

SPORTS

Rookies sweep Sealy Renegades

By Darrell Quinney

The Rice Rookies improved their record to 4-0 by sweeping the Sealy Renegades in a twilight doubleheader at Veterans Stadium in Weimar Saturday evening.

The Rookies defeated the Renegades by a cores of 11-1 in the first game.

Once again, Kevin Jackson took the hill for the Rookies in game 1. He collected his second win of the season and improved his previous season-opening performance by striking out six, walking only one and allowing five scattered hits in five innings. Jackson had to pitch only five innings to get the win due to the 10-run rule.

The first two innings were silent by both teams.

Rice took a huge lead in the bottom of the third when they scored 10 runs. Jackson led off the inning with a walk; Lance Grigar followed with a single; Kerry Sims reached on an error to load the bases. Corey Fuller, courtesy runner for Jackson, and Grigar then scored on the booted ground ball hit to second base off the bat of Aaron Machac. With still no outs, Ernest Sims drove brother Kerry home when he ripped a single up the middle.

After the Renegades managed to record an out, Shane Laake slammed a drive over the right center field wall to send himself and E. Sims across the plate. Rodney Mayo continued the rally inning with a double.

Jackson walked for the second time in the inning; Grigar reached on an error; and K. Sims hit a double in the gap to score three more Rookies. Machac followed with a single, scoring the 10th run of the inning.

The Rookies scored again in the fourth, when catcher Shaun Orsak led off the inning with a single. Laake reached on a fielder's choice and later scored the only run of the inning on an error by the Sealy catcher.

Sealy was unable to overcome the 10-run deficit in the top of the fifth, giving the Rookies the win.

The late game was a better contest. The Rookies managed to outscore Sealy 13-9 in a hitter's duel.

E. Sims took the mound for Rice with his first start of the season. Although he allowed seven hits and walked five, he showed great com-

mand of his breaking ball, recording eight strikeouts in four innings.

Kenny Vontour relieved Sims in the fifth and recorded his first win of the season. Vontour dominated the hill allowing no hits, no walks and striking out four Renegades.

Sealy put the bat on the ball much better in the second game and the Rookies found themselves trailing until the fifth inning.

Orsak started the inning with his second double of the game. Mayo and Daniel Webster walked and then, with two outs, Grigar slapped a triple in the gap, scoring the trio.

Fuller followed with a clutch sin-

gle, scoring Webster. Fuller stole second base, moved to third on a wild pitch, Machac walked and E. Sims sent them both across pay dirt, rounding out the big six-run inning.

The Rookies dominated both games defensively, committing only one error in the doubleheader.

Mayo made several outstanding plays at shortstop and once again Orsak was sharp behind the dish.

The Rookies will try to extend their winning streak when they host the Bernardo Bears at Veterans Stadium in Weimar on Saturday, May 22, with the first game beginning at 6 p.m.

Milentz, Thomas compete at state

Matthew Milentz and Barrett Thomas competed in the State Tennis Tournament at the World of Tennis in Austin on May 10.

There were eight teams per division representing the four regions of Texas. To be one of these eight is a tremendous honor and shows many years of hard work, practice and dedication.

Thomas and Milentz came up against a powerful Lindale team in their first match.

Even though they gave it their best, they were eventually out-gunned, losing 3-6, 3-6.

Lindale went on to take the eventual state winners, Vernon, to three sets before bowing out.

"The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do."

—Walter Bagehot

Throughout the season, Milentz and Thomas have displayed a spirit of never give up, never get down, never give in, often coming from behind in tight matches to pull out a victory.

They are a source of great pride to Rice High School, their parents, themselves and the community.

Congratulations on a fantastic year!

Texans

to 10,000 and the library has acquired a telephone, three computers, a copy machine, access to the Internet, qualified to be a corporation and has reached the goal of becoming a member of the Houston Area Library System. She now has a new goal... building a new library.

Gohlke is also a member of the Sheridan Lions Club and helps raise funds for the club, serves on the bereavement committee and scholarship committee. She is a member of the Sheridan Go-Getters where she has served as council member and is currently on the Older Texan Task Force.

For 20 years, she and Bill offered free Red Cross swimming lessons at the Sheridan pool to many County youths. They have also served on the San Bernard Electric Coop Advisory Committee since 1980.

She has been a volunteer for the Sheridan PTS since 1963, is a member the Crime Watch group in Sheridan, helped the EMS with their annual Benefair and has been volunteering

her time to water shrubs and plants at the water park.

Gohlke is a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville where she has been a lecturer for 10 years and a member of the Catholic Daughters and KJZT societies.

She has touched the lives of many young people and continues to do so in her role in the community.

Nominees for 1999 Outstanding Older Texan Man were: Louis Cordes, John Kasper, George Kazmir Sr. and Leonard Frank Staff.

The winner was Staff of Nada, nominated by the Nada Catholic Dau-

County Fair hogs, lambs to be tagged

4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit a hog or lamb in the 1999 Colorado County Fair must own the project by June 5.

