

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Friday, Dec. 18	 Lady Raider basketball at Hallettsville, 5 p.m.
.....	 Raider JV & V vs. Living Water, Here, 5 p.m.
Dec. 18-Jan. 4	 Christmas Holidays

ELMS 8th grade Lady Raiders...

Take second at Columbus tournament

The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) Lady Raider's eighth grade team won second place at the Columbus Tournament this past Saturday afternoon.

Thursday night, the Lady Raiders beat Columbus by two points in overtime. The final score was 30-28.

Leading in scoring was Sonya Fields with 16 points; Ebony Price had eight; Amanda Burrow, four; and Nina Contreras, two.

Prince suffered a knee injury at the end of the game and was not able to return.

Saturday, the Lady Raiders played Bellville.

The girls stayed with them and then, at the very end of the first half, Bellville got a seven-point lead.

In the second half, the Lady Raiders couldn't get back on top.

The score of the championship game was 41-12.

Burrow led the scoring with six points; Fields, Sandra Rodriguez and Opheilia Powell all had two points.

Fields and Burrow were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The ELMS Lady Raiders will be

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them to 3-5 on the year.

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The game was much closer than the score indicates but poor shooting did the Raiders in the second half.

Warren Scott led the Raiders with 23; Adrian Middleton scored nine; Coy Sunderman had eight; Matt Gertson, five; Jon Godley, four; and Jay Knight, Kevin Johnson and Jeremy Parker each contributed two points in the loss.

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But, as the game wore on, the Raiders shots wouldn't go in and the Cowboys heated up. This led to the final score.

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Gertson scored a game-high 10 points; Scott hit eight; Middleton, Knight and Sunderman had six each; Parker had three; and Jon Godley and Johnson each had two points.

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losing the game that for two and one-half quarters looked like a win, said their coach.

This loss put them in the consolation bracket where they played the Brazos Cougars on Friday.

The Rice Raiders broke out on top quickly and then had to hold on to gain a narrow 56-55 victory over the Brazos Cougars Friday, Dec. 4.

Scott and Parker each scored 13 to pace the Raiders attack and Johnson chipped in 10 to help out.

Also scoring for the Raiders were Sunderman with seven; Middleton, Jon Godley and Gertson, four each; and Kevin Godley scored two.

For a quarter, the Raiders looked like the team they have the potential to be as they moved the ball quickly up the court and made their shots.

As the game wore on, though, the Raiders reverted back to themselves and began missing one easy shot after another, commented their coach.

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The victory put them into the consolation final against the Danbury Pirates on Saturday.

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Also scoring were Middleton with eight; Jon Godley with six; Sunderman with five; Parker with four; Kevin Godley with three; Gertson with two and Knight with one.

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Tournament Action

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SCORES BY QUARTER

Team	1	2	3	4	Total
Rice	13	19	13	11	56
Edna	13	20	22	21	76
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E.B.	12	5	14	23	54
Rice	20	11	13	12	56
Brazos	11	17	16	11	55
Rice	4	10	16	22	52
Danbury	20	16	15	14	64
Rice	6	11	12	9	38
El Campo	27	27	23	19	91
Rice	11	14	10	21	56
Boling	13	17	19	20	69
Rice	13	8	10	18	49
Needville	18	8	6	17	54

SPORTS

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