

SPORTS

3rd RMC Classic-'a lot of fun on a golf course'

On Sept. 18, the 3rd Annual Rice Medical Center (RMC) Classic was held at the Eagle Lake Golf Course.

Ninety players from all over the state came out to play in what many described as "the most fun they have had on a golf course." Adding fun for the players were special prizes given for hitting a ball in the water at the duck and fish ponds and the "in the circle" holes (putting a ball inside a 10 foot circle on the Par 3 holes).

RMC's Myrt Ostrowski, dressed as a Keystone Cop, patrolled the course issuing tickets for such things as failure to control a drive, putting without a permit, impersonating a golfer, assaulting a golf ball and legs too ugly for those shorts. Myrt collected over \$350 in "fines" from the golfers.

Winners were:
1st Flight: 1st place, Frank Andres and Brad Dumont; 2nd place, Dan Moeller and Major Bengie; 3rd place, Randy Ahlschlager and Todd Barton.
2nd Flight: 1st place, James Rodriguez and Jesse Rodriguez; 2nd place, Paul Francoeur and Karl Doetsch; 3rd place, Danny Dequeant and Les Krancher.

3rd Flight: 1st place, Chris Hyeck and Robert Biarnet; 2nd place, Rusty Roark and Bennie Machac; 3rd place,

Ernie and Lonnie Sommerlatte.
4th Flight: 1st place, Buck Fuchik and Lynn Williams; 2nd place, Dr. Len Bornstein and Dale Luton; 3rd place, Barbara Pidgeon and Hector Garcia.

Highest Score: Bill Eide and William Cully.
Second Highest: Joe Lee Perez and Bill Phillips.

The gallery of RMC Employee Volunteers cheered on the players at the start of Hole #5.

A special thank you to the RMC Employee Volunteers who gave of their time to make the golf tournament not only successful but a lot of fun as well!



Bill McNeal of Lubbock received his ticket from Myrt Ostrowski, RMC's Special Peace Officer, during the RMC Classic. Photo Courtesy of RMC

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
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.
Tues., Oct. 19 Lady Raider volleyball at Stafford*, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 21 Raider non-varsity football at Needville*, 6:30 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 22** Raider football vs. Needville*, Here, 7:30 p.m.
..... Lady Raider volleyball vs. Needville*, Here, 5 p.m.

*District competition **Homecoming

Lady Raiders face Lady Jays, Bulldogs

Another district match has come and gone.

On Oct. 5, the Lady Raiders traveled to Needville for competition.

Looking at the scoreboard, one might think the Lady Raiders did not show up ready to play, but they did several things right, said their coach.

Coming out of the locker room, the girls had the intensity in their favor and they kept it through warm-up, but then something happened. Somehow they lost the spark.

The team did things the right way, but they just could not get a break. The score of the first game was 3-15, Needville's favor.

According to Coach Dietrich, during the second game, the girls had to step it up and overcome some major obstacles. "We had several players in

positions that they are not familiar playing, but they adjusted well. We fought long and hard, but unfortunately we could not hold off the Lady Jays. It was a great effort by all the players." The score ended up being 14-16.

"Next time we play Needville, we will have the home court advantage and we hope that it will payoff. We want the score to be just the opposite in our favor," she added.

Team leaders for the hard fought match were Jacqueline Thomas, five kills; Angela Phillips, 12 assist; Shanna Waligura, three blocks; Shelley Boenisch, Patricia Najera and Phillips two digs each; and Thomas, Phillips and Najera also had one service ace a piece.

Several other players contributed during the match and their work is to be commended.

The last match of the first round of volleyball was played Oct. 8 when the Sweeny Bulldogs traveled to RHS for the match.

The Lady Raiders played hard, but came out a few points shy of winning the match, 10-15, 9-15.

According to Coach Dietrich, "The girls surprised Sweeny with their efforts to keep the games close."

Waligura led the team in blocks (3) and in kills (6). Phillips had eight assist for the match and Janna Janish and Najera each had one dig.

Najera also led in scoring, she had six points for the match.

