

SPORTS

Raider freshmen tomahawk Comanches, 44-20

On Thursday, Sept. 9, the Shiner Comanches visited Raider Stadium and were given an Indian burial by the Raider freshman football team.

The skies were clear this week, but Raider Stadium was dealt another lightning bolt, this time in the fashion of the Shiner runningback who scampered 70 yards on the opening play of the game, giving the Comanches a quick 6-0 lead.

The Raiders regained their composure, and on their opening drive, Matt Hentzell took the handoff on the first play and bolted 40 yards.

On the second play, Jason Godley scampered another 15 yards.

Following a short run on the third play, Patrick Milentz hit Harley Alley on a 15-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 6.

Godley made good the two-point conversion to give the Raiders an 8-6 lead... one they never gave back.

Shiner's next possession was stalled when Tyreance Dabney recov-

ered a fumble.

The Raiders drove down the field with hard running by Hentzell, Godley and Michael Cooper, and great blocking by the offensive line made up of Lance Bittner, Jesus Ortiz, Andrew Varley, Garrett Cranek, Jonathan Houser and James Phillips.

Godley capped off the drive with a 20-yard touchdown run to give the Raiders a 14-6 lead.

Shiner was met with a brutal attack by the Raider defense on the next possession, as Phillips recovered a fumble.

The Raiders drove down the field and scored on a 40-yard touchdown pass from Milentz to Phillips.

Dabney converted the two-point attempt to give the Raiders a 22-6 lead in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the teams went back and forth, until Angel Franco recovered a Shiner fumble with 30 second left.

On the Raiders' first play after the

fumble recovery, Milentz hit Matthew Hinze on a 70-yard touchdown pass to give the Raiders a 28-6 halftime lead.

The third quarter opened up with the Raiders exploding out of the gate with a run of 15 by Godley, a run of 20 by Hentzell, and finally a hard fought 40-yard touchdown run by Godley that was highlighted by five broken tackles to get into the endzone.

Milentz found Hinze for the two-point pass completion and the score was 36-6.

Shiner finally found the endzone midway through the third quarter to close the margin to 36-12.

In the fourth quarter, Milentz again found Hinze for a 30-yard touchdown pass as a result of great pass protection by Reggie Ford, Jaime Hutchison, Franco, Varley and Jeff Leopold, to give the Raiders a 42-12 lead.

Hentzell ran in the two-point conversion, giving Rice a 44-12 lead.

Shiner scored a late touchdown to make the final score 44-20.

The Raiders totally dominated Shiner's defense with a ground and air assault that accumulated 528 yards of offense.

Also, the Raider defense showed it could rise to the occasion by punishing the high point rushing attack of Shiner.

Highlights

Passing: Milentz, four passes, four completions, four touchdowns.

Rushing: Godley, 120 yards, two

touchdowns; Hentzell, 90 yards; Dabney, 80 yards; Cooper, 28 yards; Cunningham, 55 yards.

The Raiders travel to Smithville Thursday for a battle with the Tigers.

Take the drive to Smithville and see our "attack" on the Tigers.

Varsity team swamped by Shiner

Friday night in Shiner there was supposed to be a good football game. The only problem was, Shiner's opponent failed to show up.

The Rice Raider varsity football team and the varsity coaching staff failed to show up for the showdown.

"I am very upset with myself and our staff. We didn't have the kids prepared to play against a good option ball club," said Coach Rusty Roark.

It showed as Shiner dominated Rice from the opening whistle to the very end. Shiner's explosive offense made the Raiders look like an uncoached Jr. High team, according to Roark.

Shiner tallied 500 yards of total offense with 428 yards coming on the ground.

"How embarrassing for the kids and communities of Rice. I hold myself responsible for this non-display of football," stated Coach Roark.

"This is the first time this year we have faced adversity and we didn't respond very well. Next week is our

This Week's Action!

Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs., Sept. 16	Raider F football at Smithville, 6:30 p.m.
Thurs.-Sat.	Lady Raider V volleyball at Schulenburg
Sept. 16-18	Tournament, TBA
Friday, Sept. 17	Raider V football vs. Smithville, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 18	Lady Raider F & JV volleyball at Sweeny Tourney
Tues., Sept. 21	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Ganado, Here, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 23	Raider F football at Pt. Lavaca Calhoun, 6:30 p.m.

home opener and we will be prepared to play Smithville. Smithville runs the same offense Shiner did. Maybe we learned something, we better have."

