

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Time & Place
Thurs.-Sat.	F, JV & V basketball teams at East Bernard
Dec. 4-6	Tournament
Tues., Dec. 9	F, JV & V basketball at East Bernard, 5 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	Varsity basketball at Needville Tournament
Dec. 11-14	Freshmen basketball at Columbus Tournament

SPORTS

All-District volleyball players named

With the completion of the State Volleyball Tournament, the All-District selections have been announced.

Congratulations go to: Christie Cranek, senior, Second Team; Amy Obenhaus, senior, Honorable

Mention; Risa Waddell, senior, Honorable Mention;

Cori Gertson, junior, Honorable Mention.

Academic All-District (90% or above): Christie Cranek, Valerie Korenek, Risa Waddell, Amalie Kucherka, Lori Grigar and Rebal Canaris.

Raiders drop final tilt to Hallettsville

The Rice Raiders were stopped by the Hallettsville Brahmas in the season finale by a 22-7 margin in a 22-3A game played in Hallettsville, Friday night, Nov. 7.

Rice couldn't overcome a case of "Turnover Fever" which took them out of the close game. Three lost fumbles and three interceptions spelled doom for the Raiders.

Hallettsville put the first points on the board on the game's first possession. In fact, the Brahmas got almost half of their total offense on their first drive, covering 80 yards in 10 plays.

From that point on, the Raiders battled at an even pace with the speedy Brahmas.

Rice scored after a Brahma fumble, having to drive only 29 yards in four plays.

Warren Scott, the Raider's junior quarterback, hit fellow junior Jonathan Godley in the corner of the end zone from seven yards out after a good play fake.

Hallettsville's left cornerback had bitten on the fake leaving Godley wide open.

Kevin Hoffman tacked on the PAT kick to knot the score at 7-7.

The Brahmas scored on a very controversial play by kicking a 30-yard field goal after time was supposed to have expired.

The score keeper stopped the clock with 16 seconds left for no apparent reason, other than anticipation.

Hallettsville received at least an additional five seconds which ended up being just enough to get off the kick just before time expired on the clock.

Field officials would not overturn the play, admitting their mistake.

Both teams faced stubborn defenses during the third stanza, failing to put any more points on the board.

Hallettsville scored midway in the final quarter on a one-yard plunge by Chancey Brooks.

This followed a short drive result-

ing from a Raider fumble.

The kick failed, so the Brahmas led 16-7.

Rice threatened minutes later only to have a pass skip out of the Raider receiver's hands into the grasp of Brahma safety Keith Harper.

Harper returned the interception 60 yards to end scoring.

A run for the two-point conversion failed.

The Raiders never gave up. They drove deep into Brahma territory when the same fate hit them again. A pass slipped through a receiver's hands at the Hallettsville 15 and was intercepted, ending Rice's final threat.

As in former games, the Raiders failed to give up.

Defensively, Kenny Pipkins and Clint Gertson saved their best for their

final game.

Offensively, Scott had a good night and could have had a much better night had there not been so many missed receptions. Scott was eight for 17 with three interceptions, but only one turnover was due to an errant pass.

Gertson and junior guard Scott Bittner had one of their best games in the offensive line.

Coach Russell Roark had told his troops after the Hempstead game that if turnovers could be cut down, Rice's chances would improve. However, it was not to be.

"I admire the courage of the kids to continue to fight back when things look bad," Roark mentioned. "We had a good game plan, taking advantage of H'Vil's flip-flopping their defense. We flipped our formations several

times in order to attack them in ways that weren't as familiar."

Box Scores	Rice	Hville
First Downs	13	16
Yards Rushing	121	170
Yards Passing	75	62
Passes (C/A/I)	8-18-3	4-12-0
Punts/Avg.	4-41	5-33.4
Fumbles/Lost	4/3	4/2
Penalties	4-30	9-95

Scoring By Quarters	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	0	7	0	0	7
Hallettsville	7	3	0	12	22

Rushing (individual): Josh Godley, 10 for 50; Jeremy Gohlke, six for 21; Scott, five for 25; Pipkins, two for 15 and Jonathan Godley one for nine.

Passing (individual): Scott, 8/17/

Lady varsity gets basketball season underway

The Lady Raiders Varsity got the season underway with a hard fought loss to St. Joseph's, 43-38.

The Ladies were in the game all night.

Jennifer Christ led the team with 17 points, 12 rebounds, four steals and two blocked shots.

Amy Obenhaus chipped in with eight points and four rebounds.

Turnovers and missed free throws were a thorn in the side of the Lady Raiders. "We threw the ball away with 37 seconds left in the game, while we were trailing by one point. The more we practice, the better we'll execute in winning time."

The Lady Raiders played Victoria Stroman first in the Tidehaven Tournament.

Stroman took control of the game right from the tip off, racing out to a 18 to 5 first quarter lead.

It took the Lady Raiders two quarters to get going. By that time the game was already decided.

Obenhaus paced the Lady Raiders with nine points and five rebounds. Petra Sewell added eight points. Final score, Stroman, 64-28.

The Lady Raiders fell into the loser's bracket and set out to do something about it against Van Vleck.

However, right before tip-off Christ suffered a knee injury that kept her out of the game.

With their backs to the wall and the starting center out with an injury, the Lady Raiders came up with their best effort of the year.

