

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Time, Place
Thurs., Oct. 23	Jr. High football at Columbus, 5 & 7 p.m.
.....	JV football vs. Columbus, Here
Fri., Oct. 24	Varsity football at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.*
Mon., Oct. 27	Jr. High volleyball vs. Columbus, Garwood
Sat., Oct. 25	RHS F, JV & V volleyball at La Grange, 11 a.m.*
Thurs., Oct. 30	Jr. High football vs. Hempstead, Here, 5 & 7 p.m.

*district competition



Even this stack of Bellville defensive players, in photo at left, couldn't stop Rice Raider #6 Kenny Pipkins from scoring the first touchdown of the game for Rice last Friday, Oct. 17, with less than a minute left in the first half. The proof of the Raiders' lead, the scoreboard, above, right.

SPORTS

Second half surge helps Brahmas clip Raiders

The Rice Raiders stopped two first half scoring threats by Bellville's Brahmas to take a 6-0 half time lead only to see it wilt away in the second

half due to some outstanding running by Bellville's fullback Ronnie Harris. Harris amassed 196 yards; 70 of that came on the second play of the second half.

Rice took a lead on a two-yard plunge by fullback Kendrick Pipkins, which came at the end of a 53-yard drive. The big play of the drive was a leaping catch of a Warren Scott pass made by receiver Jamarcus Brooks.

The pass covered 18 yards, placing the Raiders on the Brahmas' 18. Pipkins made 14 of the final 18 yards on three off-tackle plays.

This was the senior fullback's last action for the night. Pipkins re-aggravated an ankle injury and was pretty well through for the evening. A fake extra-point play fell short by a yard.

Bellville's Harris cranked up behind his huge offensive line during the second half. He broke on a sweep play outrunning Rice defenders for a 70-yard touchdown. The PAT kick was good. Bellville never trailed again.

Bellville scored their second TD during the final minute of the third quarter. The kick for the extra point put the Brahmas ahead, 14-6.

Rice never gave up. The Raiders drove 68 yards to cut the margin to two. Jeremy Gohlke and Scott did the bulk of the ball carrying for Rice until the Raiders faced a third and 10 situation on the Bellville 31.

Scott then faked a counter play and flipped a screen pass out to Eric Johnson. Johnson darted up the Rice sideline to score. Rice now had a chance to tie the game, but a two-point conversion failed.

Bellville padded their slim margin on a fourth quarter touchdown. Efforts by the Raiders failed during the final minutes.

"We played hard all night, as a whole," lamented Coach Russell Roark. "Their size advantage finally wore us down during the second half. They were able to get away with a lot of holding in their offensive line, but we aren't using that as an excuse."

Offensively Scott probably had his best game of the season. He scrambled, forced tacklers to miss and made several plays successful that might have failed. Scott was five of 12 passing for 124 yards. He also lead all Raider rushers with 58 yards.

Defensively, the entire Raider defense fought hard. They only "bent" most of the time except for the long run in the third quarter.

"We must find a way to get more production from the fullback position. Early, it was our strongest point. Hopefully, Pipkins will get well soon. Until then, we'll probably move senior Gohlke to fullback," stated Roark.

Rice journeys to Columbus Friday night to try to slow up the Cardinals. Columbus walloped Hallettsville, 41-6, in their last district game.

La Grange rides Dobbins to "Gunn" down Raiders

The state ranked La Grange Leopards rode the back of Lawrence Dobbins and quarterback Tye Gunn to totally outclass the Rice Raiders, 56-0, in both teams' 22-3A opener.

Dobbins, a class sprinter, rushed for 115 yards and three TDs while Gunn passed for 185 yards and three more TDs to help bury the Raiders.

As Coach Russell Roark had pre-

dicted, turnovers played a big part in this outcome. He had hoped that Rice would benefit from Leopard fumbles to neutralize their explosive offense. However, it was Raider turnovers that put Rice in a hole they could never get out of.

La Grange scored 21 points in the first and third quarters to take away any doubt of the outcome.

The Leopards illustrated why they were able to play the state's top-ranked Sealy team to a 28-12 game earlier in the season.

Even though Dobbins and Gunn received the most "ink", it was the domination of the line that was the most significant feature in the game. Out-weighting their opponent by 50 pounds per man, the Leopard line totally controlled the line of scrimmage all night.

Rice could only muster 108 yards of offense. Only gamey Warren Scott could produce any offense.

Scott often appeared upset with his blocking but personally continued to compete until the final second of the game. He also had his usual outstanding defensive game from his free-safety position.

Dobbins opened the scoring with 8:31 remaining in the first quarter, on a 48 yard run on an option play.

Gunn scored in less than three minutes later, then hit receiver Crag Zingelmann with a 26-yard TD pass after Dobbins had scored his second TD to give La Grange a commanding 28-0 lead at the half.

