

SPORTS

Raiders' thrilling comeback cages Tigers, 28-26

On Thursday, Sept. 16, the Raider football team traveled to Smithville and came away with an exciting come from behind victory.

Things started off very well for the Raiders as they took the opening kickoff and drove down the field on the Tigers. The drive only had one running play followed by a 68 yard touchdown pass from Patrick Milentz to Matthew Hinze for a quick 6-0 lead.

On Smithville's opening drive, the Tigers were running wild on the Raider defense, as missed assignments and poor tackling resulted in a Tiger touchdown to tie the score 6-6.

On the Raiders' next possession, a 40 yard run by Jason Godley set off a five yard touchdown run by Felipe Rangel. Ricky Cunningham ran in for the two point conversion and Rice had a 14-6 lead.

The second quarter was a defensive battle as both teams held each other from reaching the endzone. As the third quarter started the Raiders

were met with a Tiger scoring spree. Smithville took the opening kickoff and, after a few plays from scrimmage, the Tigers scored on a 45-yard touchdown run.

The Raider "D" held the Tigers on the conversion attempt to still have a 14-12 lead.

On the Raiders' next possession a fumbled snap gave the ball right back to the Tigers.

It didn't take the Tigers long to capitalize on the Raider mistake, as the Tigers took the lead on a 20 yard touchdown run.

The Raider "D" once again stopped the conversion attempt, but were now trailing 14-18.

The Raiders' next possession resulted in a punt to begin the fourth quarter.

On Smithville's second play from scrimmage, following Rice's punt, a Tigerrunner found an open alley in the middle of the defense and was off to the races for 70 yards, and a touch-

down. The conversion was good and Smithville had a 14-26 lead with eight minutes left in the game.

The Raiders got a break on the following kickoff as the kicker barely made contact with the ball. As a result, the ball only went nine yards, and Rice took over at the Tiger 49 yard line.

Hentzell had 20 yards and Tyreance Dabney 19 yards on the drive, followed by Andrew Powers' clutch reception, between two defenders, on a pass by Milentz to get the ball to the one yard line.

Dabney rumbled into the endzone for the touchdown, then ran just short of the goal line on the conversion attempt to get the score to 20-26.

The Rice "D" then took control of Smithville's next drive. Big tackles by Angel Franco, Lance Bittner, Hentzell, and James Phillips forced a Tiger punt after only three plays.

The Raider offense got the ball with two minutes left at their own 27 yard line.

After an incomplete pass from Milentz to Hinze, Hinze ran for 15 yards on a reverse.

Following the reverse, the Raiders still had some tricks up their sleeve as Milentz hit Powers on a curl route. As Powers was about to get tackled, he pitched the ball to a streaking Cunningham for a 30 yard gain.

On the next play, Milentz hit Hinze for a 28 yard touchdown pass and with Dabney's two point conversion run. Rice had a 28-26 lead.

The Raider "D" then stepped on the field with one minute left in the game, knowing that they had to stop the Tigers. They did exactly that as Smithville's first two plays netted nothing after stops by Ronnie Vasquez and Godley.

On third down, Cunningham and Michael Cooper combined to break up a pass, and Vasquez sacked the quarterback on fourth down to seal the victory.

This was a great comeback by the Raiders as they scored 14 points in the last eight minutes after being down by 12. The team played very sluggish throughout the game, but showed a lot of heart, character, and determination while they fought back to take the

victory away from the Smithville Tigers.

The Raiders next take on the Sandcrabs from Port Lavaca on Thursday, at Sandcrab Stadium.

Take the drive to Port Lavaca and support these young athletes, as they strive for another victory.

Freshman Lady Raiders bring home gold

The Rice Lady Raider freshman volleyball team competed in the Sweeny tournament Saturday, Sept. 18, and brought home the first place trophy.

In the first round, the Lady Raiders defeated Brazosport in two games with scores of 15-12 and 15-0.

They had a much tougher time in the second round, matched up with the

hometown Sweeny Lady Bulldogs.

After losing the first game 10-15, the Lady Raiders battled back and won the last two games 15-7 and 15-4, advancing themselves into the championship round.

A tough Santa Fe team gave the Lady Raiders all they wanted, defeating them 15-4 in the first game.

Showing the heart of a champion,

the Lady Raiders came from behind once again and won the last two games 15-5 and 15-8.

The fourth game was played against Stafford. Scores were 16-14 and 15-6. This was the Raider championship game.

The Ladies would like to thank all the parents and fans who traveled to Sweeny to support them.

8th grade fairs well against Tigers

The Smithville Tigers came to town Thursday, Sept. 16.

Everyone played hard and were determined to win the game.

The 8th grade Rice Raiders beat the Tigers by a score of 14-6.

The offense was led by quarterbacks Anthony Palmer and Steven Moore, and great blocking from the entire offensive line, Jasmine Smith, Garrett Flores, Jess Little, Johnny Diaz and James "Bulldog" Jurica.

Scoring by Rice in the first half was set up by several runs from Michael Spears, Zack Kloss and Palmer, which set up a reverse from Spears to Marcus Woods. The handoff was not exactly clean, as Woods fumbled the ball. He immediately recovered the fumble to run it in for a 15-yard touchdown. Spears ran up the middle for the two-point conversion, making the score 8-0.

