trophy as well as two members of the All-Tournament Team, Nicole Chamberlain and Termika Shropshire.

Headlight Photos by Jeannine Fearing

Third Place

Team members of the Eagle Lake Middle School 8th Grade Raiders proudly display their third place trophy captured in the ELMS Tournament this past weekend.

Raiders Varsity 10-10 for season after loss to El Campo

The Rice Raiders made a great effort Friday night but it was not enough. In a hard fought game against El Campo, Jan. 10, the Rice varsity boys lost 71 to 65. This game puts them at 10 and 10 for the season.

After a tied first quarter, the Raider varsity pulled ahead to lead at the half. The third quarter started their downfall however, as El Campo came out scoring and continued to rack up points for the win.

Coach Ray Reynolds commented, "El Campo hurt us on the boards Friday night. That was the difference."

The top Raider pointmakers were Raymond Ford with 21 along with 2 steals and 5 assists and Eddie Fields with 17, 11 rebounds, 2 steals and 4 blocks. Also helping the score were Brandon Cunningham with 8 points, 4 rebounds and 2 steals; Adrian Farrow with 6 points; Ernest Sims with 5 points; Darian Barrow, 4 points; Matt McGaughey, 2 points and Jason Vasek with 2 points.

The first game in district play for the Raiders will be Friday night, Jan. 17, at Sealy. The next home game is Tuesday, Jan. 21, against Columbus. Come out to see your Raiders in action.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	14	19	17	15	65
El Campo	14	15	22	20	71

8th Grade Girls, Consolation Champs

The 8th Grade Lady Raiders earned the third place trophy they are displaying with a 32-9 victory over Needville Saturday afternoon.

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Rice JV takes three out of four

The Rice Raider JV Basketball team has been busy since the holidays. They have now played all of their predistrict games. Jan. 17 marks the beginning of district play. The Raider JV stands at 11-5 for the season.

They went to Shiner to play the Shiner JV, Dec. 31. Although the Raiders got off to a slow start, they pulled away with a 55 to 29 victory. The Raiders' 42 rebounds proved to be the decisive factor in the win. This gave the JV team a 9-4 record for the season.

Antrone Clark, Roland Hemphill and Will Christensen were the Raider's high scorers while Clark and Arlen Lemons led the Raiders' rebounding. Clark had 12 points and 15 rebounds; Hemphill had 11 and 3; Christensen had 10 points; Lemons, 8 points, 9 rebounds; Will Atkins, 6 and 2; Jason Brunner, 4 points; Joachim Lorenz, 3 points, 4 rebounds; Sam Mader, 3 and 5; Travis Polach, 2 and 3; and Brandon Wiese made 1 rebound.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	4	20	26	5	55
Shiner	6	6	11	6	29

The Raider JV team played the Gonzales JV, Jan. 3, at Rice High School and lost by a score of 52 to 67, making the season record 9-5. Brad Gohlke led the scoring for the Raiders while Lemons and Clark led in rebounding.

Gohlke made 14 points and 5 rebounds; Lemons, 9 and 13; Rick Thomas, 9 and 4; Clark, 7 and 13; Atkins, 6 points; Polach, 4 points, 11 rebound; Hemphill, 2 and 2; and Jason Brunner made 1 point.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	14	6	17	15	52
Gonzales	18	16	15	18	67

Jan. 7 saw the Rice JV take on Hallettsville JV, here. The Raider JV won their tenth game of the season with a 56-29 victory. Twelve players shared in making the 56 points for Rice. Gohlke and Clark led the Raider JV in rebounding with 14.

In scoring, Clark made 12 points and 6 rebounds; Brunner had 6 and 1; Lemons had 6 and 4; Gohlke had 5 and 8; Atkins had 5; Hemphill made 4 and 4; Christensen had 4 and 1; Thomas scored 4; Mader had 2 and 5; Polach, Clemons and Wiese had 2 each and Andres Cruz made 1.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	10	14	16	15	56
Hallet.	4	8	7	10	29

Friday, Jan. 10, the Rice JV basketball boys took on El Campo on our home court. Gohlke led the JV Raiders to their victory over the Ricebird JV, scoring 23 points and making 8 rebounds.

Lemons' 9 rebounds and Clark's 16 kept the Raiders ahead during the close game. The outside players were led by Atkins with 12 points and Hemphill with 10 rebounds. This game completed play with El Campo. It was the Raider JV's second victory over their JV in as many games.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	11	19	20	16	66
E.C.	16	10	20	18	64

They were scheduled to play Hallettsville on Tuesday, January 14. The next game, which begins district play, will be against Sealy, there, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, Jan. 17. Come out and support your team!