Both teams had exchanged turnovers to open the game before La Grange settled down and took charge.

The Leopards received the second half kickoff and promptly scored on a 69-yard aerial bomb from Gunn to last year's quarterback Tory Brewer.

Gunn hit Brewer again two minutes later for another TD.

Dobbins scored his final tally late in the third quarter on a nine-yard spring off-tackle.

Nigel Eason closed the Leopard onslaught with a four-yard run in the final period.

Rice tried to mount a pair of drives only to have them snuffed out with fumbles or untimely penalties.

Scott had the longest run of the night for the Raiders, after he moved to tailback. He had a 28-yard gallop on a sweep breaking several tackles on the play. The junior back was only able to rush for 47 yards on 2 carries, and getting sacked three times.

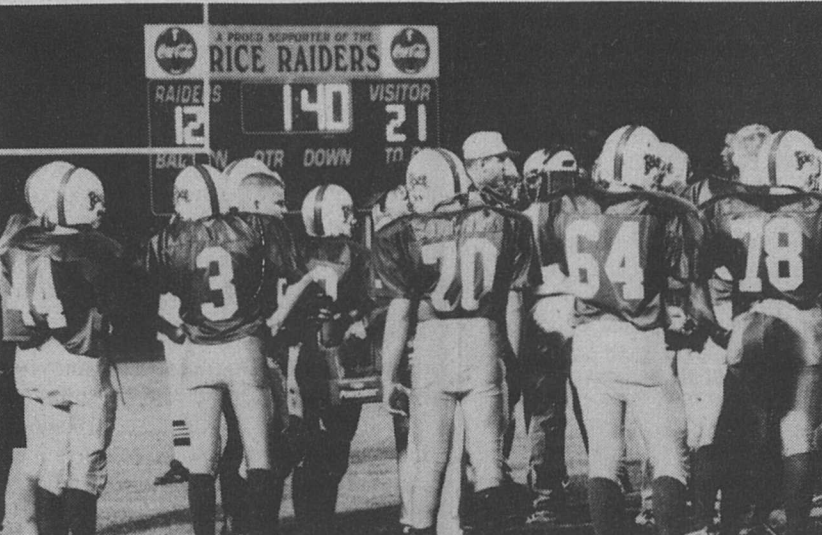
Rice had the district's number two defense go into the game but could not cope with the strength and speed of La Grange. The young Raiders uncharacteristically were hurt by pin-point passing by Gunn. Gunn had plenty of time to find receivers open because his huge offensive line gave him all the time he needed.

Rice must regroup, once again, to host Bellville. Bellville dropped their district opener, 21-14, to Hallettsville, Friday night. Rice will regroup without junior defensive end Jeremy Weishuhn who sustained a ruptured spleen and is out for the year. No other Raider was injured.

Junior Jay Knight, a linebacker and receiver, should be back to normal after missing the La Grange game.

"It was a complete and total 'tail kicking' from the beginning," mentioned Coach Roark. "Without a doubt, it was the worse whipping that I have ever experienced. My dad has coached for 36 years and it was the worse defeat he has been involved in. We both have managed to be on the other end of things. La Grange is in the stage of development that we would like to reach."

The Bellville game should be interesting in one. Both head coaches, Roark and Huey Chancellor, have played in the same system as well as coached several years using schemes made famous by Odessa Permian.



Rice Head Coach Russell Roark talks strategy with his players after #15, Warren Scott, spiked the ball into the ground to stop the clock at 1:40 remaining in the game. Unfortunately, the Raiders turned to ball over to the Brahmas on downs on Bellville's 29 yard line with 1:10 left.

Headlight Photos
By Jeannine Fearing

Lady Raiders report volleyball results

On Wednesday, Oct. 1, the Lady Rider JV squad brought their 6-6 season record into a final tune-up match before district play Sept. 30 against Van Vleck and seemed to be hitting on all cylinders.

Hot handed serving Agustina Ortiz, Teresa Pittman and Angela Phillips helped the JV'ers toward an easy victory first game by a score of 15-6.

The second game of the match proved to be no easy task, though, as each team battled back from six point deficits, with the last tie score coming at 15-15, and Pittman serving for the Raiders.

Pittman drove home the next two serves with strong back row play by Betty Gutierrez and hard hitting by Shanna Waligura and brought the home team game and match victories.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, the Lady Raiders JV match took them to the home of the 3A champion Bellville Brahmettes.

There, the JV squad learned the meaning of intensity as the Brahmette team reeled off 13 straight points be-

fore their visitors could gain a point.

After two successful serves by Waligura, Bellville's JV squad regained control of the ball and the first game as they ended the contest 15-2.

The JV Lady Raiders jumped out to a quick 3-0 lead with the advantage of the first service, again on the serving arm of Ortiz and the front line play of Waligura and Phillips, but Bellville halted the Raider drive at three and proceeded to put together their own 10 point run from which the Rice squad could never recover.

