

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Time & Place
Thurs., March 26..	Rice baseball at Palacios, 4:30 & 7 p.m.
Fri., March 27	Rice softball vs. Fayetteville, 4 & 5:30 p.m., Here
Fri.-Sat.	Rice JV & V tennis teams at A&M Consolidated
March 27 & 28 ..	tournament, College Station
Sat., March 28	Rice track teams at Columbus
Mon., March 30 ...	Rice golf teams at Flatonia
Tues., March 31 ...	Rice softball varsity at Columbus*, 7 p.m.

*District competition

All-District girls basketball announced

The 1997-98 All-District 22-3A girls basketball teams were chosen recently. The Lady Raider had one player on the second team.

Also, three Rice players received honorable mention.

Most Valuable Player: Reagan Kruppa, La Grange, senior.
Newcomer of the Year: April Tompkins, freshman, Hempstead.
Coach of the Year: David Cooper, La Grange.

Player	School	Class
Stacy Schmidt	Bellville	Sr.
Abby Zwahr	Bellville	Jr.
Tina Kelly	La Grange	Sr.

Player	School	Class
Stephanie Briscoe	Columbus	Jr.
Carrie McDonald	Hallettsville	Sr.
Ameera Rasheed	H'ville	Soph.
Sheree Tompkins	Hempstead	Sr.

Player	School	Class
Lucy Koy	Bellville	Jr.
Brittani Pilcik	Bellville	Soph.
Kim Stallman	Columbus	Jr.
Candice Hartwell	H'ville	Soph.
Zenada Wilson	Hemp.	Soph.
Jennifer Zbrank	La Grange	Jr.
Amy Obenhaus	Rice	Sr.

Players receiving an Honorable Mention from Rice were senior Shazara Scott; junior Briana Bedford and freshman Erica Dunmore.

Lady Raider softball send update on season

March 10: The Lady Raiders traveled to Fayetteville to face-off with Fayetteville in early season action.

Despite early inning offensive outbursts by the Lady Raiders, Fayetteville claimed both victories of the evening, JV and Varsity.

The JV matchup began with the Lady Raiders pounding out 10 runs on the hot bats of Teresa Pittman, Stacy Schneider and Shanna Waligura as the Raiders sent 13 batters to the plate in the first inning.

The outburst must have taken all of the energy out of the JV'ers though, as they could muster only two more runs for the game while the host team tallied 16 runs across in the next four innings, giving them the 16-12 winning edge.

The varsity contest ended in much the same way, but the Lady Raiders varsity squad saved their best for last, although they were never able to overcome the early Fayetteville lead.

By the end of the fourth inning, Fayetteville had built an 11-2 lead that seemed insurmountable, when the Lady Raider bats awoke with six runs in the fifth inning and three more in the sixth inning.

Unfortunately, Fayetteville kept up their scoring in each of the last two

innings to come away with the 17-11 score that earned their victory.

March 13: The Columbus Lady Cardinals came to visit the Lady Raiders and became part of Rice history as the first opponent to play on the Lady Raider home field.

They wasted no time in taking advantage of their host's hospitality by immediately taking a 4 to 0 lead that they wouldn't relinquish as they coasted to a 16-1 win.

Highlights for the Lady Raiders came in the form of four hits, one each by Risa Waddell, Lori Grigar, Amy Obenhaus and Waligura.

The JV game was called because of the cold, rainy weather.

Thank you to all of the Columbus and Rice fans who braved the cold, rainy weather to be a part of our first home softball game.

Anyone can watch softball in warm sunshine, but it takes a real fan of the game to endure 40° temperature and rain...or an idiot.

March 17: Hallettsville's Lady Brahmas celebrated St. Patrick's Day by covering the green of the Lady Raiders outfield with base hits on their way to an 18-2 victory over the host Lady Raiders of Rice.

Wasted opportunities and errors

characterized the Lady Raiders play as they struggled at the plate and in the field.

Aside from a triple by Schneider and a single by Christie Cranek, the Lady Raider bats were silent, which supplied all of the incentive the visiting Hallettsville squad needed on their way to an attempted repeat as district champions.

In the JV contest, Rice claimed the first home victory on their own field by conquering the visiting Hallettsville JV, 9-4.

Hits by Schneider, Amy Moore and Virginia Aguilar fueled the Lady Raider offense.

Way to go, Lady Raider JV!

March 20: The Lady Raiders traveled to La Grange last Friday in search of another victory, but were turned away in two attempts by the hard hitting Lady Leopards.

In the JV matchup, the visiting Rice squad jumped ahead with two runs only to allow La Grange to answer with 11 of their own.

