

This Week's Action!

Date	Team, Time, Place
Thurs., Sept. 18	Jr. High football vs. East Bernard, Here, 5 & 7 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	JV football at East Bernard
Thurs.-Sat.	Lady Raider varsity
Sept. 18-20	volleyball at Schulenburg Tournament
Fri., Sept. 19	Varsity football vs. East Bernard, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 20	Lady Raider JV volleyball at Sweeny Tournament
	Rice Jr. High volleyball tournament, ELMS
Mon., Sept. 22	Rice Jr. High volleyball at Columbus, 4 & 5 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 23	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Sacred Heart, Here, 5 p.m.



Raiders

On the PAT, Warren Scott found Josh Godley in the end zone for a successful two-point conversion.

Rice led at the half, 14-0. Schulenburg broke the ice in the third period on a quarterback sneak by Blansitt.

Their drive was aided by two big completions to split end Clarence Irving. The PAT kick cut Rice's margin to 14-7 with 1:08 left in the third.

In the fourth stanza, with the outcome still in doubt, Scott made a great play on an option, pitching the ball off to runningback Josh Godley who raced into the end zone.

An attempted run for the conversion failed.

Godley's TD capped a 60-yard drive, the only long drive Rice was able to come up with for the night.

Scott and Godley had teamed up for the same play for 22 yards when Coach Russell Roark elected to "go for it" on fourth and five at the Short-horn 48.

In "Riverboat Gambler" fashion, Roark opted for the play and the team rewarded him with great execution.

"We were playing to win," stated an elated Roark. "Sometimes, people play to avoid losing, so to speak. We decided to accept the underdog role and go for the win. Fortunately, it paid off."

In fact, Rice had converted on a fourth and four earlier in the game.

Once again, the defense was cited for rising to the occasion. They bent a little but did not break.

Roark praised the secondary for doing a great job of not only covering on passes, but also supporting on runs.

Several times, it looked as if a Shorthorn back was on his way after breaking the line of scrimmage when he was tackled by one of Rice's defensive backs.

Rangel, Scott, Eric "Red" Johnson

and Josh and Kevin Godley all had good defensive games.

"We're still a long way off from the plateau that we want," warned Roark. He mentioned that there were a lot of busted assignments on both sides of the ball.

Depth was another concern since the Raiders showed signs of fatigue late in the game.

Raider coaches hope that as the season progresses, more young men will step up to assume positions so that fewer people have to go both ways.

The 20-7 victory gave Rice the best start in quite some time.

"Our coaching staff came up with a super game plan. Our kids accepted the challenge and carried out that plan," Roark added.

This Friday, Rice will host another top ten 2A power when East Bernard comes to town. The Raiders will be facing the third straight opponent who were part of the 1996 state playoffs.

East Bernard has cruised through

their first two games by a composite margin of 98-6; opening with a 42-0 crushing of Shiner, then walloped District 22-AAA Hempstead, 56-6.

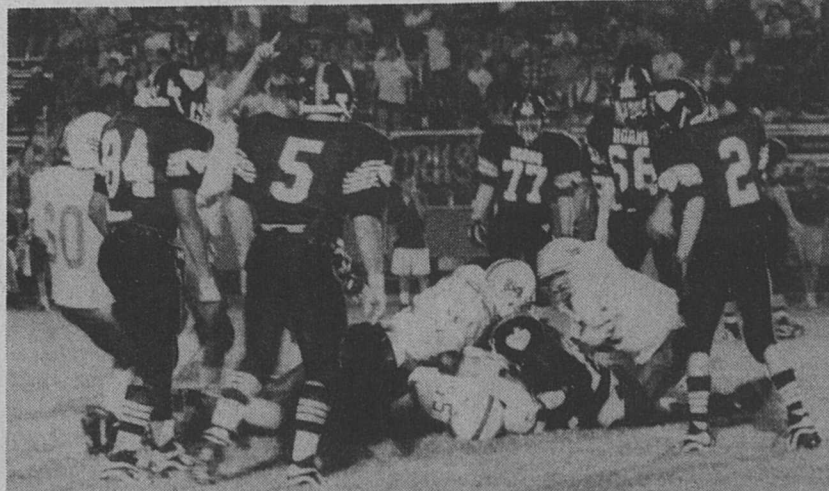
The Brahmas possess a lot of speed in quarterback Marlon Bluntson and tailbacks Lenter Thomas and Lee Davis.

Unlike Rice's first two opponents, East Bernard doesn't have a big size advantage. However, they have good team quickness.

Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Box Score	Rice	Schulenburg
First Downs	13	12
Yards Rushing	179	97
Yards Passing	43	87
Total Yards	222	184
Passes	7-3-2	20-8-2
Punts	1-33	1-46
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties	11-97	4-30

Scoring By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rice	6	8	0	6	20
Schulenburg	0	0	7	0	7



Surrounded by half the Schulenburg team, a lone, unidentifiable Raider makes the correct call when he signals Rice's ball. The third quarter fumble, recovered by Raider #55, Brandon Besch, led to a Warren Scott touchdown run that was called back due to a penalty.