End result-Bellville won by a score of 15-5.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 7, the Lady Raiders played such good hosts to the La Grange Lady Leopards that they allowed their guest to sneak out with a match in just two games.

The Lady Raiders jumped out to an early 4-0 lead thanks to serving by Syreeta Tyler and Ortiz, but ran into trouble when the La Grange servers also heated up to tie the game at four and then build a 7-4 lead.

Each team then put together short spurts of point scoring until the Rice women had tied the score at 10 each.

La Grange then stepped up their level of play with five straight tallies which left the hosting Raiders behind in the match by one game.

The Rice tailspin continued into the second game of the match as La Grange built an early 9-2 led and completely shut down Lady Raider scoring on their way to a 15-3 victory which completed the match shut out.

On Saturday, Oct. 11, the Lady Raiders traveled to Hempstead to take on the Lady Bobcats in JV district play looking for their first district victory.

Game one of the match saw the Lady Raiders grab an early lead that they would not relinquish. Strong serving by Phillips, Waligura and Shanna Coxwell led the Rice JV squad to a quick victory of 15-1.

The second game had Hempstead fighting back against the Rice squad with an exciting see-saw battle that the hosting Lady Bobcats finally captured with a 16-14 final score.

The victory by the Lady Bobcats seemed to rejuvenate the Lady Raiders as they spotted their opponents two early points and then slammed the door on the way to a decisive 15-2 game victory and their first match victory in district competition.

The next opponent for the JV Lady Raiders was Columbus on Oct. 14.

Bellville stomps past Raider JV

The Rice Raider JV lost to the undefeated Bellville Brahmas JV, 55-0, last Thursday night.

Nothing went right for the Raiders from the beginning as the Brahmas jumped on Rice early and never let up.

The only real highlights for the Raiders came on a couple of passes from Anthony Salinas to Brett Boenisch and Coy Sunderman.

The Raider defense played as hard as they could but the bigger and faster Brahmas always seemed to make the big plays.

This week, the Raiders play at home against the Columbus Cardinals. Come out and support the team as the JV Raiders hope to get their first victory of the year.

7th grade 'close, but no cigar'

The Rice 7th grade lost a close game to the Bellville Brahmas, 6-0.

Rushing yards were hard to come by in the defensive struggle.

Stats: Patrick Milentz, 33; Jason Godley, 32; Matt Hintzell and Michael Sosa, six; Matthew Hinze, five.

The defense did a fine job only giving up six points. On tackles, Reggie Ford had five; Vernon Smallwood, four; Felipe Rangel, Milentz and Godley, three; Jesus Ortiz, Ene Lugo, Hinz and Sosa, two; Rubin Leal, Andrew Varley and Raynee Rangel, one.

Important reminders from Appraisal District

The 1997 tax statements were mailed out Friday, Oct. 17. There are several important points that we would like to remind you about:

1. Colorado County CAD now also collects for the City of Weimar. Consolidated tax statements will include all taxing jurisdictions. Our office will continue to visit Weimar City Hall for the taxpayers' convenience in Oct., Jan. and March; if not, payment can be mailed to P.O. Box 10, Columbus, Texas 78934.

2. Several jurisdictions discontinued taxing personal autos starting in

1997: Colorado County, Rice CISD, Rice Hospital District and the City of Eagle Lake. Weimar ISD and City of Weimar will still legally collect taxes

on autos. The consolidated statement in the Weimar area will delete the county tax.

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Walk

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the Boy and Girl Scouts, Little League, Ministerial Alliance, Colorado County Red Cross, Eagle Lake Salvation Army, Colorado County Special Olympics, Colorado County MHRM, Colorado County Childrens Service Board, youth development and alco-

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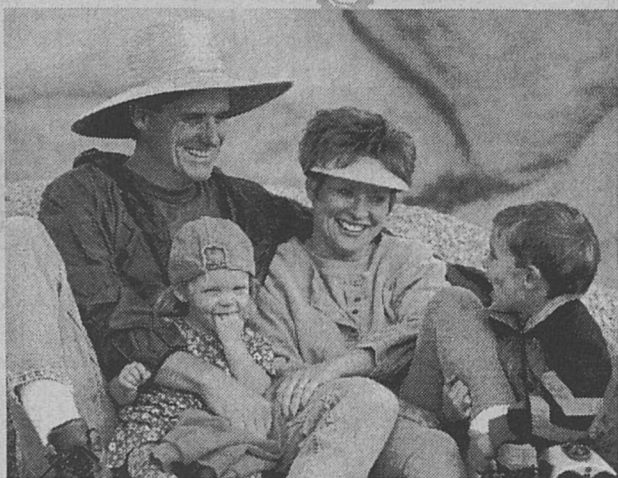
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