

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Time & Place
Thurs., Sept. 24	 Raider JV football vs. Pt. Lavaca, 6:30 p.m., Rice
Friday, Sept. 25	 Lady Raider volleyball vs. Sealy, 5 p.m., Rice*
.....	 Raider varsity football at P. Lavaca, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 26	 Lady Raider volleyball vs. Danbury (duel), 11 a.m., Rice
.....	 Lady Raider JV & F volleyball vs. Hallettsville (duel), 12 noon, Rice
Tues., Sept. 29	 Lady Raider volleyball at Hitchcock, 5 p.m.*
Friday, Oct. 2	 Lady Raider volleyball at Stafford, 5 p.m.*

*District competition



Rice Raider #22, Jay Knight, followed his blocker around the end during Friday night's game in Smithville against the Tigers. Knight ran for a total of 49 yards on 15 carries during the losing effort by the Raiders.

Raider Football Photos by Jeannine Fearing

Tigers gnaw Raiders, 33-3

Football commentator Keith Jackson would have gone hoarse making his famous "fumble" call during Rice's 33-3 loss to Smithville Friday night.

Both teams combined for 10 fumbles.

The Raiders, playing without leading rusher Warren Scott, came out poised in the first quarter.

Rice quarterback Klay Korenek found receiver Hank Cranek open on a slant pattern and hit him with a pass for a 14-yard gain.

However, as the Raiders surged into Tiger territory, Smithville scooped up a fumble.

The Raiders defense held and forced a Tiger fumble.

Rice advanced the ball on the ground, alternating Jay Knight and Jon Godley as ball carriers.

Rice got near the red zone but opted for a fourth down field goal from bare-foot kicker Kevin Hoffman.

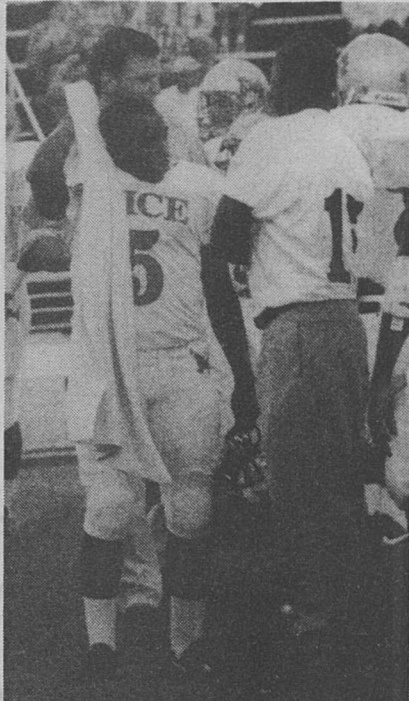
Hoffman's kick was good, putting Rice ahead 3-0.

The Raiders held Smithville scoreless until the second quarter.

Tiger defensive lineman Bradley Deary intercepted a Rice pass and ran it back for a 17-yard score.

Smithville's kicker missed the point after, but the Tigers led 6-3.

Smithville added its second score two minutes later on a 22-yard run by Jason Culberson, giving the Tigers a 12-3 lead at half time.



Rice running back Warren Scott talked to his teammates on the field before Friday night's game against Smithville. Scott is sidelined with an ankle injury.

Tiger running back Doug Jones scored Smithville's first touchdown of the second half.

Jones also took it in on the conversion run to go up 20-3.

Taurus Cephus scored another Tiger touchdown in the final seconds of the third quarter.

Kyle Kelly's kick was good, increasing the Tiger lead to 27-3.

The final score of the game came off a 25-yard rush by Smithville's Doug Jones, making the final score 33-3.

Rice falls to 1-2 on the season.

The Raiders will travel to Port Lavaca Calhoun this Friday night.

Defensively, Barrett Thomas led all Raiders with 13 tackles.

Team Stats	Smithville	Rice
First Downs	16	9
Rushes/Yard	40-275	42-135
Passes/Comp./Int.	0-4-0	2-5-1
Passing yards	0	18
Punts/Avg.	5-36.6	6-27.3
Fumbles/Lost	6-3	4-4
Penalties/Yards	3-30	8-65

Team	1	2	3	4	F
Smith.	0	12	15	6	33
Rice	3	0	0	0	3

Scoring

First quarter
R: Hoffman, 22 yard field goal, fourth play after fumble, 5:28

Second quarter
S: Bradley Deary, 17-yard interception return, (#86 kick), 10:34
S: Jason Culberson, 2 yard run, 2 pt. pass inc., 8:00

Third quarter
S: Doug Jones, 25 yard run, 1-2 pt. run,

Cody Thompson had six tackles, forced a fumble and sacked the quarterback twice.

Brandon Shanks, Kevin Hoffman and Jermal Wright had six tackles each.

"I guarantee we will have a better showing against Port Lavaca Friday night on both sides of the ball," Raider Head Coach Russell Roark concluded.

5:58
S: Taurus Cephus, 7 yard run, Kick #86, 0:14

Fourth quarter
S: Jones, 25-yard run, 6:07, first play after blocked punt.

Individual Rushing
Smithville: Jones, 13/119; Henderson, 4/60; Cephus, 7/44; Culberson, 7/34; Deary, 4/9; Deary, 5/21.

Rice: Jon Godley, 13 carries, 61 yards; Jay Knight, 15 for 49; Brandon Shanks, 4 for 12; Kevin Godley, 4 for 4; Klay Korenek, 6 for 9.

Passing
Smithville: Brandon Pietsch, 0-4-0.
Rice: Klay Korenek, 2-5-1, 18 yards.

Receiving
Rice: Hank Cranek, 1/14; Kevin Hoffman, 1/4.



Even though the Smithville Tigers only managed one offensive play for the first nine minutes of the game (which resulted in a fumble), the only score Rice could muster last Friday night was Kevin Hoffman's 22-yard field goal at 5:23 in the first quarter. Hoffman's holder was #80, Hank Cranek.

Lady Freshmen on five game winning streak!!

The Rice Lady Raider freshmen volleyball team is on a five-game winning streak! With a total team effort, they have defeated Smithville 15-5, 15-11; Sacred Heart 15-2, 15-11; Somerville, 15-5, 15-11; Royal 15-2, 15-13; and Ganado Tuesday night, Sept. 22, 15-13 and 15-8.

The Lady Raiders have taken care of business and not allowed a third game in any of their matches.

The girls are motivated to get better and are understanding how hard work translates into a better opportunity for success.

In practice, as well as games, they are enthusiastic and play with a lot of heart.

Coach Paul Goetzke said, "I'm

very proud of these girls and admire their work ethic as well as how they pull together and play as a team. They'll continue to get better as the season progresses."

The team consists of 20 Lady Raiders, all having fun and working to get better: Kimberly Denley, Brittany Waligura, Trineca Sewell, Tiffany Stern, Jacqueline Thomas, Lana Engstrom, Keishae Sewell, Shelley Greak, Erica Garcia, Crystal Ramirez, Amanda Rodriguez, Kinsey Hoffman, Meagan Staff, Jessica Spanihel, maria Najera, Heather Shanks, Cathy Fearing, Jaki Alleway, Lakeisha Dawson and Tiffany Perry.

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