

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Time & Place
Thurs., Sept. 25	Jr. High football at Sacred Heart, 5 & 7 p.m., Hallettsville
Fri., Sept. 26	Rice JV football vs. Sacred Heart, Here
Fri., Sept. 26	Varsity football at Sacred Heart, 8 p.m., Hallettsville
Sat., Sept. 27	Lady volleyball varsity at Smithville tournament
Sat., Sept. 27	Lady volleyball freshman at East Bernard tournament
Mon., Sept. 29	Jr. High volleyball at Bellville
Tues., Sept. 30	Lady volleyball vs. Van Vleck, 5 p.m., Here

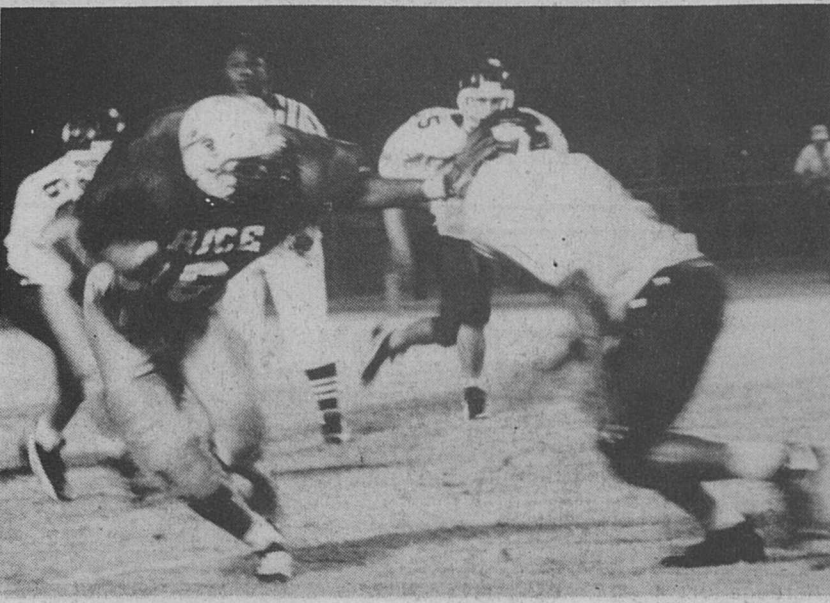


Knight stop, Pipkin run

One tackle racked up Friday night against East Bernard by Raider linebacker #2 Jay Knight was this stop of their running back behind the line of scrimmage, handing the Brahmas a four-yard loss with less than three minutes left in the first half.

In the photo below, Rice #6 Kendrick Pipkins picks up a first down at the 36 yard line before being bothered by leg cramps.

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MORE SPORTS

Raiders hold Brahmas to lowest score of season

East Bernard, the states number three rated AA team, came to Rice and showed that they are worthy of that state ranking.

The Brahmas took the opening kickoff and promptly marched 90 yards in 14 key plays to take an early lead that they never relinquished.

All-state candidate Marlon Bluntson finished the drive with a seven-yard pass to tight end William Wilcox.

Wilcox's try for the extra point sailed wide, so the Brahmas led 6-0 after running off six minutes and 17 seconds.

On the ensuing kickoff, Rice moved the ball down field into East Bernard territory but failed to counter, giving the ball up on downs at the Brahma 35.

Both teams continued to battle it out until early in the second quarter.

Bluntson faked to tailback Lee Davis, rolled to his left and heaved a pass down field to end Jeff Vacek who had gotten a step on a Raider defender.

Bluntson was hit just as he turned the ball loose but it hit Vacek in stride for a 50-yard TD reception.

Bluntson, then rolled out around his own left end and raced into the end

zone, giving the Brahmas a 14-0 lead.

Rice again threatened on their next possession. An apparent completion to the East Bernard 10-yard line to wingback Jonathan Godley was nullified by an ineligible receiver down field penalty.

The Raider lineman had driven his man off the line, lost contact, then advanced downfield on the throw. Nevertheless, the ball was brought back to the original line of scrimmage. The Raiders absorbed a big penalty plus the loss of a down.

The Raiders capitalized on a Bluntson pass minutes later when cornerback Eric Johnson intercepted the ball near midfield.

With 1:01 left in the half, quarterback Warren Scott found tailback Josh Godley down field and hit him with a 30-yard TD pass.

Kevin Hoffman's PAT kick sailed wide, but the Raiders had cut the margin. East Bernard led at the half 14-6.

East Bernard turned to the ground during the second half, scoring on a Davis run off-tackle from the Raider 15-yard line.

An attempt for two points failed, so the Brahmas led at the 8:18 mark,

20-6. The scoring drive only covered 22 yards after a blocked punt.

East Bernard was able to intercept another Scott pass late in the game.

Bluntson capped a 47-yard drive with a three-yard run and Wilcox kicked the PAT, giving the Brahmas a 27-6 lead with four minutes left.

It was a disappointing ending for first year coach Russell Roark as the Raiders took their first loss of the year.

"We felt we could play with them before the game if we could contain Bluntson, but we weren't able to consistently," lamented Roark.

"At one point during the first half, Bluntson hobbled off the field, only to return after he being re-taped.

During his absence, Rice picked up the tempo.

"Bluntson is a great athlete. He's fast, can throw, and is an outstanding defensive back," Roark added.

Rice's chances weren't helped due to five interceptions.

East Bernard put a lot of pressure on Scott most of the night.

Rice cut down on penalties, but the ones they received were very costly.

Pete Rangel added another interception to his season total, stopping an East Bernard drive during the second half.

Neither team fumbled the ball away during the game.

Rice must regroup before Friday

night when they visit the Sacred Heart Indians in Hallettsville.

The Indians were handed a 28-14 loss by Industrial last Friday night.

The game should be a great one. The winner might be the team who can bounce back from their first loss.

Rice hopes to have tailback Josh Godley at full strength by Friday. He sustained a pulled hamstring during a passing drill Tuesday and saw only limited action Friday night.

The game in Hallettsville starts at 8 p.m.

Box Score	Rice	E. Bernard
First Downs	10	18
Yards Rushing	100	247
Yards Passing	97	99
Passes	21-5-5	7-4-2
Punts	2-24	2-28
Penalties	8-66	6-50

Scoring by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Rice	0	6	0	0	6
E. Bern.	6	8	6	7	27

Rice Stats

Rushers: Kenny Pipkins, 54 yards on 11 carries; Josh Godley, 30 on nine; Eric Johnson, 18 on four; Jonathan Godley, one on one; Warren Scott, eight on three.

Passers: Scott, 5-21-5 for 97 yards.

Receivers: Josh Godley, 2-62; Jonathan Godley, 1-22; Jay Knight, 1-10; and Eric Johnson, 1-3.

Records: Rice 2-1; East Bernard 3-0.



Bothersome

Raider #22 Chad Kallina put enough pressure on the East Bernard quarterback during this play in the second quarter to cause a bad pass (only in East Bernard's view) which was intercepted by Eric Johnson with a little over five minutes left in the second quarter of Friday night's game. This gave the Raiders a first down and ten yards to go on the 45 yard line. Coming from the right to assist Kallina is #54 Jeremy Gohlke.



Oh no you don't

Raider running back #21, Josh Godley, prepares to fend off an East Bernard defensive player as he picks up approximately 28 yards near the end of the first half, just prior to scoring Rice's only touchdown of the night.

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