Several different players stepped up led by Obenhaus, Tierra Wright and Briana Bedford.

This was a special game for Obenhaus. She picked up her points and rebounds and ended the game going 8-9 from the field with 21 points, 15 rebounds and seven steals. She did most of her work after she picked up her fourth foul.

Wright and Bedford put the game away with clutch free throw shooting and good ball handling. "It was a team effort and everyone contributed." Final score, 55-44.

The Lady Raiders' next challenge was playing Calhoun with six players.

"We were better than Calhoun, however, we can't play our style of basketball with six players. We were tired, physically and mentally."

The Ladies raced out to a 14-10 first quarter lead before running out of gas.

Top scorer Obenhaus did all she could. Due to special attention given to her by Calhoun, Amy ended up with 12 points and eight rebounds.

Bedford scored eight points and seven rebounds; Natasha Glover six points; Arlisha Lemons five points; Chazara Scott, four points and Rochelle Teague one point.

Final score, Calhoun 49-36 brings the season's record to 1-3.

The Lady Raiders next game was scheduled Nov. 24 against Victoria

Stroman in Victoria.

Obenhaus had a great performance in the Tidehaven Tournament and was selected to the All Tournament team.

There were several great players in the tournament making it equally dif-

8th grade Raiders start season with two wins

The 8th grade Raiders hosted the Bellville Brahmas Thursday, Nov. 20, and came away with a 31-27 victory.

The game was close throughout, but the Raiders had a little more fuel in their tanks, added by crucial free throws in the final minute, to outlast the Brahmas.

They used a balanced scoring attack with Adrian Middleton leading the way with 12 points, Conrad Diggs, Jerry Cleveland, Jermal Wright and Norris Powell added four each, Dante Fuller chipped in three points, Cleo Johnson, Angel Franco and Eyan

McClain contributed on the defensive end for the Raiders.

On Monday, Nov. 24, the Raiders traveled to Hempstead for a showdown with the Bobcats.

Both teams fought hard defensively as the Bobcats took an 11-10 halftime lead.

The Raiders came out with a lot more intensity in the second half, outscoring the Bobcats 8-0 to take an 18-11 lead.

They held the lead until the last minute of the fourth quarter when Hempstead tied the game 28-28.

Raiders on the rebound

The Rice Raiders rebounded from their first two games and won two just before Thanksgiving.

On Monday, Nov. 24, the Raiders beat the Flatonia Bulldogs 70-57; on Tuesday, they defeated the Cougars from Brazos 67-59.

Led by Warren Scott's 17 points and Josh Godley's 20, the Raiders broke into the win column Monday night.

Also contributing to the cause were Clint Gertson, nine points; Jay Knight, seven; Jamaricus Brooks, six; Kenny Pipkins, four; Eric Johnson, three; and Jonathan Godley and Pete Rangel added two points each.

The Raiders finally got their running game and defense cranked up as they got 24 steals from the Bulldogs, resulting in many easy baskets for the Raiders.

After a slow start, the Raiders were

virtually unstoppable in the second and third quarters and coasted through the fourth to take the victory.

"The key tonight was our defense - everyone played well and we took advantage of opportunities afforded us," said Coach Richard Russell.

On Tuesday night, Nov. 25, the Raiders again took 24 steals from Brazos and got their second victory of the young season.

Three Raiders scored in double figures (Josh Godley, 21; Pipkins, 14; and Scott, 11) and were helped out by Gertson with nine points; Johnson and Rangel, four each; and Jonathan Godley and Brooks, two each.

As on Monday, the Raiders started slowly but picked up the pace in the second and third quarters to garner victory number two and even their record at 2-2.

On Monday, Dec. 1, the Raiders traveled to Needville, almost pulling off an upset, but ended up on the short-end against the Blue Jays 89-79.

Led by Pipkins and Josh Godley's 23 points each and Brooks' 10 points from the bench, the Raiders played Needville close all the way through

the game.

Also contributing to the Raiders effort were Scott with nine points; Johnson, six; Rangel, four; Kevin Godley and Gertson, two each.

"By far, this was our best effort of the season - and we're only going to get better. We're really starting to put things together," stated their coach.

Next up for the Raider varsity basketball team will be the East Bernard tournament this weekend.

On Thursday, the JV play at 11 a.m. against Ganado; the Freshman team goes up against Danbury at 4:15 p.m.; and the Varsity will play Danbury's Varsity at 8 p.m.

Hope you'll can come out and support the teams this weekend.

Score By Quarters

	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	11	21	21	17	70
Flat.	13	14	17	13	57
Rice	11	19	19	18	67
Brazos	16	13	13	17	59
Rice	22	16	27	14	79
Nville	26	23	19	21	89

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Proper use of eyedrops is essential. When using this type of medicine you should, according to Dr. Dorothy Smith in *Understanding Prescription Drugs*:

- Wash your hands with soap and water before beginning.
- Do not touch the dropper against the face or other surface.
- Tilt your head backward and look up at the ceiling.
- Gently pull down lower lid of the eye to form a pouch.
- With the other hand, place the correct number of drops into this pouch, and close your eyes.

Alternate Method:

- Lie down on your back and close your eyes.
- Place drops on the closed eye lid in the corner of the eye nearest the nose.
- Blink your eyes and tilt your head slightly to the outside.
- Wipe off remaining drops with a clean tissue.

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