The Raiders did have a few bright spots.

"Defensively, I can pick out one young man who played fairly well. Free safety Brett Boenisch had seven tackles and played hard all night.

Offensively, the Raiders managed to move the ball but could not put it in the end zone.

"Shiner was very physical and a few of our young men did not respond. We did block fairly well on the offensive line and our fullbacks ran hard."

Both Jerry Cleveland (70 yards on 16 carries) and Cornelius Ashton (76 yards on 19 carries) ran very hard against a punishing Shiner defense.

"When we get all our offensive line and running backs blocking every play, we feel like we can move the ball against anyone," added Roark.

Rice's passing game didn't shine either.

"We're getting receivers open and Klay's having a tough time getting the ball to them."

Klay Korenek did pass for 103 yards on 10 completions.

"Our QB will not miss receivers much. I think he and I and several others were not on top of their best game Friday. I expect all of us to play better and be more prepared against Smithville," he added.

Friday, Sept. 17, Rice has its home opener against 2-0 Smithville. Smithville beat Luling in the first week 28-0 and won by forfeit this past week against Schulenburg.

"Smithville had something happen to them I haven't seen in a long while, a win by forfeit. They get a Friday off to rest and get well. This also can be bad, as a game is much better practice to prepare for the next week than not playing at all.

"We, as a coaching staff at Rice, want everyone to come watch us play Friday night against Smithville. I think we'll play much better. And once again, give you a team to be proud of," concluded Roark.

	Rice	Shiner
First downs	22	14
Rushing yards	201	428
Passing Yards	103	72
Total offense	304	500
Passes attempted	27	1
Passes completed	10	1
Fumbles	4	4
Fumbles lost	1	2
Passes intercepted	0	2
Yards penalized	50	33

Score by Quarters				
	1	2	3	Final
Rice	0	0	6	14
Shiner	14	14	13	47

Sept. 20 golf tournament to benefit liver transplant candidate from Sealy

A "Tee Up for Life" Golf Tournament, to benefit local liver transplant candidate Frank Murray, is set for Monday, Sept. 20 at the River Ridge Golf Club, 3133 Brazos Oak Lane in Sealy.

A morning tournament will begin with registration and a range contest at 7 a.m., ending with brunch from noon to 2 p.m. An afternoon tournament will begin at 2 p.m. and will also end with a light meal.

Entry fees are \$105 per person for either tournament, and includes the green fees, golf cart fee, range fee and brunch. Hole-in-one prizes will be offered at both morning and afternoon rounds. Both tournaments are four-person scrambles.

Hole sponsorships are available for \$105 by calling Rita Murray, 409-885-6527, or pager 713-761-6394.

All proceeds from the event will support National Foundation for Transplants (NFT) for Frank Murray and will go toward the \$260,000 he

needs for a liver transplant at Hermann Hospital in Houston.

Mr. Murray, a 42-year-old father of three children and grandfather of six, needs the transplant because he has end stage liver disease by Hepatitis C. Because Mr. Murray presently has no insurance, he must provide Hermann Hospital with a deposit of 250,000 before being placed on the transplant waiting list.

Friends and family of Murray are working to raise the money through NFT, a non-profit organization based in Memphis which assists patients across the country in raising funds for their transplant care and medications when insurance does not cover all the costs.

Murray is married to Rita Murray. He is self-employed as the owner of Murray and Co., a telephone repair service.

Those who cannot participate in the tournament but want to make a donation, may mail a check to NFT for

Frank Murray, P.O. Box 1356, Sealy, TX 77474.

NFT's mission is "reaching out to help those who seek a new life through transplantation, by providing a program of healthcare and financial support services and patient advocacy for transplant candidates, recipients and their families nationwide."

For more information, call toll-free, 1-800-489-3863.

7th grade volleyball teams doing well

The 7th grade volleyball teams are doing well.

The B team lost a match at Sealy, 6-15, 10-15.

However, they rebounded in good fashion with a win at home against Stafford, 15-4 and 15-3.

The 7th grade A team lost a close match to Sealy, 15-9, 12-15, 15-17.

They won the next two matches at home against Stafford, 15-5, 4-15, 15-12; and on the road against Hitchcock, 15-2, 15-7.

The players on these teams are: B Team: Bebe Rodriguez, Ashley Parker, Recca Spears, Carmen Ramirez, Jennie B. Morgan, Livia Martinez, Amber Vasquez, Stephanie Tillman, Lizbeth Garcia, Susanna Delgado and Shante Rhodes.