All hog and lamb projects will be tagged in June 5 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Fairgrounds in Columbus. A \$2 fee will be collected for each animal that is tagged in.

Hogs will be tagged, tattooed and weighed at the time of tag-in. Hogs must weigh 210-260 pounds, with a five pound tolerance, at Fair time.

Lambs will be tagged, tattooed and weighed at the time of tag-in. Lambs must be carrying temporary incisors (milk teeth) with no permanent incisors in view at Fair time.

For more information, call the County Extension office at 409-732-2082 or the chairmen of the divisions. Larry and Diane Smidovec, hog division, 409-758-3946; Sidney Chollet, lamb division, 409-732-5422.



Food drive a huge success

The Eagle Lake Food Pantry received over 800 pounds of goods from a food drive held by the Eagle Lake Post Office Saturday, May 8. Postal patrons generously supported the local campaign held in conjunction with the National Letter Carriers Association annual food drive.

All items collected were turned over to the food pantry located at the First Baptist Church, which serves about 100 families each month.

Carriers who participated in the food drive during their regular routes were, from left, Tommie Herman, John Young and Ben Castillo. Generous donations were also collected on the rural route by carrier Jeff Frnka.

Letter carrier Melvin Schmidt, local drive chairman, extended appreciation to those who helped make this annual event a huge success.

Photo Courtesy of Eagle Lake Postal Service

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ing on the Barbecue Pit Committee for the St. Mary's Church picnic.

Staff is a dependable, hard working man and has set a good example to the young people of the community.

Winners in the exhibitions were:

Art: Joyce Ohm, Sheridan, grand champion.

Baked goods: Lorine Bubela, Nada, grand; Alvina Poenitzsch, Columbus, reserve champion.

Canned goods: Otillia Lesikar, Columbus, grand; Albina Pavlicek, Frelsburg, reserve.

Crafts: Elsie Billeck, Weimar, grand; Cecilia Hoffman, Nada, reserve.

Floriculture: Lorine Bubela, Nada, grand; Clara Gold, Nada, reserve.

Fresh garden products: Charlie Hatterman, Weimar, grand; Rose Staff, Nada, reserve.

Needlework: Margaret Bunge, Nada, grand; Elsie Billeck, Weimar, reserve.

Congratulations to all!

Rebates

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sales tax rebate of \$33.3 million in May, 10.5% above the previous May's \$30.1 million. Year-to-date, payments to Houston are up by 7.1%.

The \$21 million local sales tax allocation to the City of Dallas for May reflects a 14.9% increase from the \$18.2 million in sales tax rebate for the same month last year. The year-to-date increase in payments to Dallas is 9.1%.

The San Antonio sales tax allocation for May was \$13 million, up 10.1% over the May 1998 payment of \$11.8 million. Year-to-date, San Antonio has received an 8% increase in local sales tax payments.

The Austin sales tax allocation for May was \$10 million, reflecting an

increase of 9.5% from the May 1998 payment of \$9.1 million. For the first five months of 1999, Austin's sales tax rebates are 11% more than those for last year.

Ft. Worth's \$7.2 million May sales tax allocation was 8.3% more than the May 1998 rebate of \$6.6 million, putting year-to-date rebates 7.6% ahead of 1998.

El Paso's sales tax rebate of \$4.4 million was up 12.8% over the \$3.9 million payment delivered in May 1998. El Paso's local sales tax payments year-to-date are 8.4% ahead of those for the first five months of 1998.

May sales tax rebates to a few other selected Texas cities and their increases year-to-date were:

Corpus Christi, \$3.1 million, 4.3%;

Lubbock, \$26. million, 3.3%; Beaumont, \$2.6 million, 7.9%; Abilene, \$2.4 million, 2.5%; and, Amarillo, \$4 million, 3.9%.

Other cities in the Eagle Lake area, the amount of their sales tax rebate this month along with the change from the same month last year are:

Columbus, \$86,038.56, up 34.81%; Weimar, \$16,143.38, up 34.29%; Sealy, \$114,478.19, up 0.03%; Bellville, \$42,844.56, +68.91%; El Campo, \$174,824.71, +13.44%; and Wharton, \$108,229.73, -0.74%.

Year-to-date for the above cities and the change from last year are: Columbus, \$338,211.31, +12.02%; Weimar, \$61,065.94, +14.60%; Sealy, \$507,559.31, +5.66%; Bellville, \$168,657.38, +61.65%; El Campo, \$794,269.72, +12.62%; and Wharton, \$448,412.36, +25.42%.

On the county level, Colorado County received \$68,149.74, up 22.58% from last year's payment of \$55,593.65. Austin County received \$95,049.06, up 2.93%. Wharton County received \$126,357.29, up 12.65%.

Year-to-date figures for these counties are, Colorado, \$275,250.88, up 13.87%; Austin, \$383,646.64, +2.57%; Wharton, \$546,287.71, +9.27%.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for June 11.

*Bellville increased their portion from 1% to 1.5% in Oct. 1998, therefore, this is not an accurate comparison.

Swimming

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