The Rice JV came back with two more runs in the bottom of the second

inning, but the Lady Leps were not to be stopped or even slowed appreciably on their way to a 19-4 win.

The Lady Raiders varsity continued to struggle offensively, but showed some marked improvements on defense as they held the Lady Leopards on occasion.

The Lady Raiders' lone hit came off the bat of Waligura as they let La Grange get away with the 10-0 victory.

This week, the Lady Raiders traveled to Edna on Tuesday, March 24, for a 6 p.m. varsity match-up against the Lady Cowboys.

Our next home contest will be Friday, March 27, for a rematch with the Fayetteville Wildcats.

The JV game will begin at 4 with the varsity contest following immediately after.

Clear your calendar, drag out the old sunblock and the lawn chairs and come on out to watch Rice Lady Raider Softball in action!

Our new field is on the Rice High School campus, just west of the football stadium (behind the visitors' seating area).

RICE RAIDER 'NET NEWS'

Playing in cold and very windy conditions, the Rice Raider tennis teams ventured to Weimar for an eight-team tournament which included two district opponents, Bellville and Columbus.

The boys #2 double team of Bo Vavrusa and Richard Vargas won first place consolation.

On the way, Vavrusa/Vargas defeated Blazek/Bosse (Bellville) 8-5; lost to Lowe/Mills (Columbus #1), 6-8; defeated Antosh/Coerver (Weimar) 8-6; and defeated Kolenovsky/Clore (Columbus) 8-6 in the consolation final.

Matthew Milentz/Barrett Thomas, doubles #1, came in second place on the winners side, losing in finals to Columbus Lowe/Mills, 7-6, 0-6, 2-6.

In order to get to the finals the boys won a very hard fought match with the

Bellville #1 team of Anderson/Davis and defeated them in a tie breaker. The score was 9-8 (7-2 tie breaker).

The girls doubles team of Lori Grigar/Cori Gertson won their first match against Brazos 8-0, then came up against Bellville and lost 2-8.

Stacy Rodriguez/Angela Phillips also won their first match against Brazos by a score of 8-0, than had to fight the Bellville #1 team and lost.

D.J. Sosa won his first singles match against Brossman of Schulenberg 8-8, then lost to Bader of Bellville, 2-8.

Joel Baggett lost his first match to Bennett of Columbus 8-6, then lost to Hardt.

Friday, the entire team goes to a tournament at A&M Consolidated which features separate divisions for freshmen, JV and varsity.

Raider Jr. High track teams place at two meets

The Rice Raider 7th and 8th grade traveled to Bellville Feb. 26 to compete in the Bellville Relays. Results were:

Seventh grade: Reggie Ford, 4th shot put, 29' 10-1/2"; Matt Hentzell, 6th, long jump, 13' 1-1/4"; Hentzell, 2nd, triple jump, 30' 1-1/4"; Felipe Rangel, 3rd, 800 run, 2:36.08;

Andrew Varley, 5th, 300 hurdles, 54.11; Matthew Hinze, 3rd, 100 dash, 13.25; Ortiz, 3rd, long jump, 16' 11-1/2"; Glover, 4th, long jump, 16' 4-1/4"; Jason Ishee, 2nd, 110 hurdles, 21.59. Team total, 6th place.

Eighth grade: Bernardo Vas-

quez, 6th, 2400 run, 9:21.06; Floyd Kelley, 5th, 1600 run, 5:50.74; Bennie Glover, 2nd, 100 dash, 11.77; 400 relay, Cleveland/Fuller/Ben Ortiz/Glover, 4th, 48.13; 1600 relay, Cleveland/Kelley/Ortiz/Glover, 5th, 4:17. 38; Ortiz, 3rd, long jump, 16' 11-1/2"; Glover, 4th, long jump, 16' 4-1/4"; Jason Ishee, 2nd, 110 hurdles, 21.59. Team total, 6th place.

On March 5, the Raider traveled to Needville to compete in the Blue Jay Relays. Results were:

Seventh grade: Ford, 1st, shot put, 31' 11"; Milentz, 5th, shot put, 28'; Jesus Ortiz, 6th, shot put, 27' 5-1/2"; Hentzell, 3rd, triple jump, 31' 5";

Hinze, 6th, triple jump, 29' 5"; Jason Godley, 4th, discus, 79' 5-1/2"; Varley, 5th, discus, 72' 5"; Hinze, 2nd, long jump, 15' 7"; Hentzell, 3rd, long jump, 15' 2-3/4"; 400 relay, Hinze/Hentzell/Milentz/Godley, 2nd, 52.09; Varley, 5th, 800 run, 2:40.77; Hinze, 2nd, 100 dash, 13.05; Ricky Douglas, 6th, 100 dash, 13.90; Varley, 3rd, 300 hurdles, 55:26; Varley, 1st, 110 hurdles, 22:26; Hentzell, 1st, 400 dash, 1:02.63; Rangel, 6th, 400 dash, 1:07.77; Milentz, 2nd, 200 dash, 28:18; 1600 relay, Raynee Rangel/Hinze/Hentzell/Milentz, 3rd, 4:25.97.