Turnovers cost Raiders game against Sweeny

Friday night at Raider Stadium, the Rice Raiders lost to the Sweeny Bulldogs 41-13.

Halloween came early for the Raiders as they were tricked and Sweeny was treated... treated to six turnovers.

The Raiders fumbled the ball away five times during the night, killing any chance to bid for an upset against the Bulldogs.

"We got behind so fast and so far we never recovered," said Coach Russell Roark.

Rice fell behind 27-0 in the first quarter and could never regroup enough to threaten Sweeny.

"We played fairly well from the second quarter on. Once the avalanche stopped, we tried to dig ourselves out and managed to play decent football. They outscored us 14 to 13 in the final three quarters," Roark said.

Substitutes were put in by Sweeny in the second quarter, but in the third quarter, Sweeny had all their starters back in.

"Their starters didn't score in the second half. I was glad to see we had enough pride to come out in the second half and play hard. It's only a consolation, but I was proud of our young men and their fight to over-

come such a deficit," he added.

Rice had a couple of sophomores run the ball with power and desire.

"Jerry Cleveland and Conrad 'Beefy' Diggs had good games. When our running backs play well, our line is blocking well.

"We'll put this game behind us look on to Hitchcock," Roark added.

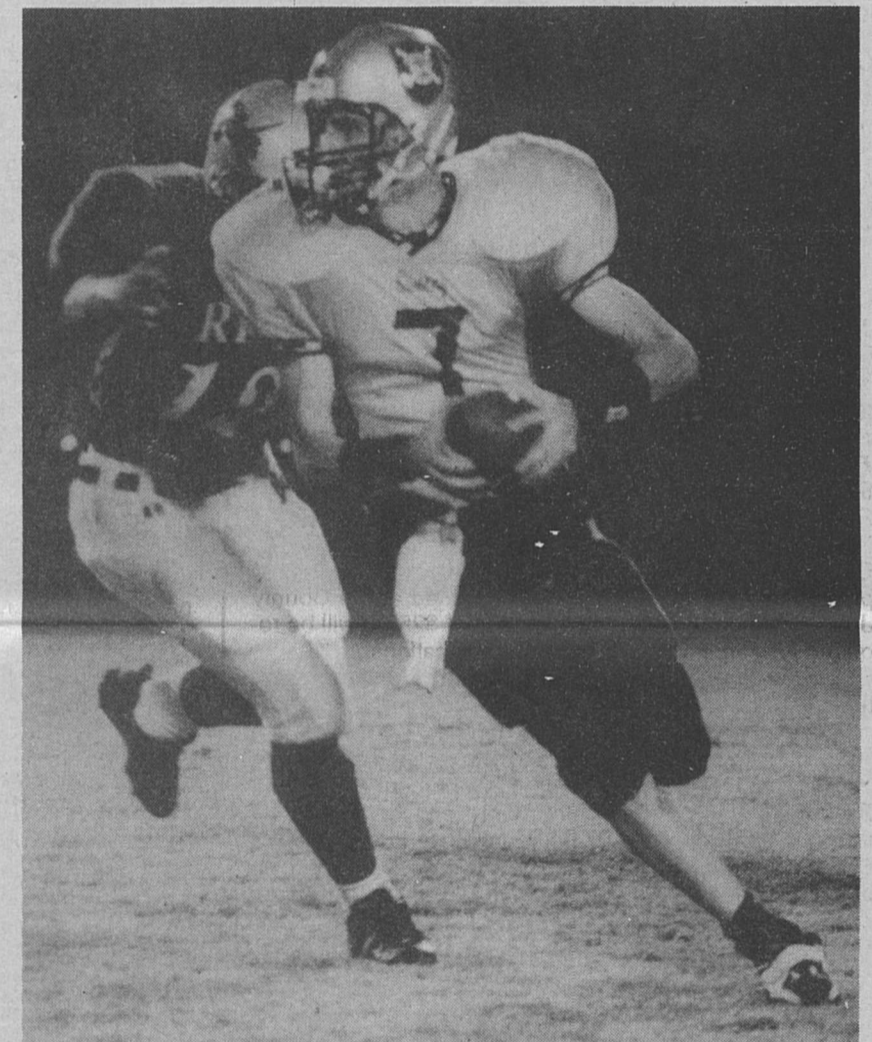
Hitchcock beat Needville by three touchdowns Friday, so the Raiders expect another tough game.

