

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Dec. 3-5	Lady Raider varsity basketball at Giddings tournament
Monday, Dec. 7	Raider F, JV & V basketball at East Bernard tournament
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Raider F, JV & V basketball at El Campo, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 10-12	Lady Raider varsity basketball at Royal tournament
	Lady Raider freshman basketball at Palacios tournament
	Raider varsity basketball at Needville tournament
	Raider JV basketball at El Campo tournament
	Raider freshman basketball at Columbus tournament

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SPORTS

Raider varsity splits pre-Thanksgiving games

The Rice Raiders split their games in the short week before Thanksgiving with the Brazos Cougars and Hallettsville Brahmas.

On Monday, the Raiders defeated the Cougars 52-42. Tuesday, they were beaten by the Brahmas 54-51. The Raiders record is even at 2-2.

Tough defense and a good second quarter run pushed the Raiders to a 52-42 victory over the Cougars in Wallis.

Leading the way for the Raiders were Adrian Middleton and Matt Gertson with 12 points each. Also scoring were Jay Knight with seven; Warren Scott, six; Kevin Johnson, five; Jeremy Parker and Jon Godley, four; and Chad Kallina, two points.

The Raiders came out playing tough defense. This eventually led to several easy baskets taking them from an 8-0 deficit to a 19-8 lead midway through the second quarter.

From there on, the Raiders held the Cougars at bay and never let them get within eight points.

A highlight for the Raiders were their 17 steals. Scott was seemingly everywhere, taking away nine.

On the downside (and what kept the Cougars close) were the 28 turnovers the Raiders committed.

Also, the second half saw Rice grow tentative in their offense as they allowed the Cougars to stay close.

The Raiders, perhaps with thoughts of a Thanksgiving meal in their minds, played a very lethargic and sloppy game against the Brahmas, according to their coach, losing 54-51.

The Raiders trailed the entire game but rallied late in the fourth quarter, tying the game at 51 with under a minute to go.

Hallettsville's Eric Goode drained

a three-pointer with four seconds to give Hallettsville the win.

A Raider shot, as time ran out, rolled off the rim.

Once again, turnovers did the job against the Raiders, handing out 30.

The biggest positive was the Raiders never quit as they stormed back in the last few minutes and almost pulled off the win.

Scott led the Raider attack with 13 points followed by Johnson's 10.

Also scoring were Gertson with eight; Middleton, seven; Knight, six; Kallina, four; Coy Sunderman, two; Parker, one.

The Raiders were scheduled to host the Edna Cowboys Tuesday. The freshman start at 5 p.m.; the JV about 6 and the varsity at 7:30 p.m.

Later in the week, the Raiders will travel to the East Bernard tournament. They face the Brahmas at 6:30 p.m. Thursday night. Hope to see y'all at the game.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

Team	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	13	19	8	12	52
Brazos	8	12	7	15	42
Rice	15	7	10	19	51
Hville	17	12	10	15	54

Powder Puff game called a great success

The Powder Puff football game, sponsored by Project Graduation, was held Nov. 19.

The rivalry between the junior-sophomore team and the senior-freshman team began the week of Nov. 9 with each team having two weeks to practice due to the rain out Nov. 12.

On Nov. 19, excitement began to rise in anticipation of the game.

Guys and girls exchanged roles as pre-game activities began at 2:45 Thursday afternoon with a pep rally.

The girls entered the gym and lined up to be cheered on by the cheering squad.

Cheerleaders were Barrett Thomas, Coy Sunderman, Matt Gertson, James Bacon, Thomas Marsalia, Joel Baggett, Garrett Cranek, Jeremy Weishuhn, Brennan Jobe, Kolt Miller, Justin Jobe and Scott Bittner.

The game took place at Rice High School stadium at 7 p.m.

The score went back and forth all night long with the senior-freshman team finally beating the junior-sophomore team, 30-28.

The senior-freshman team consisted of Amalie Kucherka, Tiffany Perry, Megan Staff, Lakeisha Dawson, Amy Moore, Jennifer Christ, Brittany Waligura, Heather Shanks, Kinsey Hoffman, Shelly Boenisch,

Erica Garcia, Jessica Spanihel, Jessica Thomas, LaSandra Foster, Kristin Thompson, Stacy Rodriguez, Trish Chisum, Arlisha Lemons, Kacey Wilkerson, Lisa Valigura, Lori Grigar, Cori Gertson, Fausta Rodriguez, Tiffany Stern, Jacqueline Thomas, Briana Bedford, Corissa Mathis, Dyana Rees, Lauren Sublett, Shundricka Tolliver, Caleche Cranek, Agustina Ortiz, Nikki Denley, Brandy Meitzen, Lana Engstrom, and Rebel Canaris.

Coaches for the team were Jay Knight, Brandon Besch, Justin Schneider, Kevin Hoffman and Ralphie Gertson.