Team total, third place.

Eighth grade: Danté Fuller, 3rd,

shot put, 39'5"; Frank Chavira, 4th, shot put, 35'6"; Ishee, 2nd, triple jump, 33' 6 3/4"; Vasquez, 3rd, 2400 run, 9:29.52; Ortiz, 1st long jump, 17' 9-3/4"; Glover, 2nd, long jump, 17' 2"; Glover, 5th, high jump, 5'; 400 relay, Cleveland/Fuller/Ortiz/Glover, 1st, 48.84;

Kelley, 3rd, 800 run, 2:30.61; Ronny Vasquez, 5th, 800 run, 2:39.34; Glover, 1st, 100 dash, 11:87; Fuller, 4th, 100 dash, 12:65; Ishee, 4th, 300 hurdles, 49:26; B. Vasquez, 4th, 1600 run, 5:57.43; R. Vasquez, 5th, 1600 run, 6:00.97; Ortiz, 1st, 200 dash, 25:77; 1600 relay, Cleveland/Kelley/Ortiz/Glover, 3rd, 4:09.70. Team total, 2nd place.

Two Rice powerlifters going to state

The Lady Raiders brought home one regional title and qualified two team members for the state meet at the Region V Powerlifting Championship held in Falfurrias on March 7.

Lori Grigar took first place in the 105 lb. class with a lift of 605 pounds... 25 pounds more than the second place finisher.

In addition, she was named the Outstanding Lifter in bench press in Region V.

Grigar has earned her third consecutive trip to the state meet. She competed in the 97 lb. class her freshman and sophomore years and placed eighth and fourth respectively.

She is also a state recordholder in the 97 lb. class bench press. She goes into state after a perfect season of competition, winning first place in every meet she's entered.

Also qualifying for state was senior Adriana Rodriguez.

Student	Weight Class	Squat	Bench Press	Dead-lift	Total
Grigar	105 lbs.	235	130	240	605
A. Rodriguez	105 lbs.	185	110	225	520
Obenhaus	132 lbs.	-	-	-	-
F. Rodriguez	165 lbs.	230	120	250	600
Korenek	165lbs.	225	120	230	575



Adriana Rodriguez, at left, and Lori Grigar will represent Rice High School in the state powerlifting competition Friday, March 27.

Photo Compliments of Melody Grigar

St Mary's announces Honor Roll

Students earning a place on the Honor Rolls for the third 9-weeks grading period during the 1997-98 school year were:

High Honors

First grade: Chelsea Korenek, Trent Popp.

Fifth: Laura Engstrom, Jake Staff. **Sixth:** Russell Cranek, Todd Korenek, Ashley Waligura.

Seventh: Jeffrey Leopold, Kimberly Waligura.

Eighth: Lance Bittner, Lana Engstrom, Kinsey Hoffman, Jared Korenek, Trent Korenek, Amanda Rodriguez, Heather Shanks.

Superior Honors
Second: Trey Staff.

"The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time."

—Bertrand Russell

Third: Jacob Engstrom, Noelle Jurica.

Fourth: Kali Hammerriller, Bernadette Jurica, Luke Shimek.

Fifth: Kaylyn Boenisch, Mandy Staff.

Sixth: Ryan Henske, Margie Leopold, Chad Mahalic, Kevin Shimek, Danielle Spanihel, Camille Staff.

Seventh: Erin Gold, Lauren Spanihel.

Eighth: Shelley Boenisch, Garrett Cranek, Jessica Spanihel, Meagan Staff, Kristin Thompson.

Conservation District awards given

We would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Colorado County Soil & Water Conservation District for the award given to the Eagle Lake Headlight recently.

And, to Beverly Tuck and Henry

Sunderman, many thanks for your understanding and the time you took from your busy day to come by the Headlight office. The story, along with pictures of the winners, will be included in next week's paper.

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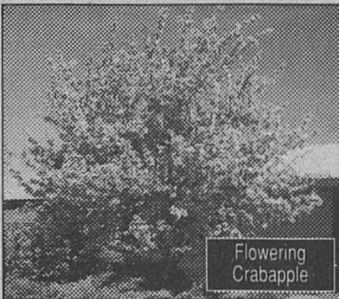
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