Hitchcock is very dangerous offensively with three weapons. They have two receivers and one running back that can go.

"We will try to match our best against their best and see who is floating at the end of the game," he concluded.

	Sweeny	Rice
First downs	19	14
Rushes/yards	34/319	39/227
Comp-Att-Int.	2-4-1	12-19-1
Passing yards	11	65
Punts/avg.	2/30	3/32
Fumbles/lost	3/3	6/5
Penalties/yards	0/0	7/48

	Score by Quarters				
	1	2	3	4	F
Sweeny	27	7	0	7	41
Rice	0	7	0	6	13



During a great defensive set at the end of the second quarter of last Friday's game, Rice Raider #12, Conrad Diggs, got to the Sweeny Bulldogs' quarterback, dropping him for a loss of 13 yards just one play after Raider Dante Fuller had sacked him for about eight yards; giving the Bulldogs third down and over 20 yards to go.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Johnny Rodriguez appearing at Rudolph's

Country music legend Johnny Rodriguez will be appearing at Rudolph's Place Saturday, Oct. 16, starting at 9 p.m. Rudolph's is located on Spur 529 at 59 South (SW Freeway) in Rosenberg.

The guest band will be Chris Chitsey who was born and raised in Austin. Chitsey grew up in a town known as "The Live Music Capital of the World". His songs are performed with great feeling and depth.

Here's a little background information on Johnny Rodriguez:

Almost 25 years after he first arrived in Nashville, Johnny Rodriguez is right back where he started coming full circle back to making the kind of honest country music that he and his fans always enjoyed.

Born Dec. 10, 1951, Rodriguez was the second youngest of 10 children living in a four-room house in Sabinal, Texas, a small town about 90 miles from the Mexican border.

Growing up in Sabinal, Johnny was an A-B student, captain of his junior high school football team, a high school letterman and an altar boy at church. But it wasn't tall innocent. In 1969, caught with friends stealing and barbecuing a goat, he took the rap.

It was this jail visit that gave Johnny his first break.

His jail house singing enthralled Texas Ranger Joaquin Jackson, who told a promoter about Rodriguez. The promoter, Happy Shahan, hired Johnny to perform at the Alamo Village, a popular south Texas tourist attraction and location of many well-known movie sets. It was here that Johnny was heard by Nashville artist Tom T. Hall and Bobby Bare who both en-

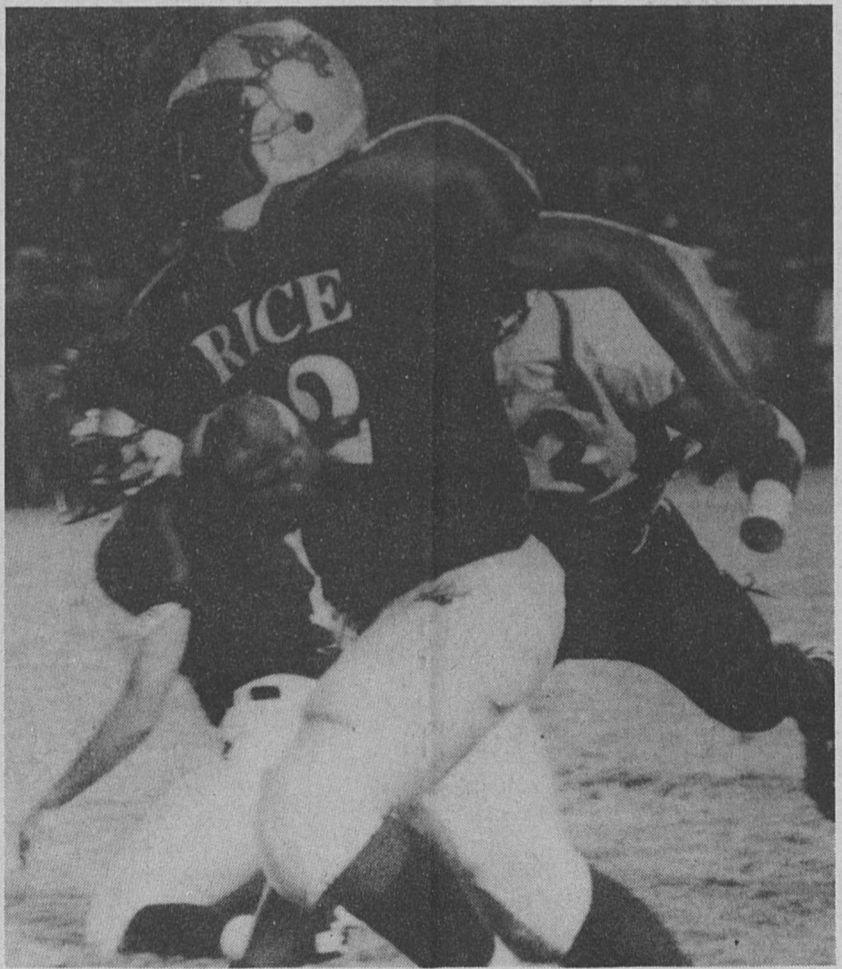
couraged Johnny to fly to Nashville in 1971. Twenty-year-old Rodriguez found himself stepping off the plane with nothing more than his guitar in hand and \$14 in his pocket. Soon he was fronting Tom T. Hall's band and writing songs.