The junior-sophomore team consisted of Brenda Lucio, Shanna Waligura, Holly Waligura, Stacy Schneider, Martha Rodriguez, Leslie Waddell, Rhonda Peroni, Johana Lopez, Misty Morales, Heather Henske, Nicole Krenek, Ann Capps, Brandy Banks, Betty Gutierrez and Naketsha.

Coaches for the team were Klay Korenek, Clint Korenek, Brett Boenisch, Brandon Shanks, Dale Hentzell and Cody Thompson.

Refereeing the game were coaches Rusty Roark, Patrick Willis and Shannon Permitter.

Up in the press box were Kevin Godley, Jonathan Godley, David Houser, George DeVille, Ernesto Perez, James Aviles and Coach Politsch.

Running the chains were Cliff Cerny, Matt Milentz and Kurt Rodgers.

Joey Sommerlatte and Shanequa Moody were on the sidelines taking care of players.

The powder puff game was a great success for Project Graduation.

There will be more fundraisers for this project in the next few months.

If you would like to donate to this project, contact fund raiser chairman Lisa Hoffman at 409-758-3933.

8th grade Raiders tip-off new season

The 8th grade Raiders began their basketball season as they hosted the Stafford Spartans.

The Raiders started out strong as they held a 13-11 lead at the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Spartans pressured the Raiders into some costly turnovers, resulting in a 22-14 halftime lead for the Spartans.

The Raiders fought hard to make a comeback in the second half, but Stafford came away with a 39-29 victory.

Scoring for the Raiders were James Phillips, nine points; Tyreance

Dabney, seven; Michael Sosa, four; Ricky Douglas and Matt Hentzell, three each; Ene Lugo, two; and Raynee Rangel, one point.

Every Raider should be proud of their effort, said their coach. There were some positive things shown in the first game of the season. If the players work hard in practice to improve on every aspect of the game, the team should make great strides throughout the season.

The Raiders are to play at Hitchcock Thursday, Dec. 3.

VFW holds drawing, announces winners

VFW Post 8783 held a drawing for prizes Wednesday, Nov. 11. Proceeds will benefit the VFW program.

Prize, donors and winners were: 120 qt. Igloo ice chest, J&K's Corner, Jerome Barta; 110 lbs. rice, Colorado County Rice Mill Inc.; Irene Skuka; 12 qts. Pennzoil, S&W Parts, Brian De Yoe; Zebco rod and reel set, Johnny's Sport Shop, Elizabeth Kana; one gallon hand cleaner/roll shop towels, Eagle Tractor Co., James Brune; three Dallas Cowboy caps, Austin's Grocery, Brenda Hemphill; five cell flashlight, Struss Auto Supply, Darlene Argo; 25 ft. Trouble Light, Shoppa's Farm Supply, Bryan Wieser; 20 pc. 3/8 socket set, Shoppa's Farm Supply, Michael Rucka; 54 qt. Igloo ice chest, Lake Lumber Co., Steve Almanza; \$10 gift certificate,

B&B Foods, Judy Brisco; \$25 gift certificate, A&G Auto Parts (Napa), J.R. Wood; \$20 gift certificate, Eagle Lake General Store, Logan Meitzen; \$50 cash, LW's, Dorothy Carley; oil and filter change, car or pickup, G Lube, John Girdnt;

Also, grease, oil and filter change, car or pickup, Meitzen Oil Co., Herbert Ramirez; two dinners, Blue Plate Cafe, Eddie Pavliska; \$20 cash, Royal Dry Cleaners, Manuel Vasquez; \$25 hair cut or merchandise, Linda's Bea-

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Council

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studied by Council. A decision will be made at a future meeting.

Council learned that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) has approved the appraisals on the municipal park plans and given permission to proceed with acquiring property.

Council granted City Manager Ron Holland and Park Committee Chairman Robby Cook authority to negotiate for the property to be purchased.

Authority also was granted to accept ownership of the park property, including the golf course and the swimming pool, that is to be donated.

In other business, Council:

- Learned that bids for demolition of condemned properties will be published and people owning them have until the first Council meeting in Jan. to comply before demolition begins.

- Discussed the Council entry in the Dec. 5 Christmas parade; and

- Heard a request by Lynda Appelt that the City support the Always Buckle Children Seatbelt Campaign that kicked Nov. 23, sponsored by the Department of Public Safety.

This is the largest ever coordinated crack-down on drivers who don't buckle up children, said Appelt.

Chamber

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a \$7 billion dollar bill in effort to relieve farmers and cattlemen devastated by the 1998 drought and how the money would be dispersed.

Holland reported on the City's new mobile home ordinance.

Also, the City will be adopting building codes within the next 60 to 90 days.

Holland discussed progress on the city park and announced informational public hearings about the new prison facility and graduation ceremonies at the juvenile boot camp.

Thomson announced the Banquet Committee has arranged for Mr. Tom Glynn, a highly entertaining speaker and humorist, to serve as guest speaker for the 1999 Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

There being no further business, Thomson adjourned the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

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