

# SPORTS

## 8th Grade Raiders shorten the Shorthorns

On Sept. 30, the Raiders traveled to Schulenburg to play the Shorthorns. Due to the outstanding defensive play of the entire Raider team and the great blocking of the offensive line, the Raiders left town with an easy 28-0 victory.

The game remained close in the first half, but the second half proved to be the time for the Raiders to shine.

Standouts for the Raiders on defense were Johnny Diaz, Kevin Shimek, Dustin Krenk, Jess Little, Zach Kloss, Roger Toriz, Rusty Moore and Clifton Spangenberg.

The Shorthorns were pressing down the field and looked like they would score.

With the ball on the 10 yard line, R. Moore recovered a crucial fumble, which the Raiders pushed down the

field on the next possession for a touchdown.

In the third quarter, Ed Thomas stripped the ball from the running back and recovered the fumble, which resulted in another touchdown on the next drive.

The last play on offense for the Shorthorns ended in an interception by Branden Jenkins.

The offense was led this week under quarterback Anthony Palmer. Michael Spears scored two touchdowns, Jermaine Williams and Kloss each scored one touchdown.

Again this week, the entire offensive line did a good job for their running backs.

**Offense**  
Michael Spears, 10 carries, 96 yards, two touchdowns; Zach Kloss, 12 carries;

68 yards, one touchdown; Marcus Woods, two carries, 13 yards; Anthony Palmer, 10 carries, 49 yards; Derland Sanford, four carries, 10 yards; Steven Moore, two carries, -8 yards; Jermaine Williams, three carries, six yards, one touchdown, Jeremy Ramirez, one carry, -2 yards.

**Defense**  
Jess Little, three tackles; Michael Spears, two tackles; Zach Kloss, 10 tackles; Roger Toriz, three tackles; Kevin Shimek, two tackles; Johnny Diaz, three tackles; James Johnson, one tackle; Rusty Moore, five tackles, one fumble recovery; Derland Sanford, one tackle; Clifton Spangenberg, two tackles; Dustin Krenk, one tackle; James Salinas, one tackle; Anthony Palmer, one tackle; Wayne Morgan, one near sack; Branden Jenkins, one interception; Ed Thomas, one fumble recovery.

Please come out and support the 8th grade this Thursday, Oct. 8, on an

early start. The 8th grade will be the only game. It starts at 5 p.m.

Thank you for your continued support from all of the dedicated parents and fans of the Raiders.

It really means a lot to the athletes, cheerleaders and coaches to have so many parents, relatives and fans in the stands.

Congratulations to the 8th grade!

## Raiders bullied by Shorthorns, 26-20

On Thursday, Sept. 30, the non-varsity Rice Raiders were dealt their first defeat of the year by the Schulenburg Shorthorns.

In the first quarter, the Shorthorns took the opening kickoff and drove down the field, taking a 7-0 lead on a 30-yard touchdown run.

On the Raiders' first three possessions, the Shorthorn defense forced one punt and two Raider fumbles.

Schulenburg took advantage on the second Raider fumble by scoring on a one-yard touchdown run to take a 14-0 lead.

Rice's offense finally began to move the ball at the end of the first quarter as Patrick Milentz hit Andrew Powers on a 22-yard pass.

Milentz then hit Matthew Hinze on the first play of the second quarter on a 55-yard touchdown pass to cut the Shorthorn lead to 14-6.

Both defenses held the offenses the rest of the quarter and Schulenburg held a 14-6 lead at halftime.

On the Raiders' first possession of the third quarter, the offense drove the ball down the field with steady running by Tyreance Dabney. On the

Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs., Oct. 7	Raider football at Sweeny*, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 8	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Sweeny*, Here, TBA
	Raider varsity football vs. Sweeny*, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 12	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Sealy*, Here, TBA
Thurs., Oct. 14	Raider football vs. Hitchcock*, Here, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 15	Lady Raider volleyball at Hitchcock*, TBA
	Raider varsity football at Hitchcock*, 7:30 p.m.

\*District competition

drive, Dabney carried the ball six times for 49 yards.

However, the drive was stopped by the Shorthorn defense on a fourth and one play.

Schulenburg didn't take long converting the defensive stance into six points as they scored on a 75-yard touchdown pass to take a 20-6 lead.