Less than a year later, Hall took Johnny over to the office of Roy Dea and Jerry Kennedy, the record producers of Mercury's Nashville operation, for an in-person audition. Dea offered a contract on the spot after hearing Rodriguez. "I Can't Stop Loving You" and "If I Left It Up To You."

Roy Dea also produced Johnny's first session with Mercury before turning over the reins to Jerry Kennedy, who went on to produce the majority of the 15 number one singles that followed. The first singles to reach number one being "Pass Me By". The song raced up the country charts and put Johnny in the fast lane of the country music world. His next single, "You Always Come Back To Hurting Me", didn't stop until it hit the top - the first of 11 consecutive #1 records, some of which he wrote or co-wrote.

His debut album, *Introducing Johnny Rodriguez*, went to #1 on all three major trade charts and by 1973 he was nominated by the Country Music Association for "Male Vocalist of the Year" and won the Billboard "Trendsetter Award" for first Mexican-American to capture a national audience.

Some of Johnny's classic hits during this period included "Pass Me By", "You Always Come Back To Hurting Me", "Riding My Thumb To Mexico", "That's The Way Love (See Rodriguez, Page 10)



Raider #22, Jerry Cleveland, who was commended by Coach Roark for his performance Friday night against the Bulldogs, picked up over 25 yards on this carry before the defense could catch him down at the Sweeny 19 yard line.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

Bulldogs bite Raiders

On Thursday, Oct. 7, the non-varsity Raider football team traveled to the field, helped in a large part by Matt Hentzell's 66-yard run and Michael Sosa's 12-yard reception from Patrick Milentz, to get the ball to the Bulldog two-yard line, but the Raiders were stopped on fourth down, just short of the endzone.

Sweeny used a quick-strike attack against the Raiders as they built a 14-0 lead at the end of the first quarter.

As the second period started, the Raider "D" held off the Bulldog attack.

The offense moved the ball down the field, helped in a large part by Matt Hentzell's 66-yard run and Michael Sosa's 12-yard reception from Patrick Milentz, to get the ball to the Bulldog two-yard line, but the Raiders were stopped on fourth down, just short of the endzone.

Sweeny scored twice more to take a 30-0 lead at halftime.

The Raiders held their own in the second half, giving up just two more scores, but couldn't get in the endzone on the offensive side of the ball, as the Bulldogs defeated the Raiders 43-0.

"The Raiders were beaten by Sweeny both physically and mentally," said their coach. "These young Raiders need to learn that it doesn't matter how big or fast the opponent is, if they believe in their own abilities, anything can happen on the playing field!"

The Raiders next host another pack of Bulldogs, this time from Hitchcock, Thursday at Rice Stadium.

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