A team members: Arizbeth Ruvalcaba, Vanessa Villafuerte, Savannah Spears, Bea Posada, Norma Morales, Jameca White, Rachelle Shorter, Melanie Ishee and Esmeralda Lopez.

Tina Zapata is the manager. The 8th grade teams are also doing well.

Both A and B teams won at home against Sealy.

The B team won at Stafford, then lost a close match at Hitchcock.

The A team lost a close match at Stafford before prevailing at Hitchcock.

The next action will be against Needville Sept. 20.

The 7th grade will be playing at home and the 8th grade will be playing at Needville.

JV Lady Raiders toiling diligently

The Lady Raider varsity volleyballers have been toiling diligently since early Aug. to perfect the skills that will lead them through another successful season.

The Rice JV squad has taken part in one tournament, hosted by Brazoswood High School, as well as four regular matches.

In tournament play, the Lady Raiders opened against an Angleton squad who wore them down with a hotly contested first game, 15-11, and then put the match on ice with a 15-5 second game victory.

The next match later in the day pitted the Lady Raiders against a Brazosport squad with whom they were very evenly matched. The Rice JV stalwarts took control of the first game of the match and were victorious, but

games two and three of the match were hard fought and ultimately belonged to the Brazosport six.

The final contest of the day for the Rice volleyball club matched them with the Van Vleck Lady Leopards. Van Vleck seemed destined to control the match as they jumped out to an easy first game victory, but our Lady Raiders squad fought back to an eventual victory with games of 2-15, 15-4 and 15-2.

In regular season play, the JV Lady Raiders have competed with teams from Gonzales, Brookshire-Royal, Shiner and Living Waters School of Rosenberg and have compiled a 1-3 won-loss record.

Each of the first two matches, verses Gonzales and Brookshire-Royal, began encouragingly with

Lady Raider victories, but ended with their opponents running away with two straight victories to decide each match.

The Rice JV group proved to be poor hosts to the Living Waters JV team by eliminating them in two games by scores of 15-2 and 15-11.

The most recent match had the Rice Lady Raiders traveling to Shiner where they met a merciless defeat at the hands of the Lady Comanches.

This week, the Lady Raiders traveled to Brookshire for rematches of earlier contests; and the JV and freshman teams will be competing in Sweeny High School's annual tournament.

Check your calendars and make a date to see the Lady Raiders volleyball teams.

Varsity Ladies beat Brookshire, Living Waters

Tuesday, Aug. 31, the Lady Raiders varsity volleyball team hosted Brookshire-Royal.

In game one, Janna Janish led the team by scoring six points.

Jacqueline Thomas led the scoring during game 2 with six points.

The girls hit the floor running and kept the intensity going. They hustled from start to finish and the hard work payed off.

Rice defeated the Lady Falcons, 15-10 and 15-9.

Friday, Sept. 3, the Lady Raiders hosted Living Waters Christian School of Rosenberg. Serving was the key to their success.

In game one, Janish led the team with 10 points. In game two, Angela Phillips started off by serving seven straight points.

During the match, Shanna Waligura led the team with seven kills.

Each girl made key plays that led to the victory.

"Each game we are getting better and by the time district rolls around, hopefully we will have the kinks worked out," said their coach.

The Lady Raiders traveled to

Shiner to play the Lady Comanches. The team was led in scoring by Martha Rodriguez with six points. S. Waligura had three kills. Scores were Rice 5-Shiner 15 and Rice 6-Shiner 15.

Saturday, Sept. 10, the Ladies hosted Weimar Wildcats. This was a very exciting match.

All of the girls played extremely hard. Scoring seven points in the match were Shelley Boenisch and Phillips. The team was led in kills by S. Waligura.

Unfortunately despite all of the

hard work, the Lady Cats came out on top, but not without a fight. Rice scores were: 12-15, 17-15, 13-15. The team's overall record is 5-6.

The Ladies want to see you at the next home match Tuesday, Sept. 21.

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County Fair, Western Art winners

These Western Art winners were chosen from over 1,400 entries received from six area schools.

In back, Ryan Henneke, Columbus Jr. High, best of show; and Leonard Tello, Columbus High School, best of show. In front, Jenna Schatte-Page, Columbus Elementary, best of show; and Kendall Baumbach, Weimar Elementary, reserve best of show.

Not pictured are Megan Jordan, St. Anthony, junior high reserve best of show; and Tommy Truchard, Columbus High, reserve best.