It looked like the score would

stand at 8-0 for halftime, until Smithville scored from about 30 yards out with a pass over the middle with only four seconds left. The conversion failed and the score was 8-6 at halftime.

From Rice's fourth play from scrimmage in the third quarter, Woods scored again on a 25-yard reverse from Spears. The conversion failed. The new score was 14-6. That's where it stayed until the end.

"Defense is what won the game for us. Great plays from our defensive ends, Flores and Ed Thomas, made all the difference," said Coach Burrow. "When the defensive ends could not make the play, they created enough havoc to allow the linebackers, Rusty Moore, Little, Derland Sanford, and Kloss to make the play."

Offense
Spears, three carries for four

yards, one extra point; Kloss, five carries, 44 yards; Palmer, seven carries, 24 yards; Woods, two carries, 40 yards, two touchdowns; Sanford, six carries, 30 yards; S. Moore, two carries, -6 yards, one interception; and, Cranek, two carries for -1 yard.

Defense
Thomas, three sacks, one caused fumble, seven tackles; Flores, two sacks, eight tackles; S. Moore, three tackles; Little, four tackles; Sanford, four tackles; R. Moore, four tackles; and, Smith, two tackles, one fumble recovery

Rice had an open slot this week. They resume play on Sept. 30 in Schulenburg.

The 7th grade begins at 5 p.m. and the 8th grade will play immediately thereafter.

Please come by and support the Jr. High Raiders.

JV Lady Raiders volleyball

Last week the Lady Raider JV volleyball squad traveled to Brookshire Royal intent on revenging an earlier loss to the Lady Falcons. Unfortunately, the Lady Raiders fell short of the task.

The Rice Ladies jumped to an early, commanding lead in game one of the match as they marched to a 15-6 victory.

The air slowly seeped out of the Rice balloon though as they lost the second game 15-10 after fighting back from an 8-3 deficit.

The Lady Raiders again came out flat for game three and Royal's squad cruised to an easy 15-3 game three victory.

On Saturday, Sept. 18, the Lady

Raiders took part in an invitational tournament at Sweeny. There they were rematched with Brazosport JV.

Rice jumped to an early lead but was quickly over taken as Brazosport found a hot serving hand. Rice couldn't solve the mysterious serve and lost game one, 15-5.

The Lady Raiders evened the score with a see saw second game which they won 16-14.

In game three of the match, Rice built an 8-4 lead but watched it crumble and disappear as Brazosport again found a hot server who carried them to a 15-12 match victory.

The Rice JV them faced a West Columbia squad who had suffered an earlier defeat at the hand of the tour-


ney hosts.

The Lady Raiders again took early control of the match with a 15-5 win.

Game two was another see saw battle, but this time the tide went the way of the West Columbia team by a score of 17-15.

The Lady Raiders fought back in game three but couldn't find the scores or plays when they were most needed and so lost the second match, and were eliminated.

The Lady Raiders hope for better results as they were scheduled to play Tuesday, Sept 21, against the Ganado Indian Maidens and will open district play against the Sealy Lady Tigers Friday, Sept. 24.



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Lady Varsity wins at Royal

The Lady Raider varsity volleyball team traveled to Brookshire Sept. 14 to play the Royal Lady Falcons.

Going into the match, the team set a goal to win two games.

By consistent play, they were able to meet that goal, winning 15-2 and 15-5.

Stacy Schneider led the match with four kills. Jacqueline Thomas, Shanna Waligura and Shelley Boenisch had three, two and one kill(s) respectively. Martha Rodriguez had one dig during the match.

The team's serving was very consistent throughout both games.

Thomas led the team by serving 11 points, nine of which were consecutive. She also led the team in services aces, having two.

Also contributing in the scoring department were M. Rodriguez, seven points; Crystal Alcaral, six; Kristen Thompson, three; Boenisch, two; and Angela Phillips, one.

Congratulations to all of the girls for a job well done.




Go hunting and help the Study Club

With hunting season underway, there's no better time than the Study Club Auction to take advantage and bid on the 1999-2000 four-man, weekday, goose hunt being donated by Davis Waddell of Prairie Waterfowl Hunts.

Headlight Photo by Carol Nelson

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs., Sept. 23	Raider football at Pt. Lavaca, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 24	Lady Raider volleyball at Sealy*, TBA
	Raider varsity football vs. Pt. Lavaca Calhoun**, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Sept. 28	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Hitchcock*, Here, TBA
Thurs., Sept. 30	Raider football vs. Schulenburg, Here, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 1	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Stafford*, Here, 5 p.m.
	Raider varsity football at Schulenburg, 7:30 p.m.

**Parents Night

Anniversary reception honors Marshalls

Roy and Anna Belle Marshall were honored with a beautiful 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration by their family and friends Sunday, Sept. 12.

The reception was held in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church from 2 to 4 p.m.

The hall was decorated in white and wine-red, matching the beautiful red and white roses on the serving tables throughout the hall.

Also, large ferns added a green touch to the beauty of the room.

The anniversary cake, punch, cheese and crackers and a beautiful fruit tree were enjoyed by every one.

The center of attraction was the three large panels of family pictures highlighted by the 1939 and 1999 wedding pictures. The couple has three sons, eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

The Marshalls are very appreciate of the love and thoughtfulness of their family and friends in making this reception an event they will always remember.