Lady Raiders begin new year on a roll

The Lady Raider varsity went into their first game after the holidays with an 8-7 season record. After their opening district game Friday night, Jan. 10, they stood at 11-8.

The Rice ladies went to Weimar Dec. 28 to beat them 51-29. Melissa Guthman and Kori Klein were the high point getters for the game. Guthman made 16 and Klein made 11 of the 51 points the Lady Raiders racked up.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	16	20	8	7	51
Weimar	7	113	2	7	29

Dec. 31 saw the Rice varsity girls playing at St. Joseph. Again the Lady Raiders brought home a solid win. The final score of 59-37 was earned with the great scoring of Guthman, who made 28 points, Bonnie Benge with 18 and Jill Janish with 5.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	17	8	14	20	59
St. Joe	10	11	4	12	37

Jan. 3, the Lady Raiders were on the road again. This time they had a sad ride home after losing to Needville. The Rice varsity girls got behind in the second quarter of the game and couldn't seem to get going again. The final score was 35-41. Guthman made 18 points and Benge made 14 for the Rice team.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	9	4	8	14	35
Needville	8	11	11	19	41

In a hard fought game at Edna, Jan. 6, the Lady Raiders redeemed their loss with a win of 52-50. They led from the beginning and hung on to the lead in spite of the strong effort by the Edna girls. Nekesha Tillman was top scorer for the Rice team with 17 points. Benge made 16 and Janish added another 8 to help with the victory.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	16	11	11	14	52
Edna	14	10	10	16	50

Last Friday, Jan. 10 the Rice varsity girls beat La Grange in the first district game for this season. The Lady Raiders went to La Grange with a good attitude and defeated them. The solid defense and good team hustle paid off with a 54-31 victory. Guthman made 18 points, Benge made 13, and Klein and Tillman each made 9 points to lead the Ladies in scoring.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	19	11	12	12	54
La Grange	6	10	11	4	31

The next district game was set for Jan. 14. Friday, Jan. 17 the Lady Raiders play at home against Sealy with the JV game starting at 5 p.m. The varsity will play at 6:30 This will be parents night for the Rice girls.

Come support our winning ladies this Friday night. Friday, Jan. 24 will be Garwood Night so plan to be for that as well as some more great basketball.

Lady Raider JV beats La Grange

The Rice junior varsity girls blasted La Grange Friday night, Jan. 10 on the opponents' home court. A good effort by all of the Lady Raiders paid off with a win of 66 to 20.

The tremendous lead was earned with the great scoring of Sophronnie Anderson and Annette McTear with 15 each and Kim Powers with 14.

The whole team worked together to gain the first win of district play. Their record is 11-5 overall. Each games they show more improvement.

This week they were to play Bellville Tuesday, Jan. 14. The game with Sealy on Friday, Jan. 17, is also parents night for the Lady Raider teams. Both are district games at the Rice gym beginning at 5 p.m.

Also, the Garwood teams will be recognized at the game Jan. 24.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	18	14	16	18	66
La Grange	3	5	5	7	20

Lady Raiders compete in Schulenburg

The Varsity Lady Raiders went to Schulenburg Dec. 19 and 20 for the varsity girls basketball tournament. They came away with two wins and two losses.

The Rice girls played El Campo for their opener. Rice took it 45-26. Bonnie Benge with 13 points, Melissa Guthmann, 8, and Nekesha Tillman with 6 led the Lady Raider scoring.

The second game Friday night was with A&M Consolidated. The girls dropped that one 40-70. Guthmann scored 13 points while Kori Klein made 9 and Jill Janish made 6.

Saturday, the Lady Raiders went up against Giddings losing 44-78. Benge made 19 points and Guthmann added 9 to be the top team scorers.

In the final game, Rice beat Weimar 68-38. Benge and Guthmann led the scoring with 25 and 18 points respectively. Tillman had 8.

Sheridan boys fall to Weimar 54-16

In their first contest since the holidays, the Sheridan boys basketball team made a poor showing against Weimar Junior High. They played at home for a loss of 34 to 16.

The scorers for Sheridan were Ortiz with 8, Rangel with 4 and Heinold with 4. Ford and Brocker also helped with assists and good defensive hustle.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Sheridan	0	6	4	6	16
Weimar	13	10	14	13	54

Garwood Lady Raiders take first win

Monday, Jan. 6, the Garwood girls team played basketball against St. Philips for a win of 44-8. The young Lady Raiders of Garwood exploded for their first win this season.