At the start of the fourth quarter, Rice fumbled the ball away once again and the Shorthorns scored once more on a 22-yard touchdown run to take a 26-6 lead with nine minutes left in the game.

The Raiders could have easily rolled over and quit, but they showed a lot of character by keeping their heads up and making a game of it.

On Rice's next possession, Milentz hit Hinze on a 65-yard pass for a touchdown to close the gap to 26-12 with seven minutes left.

The Raider "D" stopped the Shorthorn stampede on the next drive and forced a punt, that was returned by Michael Cooper 18 yards to the Shorthorn 21 yard line.

Cooper then ran another 11 yards to the 10 yard line. Then, Dabney

rumbled in from 10 yards out for the touchdown.

Dabney converted the two-point conversion run and the Raiders had closed the Shorthorn lead to 26-20 with two minutes left.

With three timeout left, the Raiders decided to kick the ball deep, hoping the defense would hold once again.

On Schulenburg's first play from scrimmage, the Raiders forced a fumble and had the ball for a split second. But, when the referees unpiled the players, the Shorthorns came up with the ball.

After the Raiders used their three timeouts and the Shorthorns converted on a third and two situation, Rice had to endure their first loss of the season.

The Raiders should be proud of their comeback effort even though it was too late in the end.

Maybe now the Raiders have learned that they have to play intense, error-free football all four quarters.

The Raiders travel to Sweeny on Thursday, as they open up district play against the Bulldogs.

## Ladies start slow... finish strong

The Varsity Lady Raiders volleyball team started out slow on Sept. 28, but they had a strong finish.

After trailing the Lady Bulldogs of Hitchcock 8-2 in game one, the Lady Raiders fought back, falling just short at 13-15.

The tides turned in game two with the Lady Raiders coming out strong and ready to play.

According to Coach Dietrich, several girls made key plays which led to a 15-6 victory.

Taking the intensity into the third game was a must for the Lady Raiders.

Once again, the girls played hard and led Hitchcock 13-0 before letting them score a point. The final score ended up 15-1 in favor of Rice.

During this match, the team got

great serving from Crystal Alcalar and Jacqueline Thomas. In the match, Alcalar score 18 points while Thomas scored 13.

Thomas also led the team in kills with 12 for the match, a personal best.

Also contributing in kills was Shanna Waligura with nine. These two girls could not have all these kills without assists from their teammates. Alcalar led in assists with 16 and Angela Phillips had one.

"Our overall performance during this match was good, but we must still work hard to win matches," commented their coach.

The RHS varsity volleyball team hosted district opponent Stafford on Oct. 1.

The Lady Raiders came out ready

to play, but fell short 12-15 and 1-15.

According to Coach Dietrich, "We lost the intensity that it takes to win ball games. Once we got down, we couldn't seem to get it back together."

During the match, Waligura put away six kills and two blocks.

Phillips had seven assists and Martha Rodriguez had three digs.

Leading in serving were three girls who each scored three points during the match: Phillips, Shelley Boenisch and Thomas.

The team is looking forward to the next match and hope to come out with a win.

They also want and need your support on Friday night. The varsity plays Sweeny at 5 p.m. with the JV and freshmen starting at 6 p.m.

## Championship tourney held

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center held their Annual Two-day Championship Tournament Oct. 2-3.

Results were:

Championship Fight: 1st, Glen Sunderman, 149, Men's Club Champion; second, Mike Lopez, 150.

1st Flight: first, Coy Sunderman, 162; 2nd, Pinto Broesche, 166.

2nd Flight: first, Josh Lopez, 167; 2nd, Gilbert Jalamo, 168.

3rd Flight: first, Harley Jones, 176; 2nd, Russell Thomas, 179.