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SPORTS

7th, 8th grade Raiders beat Schulenburg

The Rice Raider 7th grade football team defeated the Schulenburg Short-horns Thursday, Sept. 11, by the score of 20-0.

The first score came on a 10-yard run by Patrick Milentz, a boot-leg

around the right side behind the blocking of Reggie Ford and James Phillips.

The second was on a 10-yard run by Jason Godley, made possible by blocking from Eliazar Zepeda, Jesus Ortiz and Ene Lugo.

The extra point was good on a run by Milentz, this time behind Travis Pittman and Rubin Leal.

The final score was also made by Milentz on a keeper around the left side. Blocking on this play was Ford with help from Andrew Varley and Ramiro Esparza.

Leading the defensive charge for the 7th grade Raiders with at least one tackle each were Esparza, Vernon Smallwood, John Lee Spears, Milentz, Godley, Leal, Raynee Rangel, Matthew Hentzell and Michael Sosa.

Also, leading the rushing attack were Hentzell with 33 yards, Matthew Hinz with 25 and Felipe Rangel with 17 yards.

The Rice Raider 8th grade football team defeated the Schulenburg Short-horns 30-14.

The first score was a 15-yard run by Ben Ortiz. Supporting him with

blocks on the play were Cleo Johnson, Norris Powell and Dante Fuller.

The second tally was on a 30-yard run by Bennie Glover. Making his touchdown possible were good blocks made by Jermal Wright, Frank Chavira, Gerald Williams and Adrian Espinosa.

The third one was on a hard run up the middle by Jerry Cleveland following the blocking of Jonathan Houser, Adrian Middleton and Fuller.

The last touchdown came on another run by Ortiz with blocking from Acey Banks, Gilbert Kutach and Robert Hassin.

Rushing: Glover, 68 yards; Cleveland, 58; Adrian Middleton, Ortiz, 42.

Tackles: Fuller, five; Cleveland and Wright, four; Chavira, Conrad Diggs, Middleton, and Angel Franco, two each; and Ortiz, Craig Dabney, Glover, Ronnie Vasquez and Ricky Perez each had one.



Raider #2, defensive linebacker Jay Knight, was congratulated by teammates after scoring a touchdown on a beautiful pass interception and runback. That TD increased Rice's lead to 12-0 with less than a minute to go in the first half.

Shorthorns too strong for JV

The JV Raiders had a tough outing Thursday night against the Schulenburg Shorthorns.

At times, their coach said, we played good, but untimely fumbles deep in our territory changed the momentum of the game.

Schulenburg's size and strength were big factors in the outcome.

The Raiders gave great effort throughout the game, despite playing most of the game without several key players.

All of the players showed great character.

The JV team's next game is this Thursday, Sept. 18, against the East Bernard Brahmas in East Bernard.

Lady Raider varsity drops two to Ganado

The Rice Lady Raiders varsity volleyball team lost to a tough Ganado team in two close games 11-15 and 14-16 on Sept. 6.

Christie Cranek had a 100% serving record.

Amy Obenhaus also had 100% on serves as did Fausta Rodriguez, Amalie Kucherka, Nina Salazar, Briana Bedford and Rebal Canaris.

Excellent setting jobs were turned in by Risa Waddell with an 85% and Lori Grigar with a 94%.

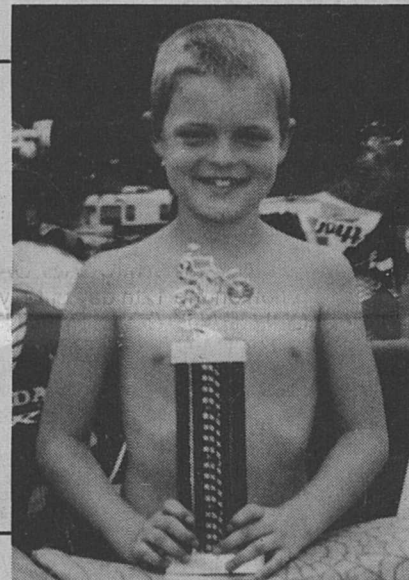
Cranek had an 88% success rate on back court passing and two blocked kills. Valerie Korenek had an 89% on the back court and Kucherka had an 80% with two good digs.

Excellent spiking performances were turned in by Rodriguez with a 90%; Cori Gertson, 82%, four clean spikes kills; Jennifer Christ, 10%; and Canaris, 100%. Obenhaus had two spike kills.

On Tuesday, Sept. 9, the Rice

Lady Raiders volleyball girls had a rematch with Fayetteville at Rice and came away with a loss in two close games, 14-16; 11-15.

The Ladies' next game was at Brookshire on Tuesday, Sept. 16, followed by the Schulenburg Tournament starting Thursday, Sept. 18.



Brewer brings home first trophy

In June 1997, Victor Daniel Brewer #3, of Eagle Lake, riding his Kawasaki KX 60, brought home his first trophy. An 8 year-old competitor, he is sponsored by Cycle Shack South.

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