Naketra Johnson scored 14 points and Valerie Johnson made 12 to top the St. Philips girls. Rachelle Kallina added another 6 points and Lindsay Nissen helped out with 4 more.

"This was a fine way to come back from the holiday," Coach Carrera said. "These ladies have been working hard in practice."

The Garwood girls team competed Jan. 9-11 in the Yoakum Tournament. They suffered two defeats, losing to Moulton, 52-9, and Cuero, 31-19.

The young ladies are improving steadily. Leading scorers were again Naketra Johnson and Valerie Johnson.

The next home game is Jan. 23rd.

Rice Raider Varsity slam dunks Hallettsville

The Rice Raider Varsity team played hard against Hallettsville last Tuesday night, January 7, and as a result, the outcome was in our favor, 92-45. Our record for the season now stands at 10-9. We are in the process of trying to fine tune our game for district play that starts on January 17th.

Eddie Fields led the Raiders against Hallettsville with 23 points, 10 rebounds and seven steals, followed closely by Raymond Ford with 19 points, four rebounds, three steals and seven assists. Darian Barrow had 14 points, three rebounds, three steals and six assists; Ernest Sims, 12 points, four steals, three assists; Adrian Farrow, 10 points, five steals, three assists; Brandon Cunningham, nine points, nine rebounds, four steals; Matt McGaughey, three points, four rebounds, two steals; and Jason Vasek made two points.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	21	22	21	28	92
Halletts.	8	15	12	10	45

They were scheduled to play Hallettsville again on Tuesday, January 14th. Results will be published in next week's issue. Next game will be Friday, January 17th, against Sealy, there, at 8 p.m.

Raider freshmen lose 3 close ones

The Rice Raider Freshman boys lost a heartbreaker, 36-33, in overtime to the Gonzales Freshmen on Friday, Jan. 3rd, at Rice High School.

The Raiders got off to a slow start and trailed by 10 points at halftime. They came on strong in the second half and took a 31-27 lead with 1:30 remaining in the game. David Godley led in scoring with 10 points. The Raiders ran the floor very well, but had their largest turnover total of the year. The team's rebord dropped to 2-9 for the season.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Rice	8	2	15	6	2	33
Gon.	12	8	3	8	5	36

The freshmen boys lost a 49-45 decision to the Hallettsville Freshmen team on January 7th at the Rice Raider gym. The Raiders led through the end of the 3rd quarter and, again, couldn't hold on to the lead.

Charyan Thomas, Godley and Derrick Jones (all starters), fouled out of the game and took the bench. Neil Broesche, Kurt Sunderman, Nick Casarez and Donnie Obenhaus did a fantastic job to finish the game. Charyan Thomas led in scoring with 16 points and B.J. Dupré led in rebounding with 10.

The Rice Freshmen record dropped to two wins, 10 losses.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	10	14	12	9	45
Halletts.	9	13	13	14	49

The Rice freshemn dropped another nail biter Jan. 10 to El Campo. The scoreboard showed 45 to 42 at the final buzzer. Rice trailed most of the game but had a 31-31 tie in the third quarter.

They eased into the lead in the early fourth quarter and stayed ahead until the last 30 seconds of the game. El Campo scored with 15 seconds on the clock, then made two more for a final score of 45-42. This puts them at 2 and 11 on the season.

David Godley led the scoring with 14 points, while B.J. Dupré had 10 points. The Raider freshmen had their best defensive effort of the season.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	10	11	9	12	42
E.C.	12	11	7	15	45

They were scheduled to play Hallettsville again on Tuesday, January 14th. Results will be published in next week's issue. Their next game will be the beginning of district play, and will be against Sealy, there at 5 p.m., Friday, January 17th.

Games This Week!

Thurs., Jan. 16	ELMS Boys Basketball at Bellville, 5 p.m.
	ELMS Girls vs. Bellville, Here, 5 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 17	*Raiders at Sealy, 5, 6:30 & 8 p.m.
	*Lady Raiders vs. Sealy, Here, 5 & 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 20	Garwood Boys vs. Louise, Here, 5 p.m.
	Garwood Girls at Louise, 5 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 21	*Raiders vs. Columbus, Here, 5, 6:30 & 8 p.m.
	*Lady Raiders at Columbus, 5 & 6:30 p.m.
Thurs., Jan. 23	ELMS Boys Basketball at Sealy, 5 p.m.
	ELMS Girls vs. Sealy, Here, 5 p.m.

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