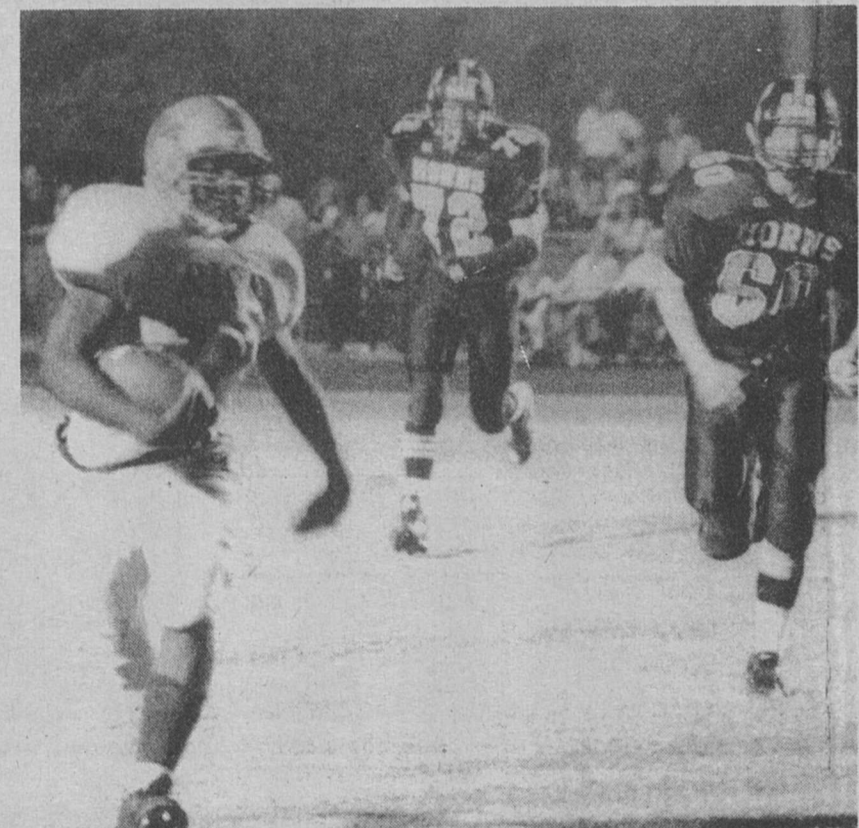
Senior Division: 1st, Wayne Moses, 164, Seniors' Club Champion; second, Jack Harrell, 174.

Ladies: 1st, Stephanie Sunderman, 185, Ladies' Club Champion; 2nd, Margaret Horelica, 193.

The annual meeting was held immediately after play Sunday. New board members are Jeff Argo, Barbara Pidgeon, Dick Weatherly and Kent Turner.

Remaining board members are Lonnie Sommerlatte, Wayne Bowen and Craig Guthman.

Annie Broesche served a delicious noon meal on Sunday.



Digg it!

Conrad Diggs, sophomore running back for the Raider varsity football team, outdistanced Schulenburg's defense to score the winning touchdown Friday night against Schulenburg in Rice's first overtime game. Not only did he dive across the line for the win, he was in on at least two of the tackles that kept the Shorthorns out of the end zone.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

## Varsity

"We were finding ways not to score. Fumbles, interceptions and penalties are the three deadly sins. I hope we all went to church on Sunday and asked for some relief."

"The game ended in a dead lock... a kiss your sister tie. We went into overtime for the first time in my career and were all a little puckerred out," said Roark. Rice snuffed Schulenburg in four straight downs with a crucial fourth down sack by Conrad Diggs.

The Raiders got the ball and, after an incomplete pass on first down, went to the running game.

A misdirection play was called and Diggs outraced the Schulenburg secondary to the pylon.

Rice won the game on a second down play from the 25 yard line.

"This is a good win for us, any win is a good win for Rice."

It marks the first overtime win for Rice since they began having overtimes.

"This is the first time I can say since I've been here, we played poorly and still won the game," added Roark.

Next week, Rice hosts a very talented Sweeny ball team, coming to town with a Top 20 ranking and a six-year run in the playoffs.

"We will have to come with both barrels loaded and maybe even a couple of extra shells," Roark said.

"Sweeny is a good team, as they are every year, and it will take a prime effort to upset the Bulldogs."

Everyone is urged to come out and watch the Raiders play at Raider Sta-

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dium Friday at 7:30 p.m. The coaches expect them to play a good game.

	Rice	Schul.
First downs	15	12
Rushing yards	68	121
Passing yards	165	73
Total offense	233	194
Passes attempted	21	12
Passes completed	11	5
Fumbles	5	4
Fumbles lost	3	0
Passes intercepted by	5	2
Penalties/ yards penalized	8/50	5/35

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Final
Rice	0	6	0	0	6	12
Schul.	0	6	0	0	0	6

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