

SPORTS

Varsity

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Upson, picked the pass off in the end-zone and raced 57 yards in the other direction before getting caught.

"The interception was the single biggest play we've had at Rice in the three years I've been here. Our defense stepped up and made a game-saving play," said Roark.

On the final play of the game, Rice's Dante Fuller and Quinton Whitfield sacked Hitchcock's quarterback, ending the game (see photo below).

"I wish anyone associated with Rice could have seen this game. What a victory for everyone involved!" added Roark.

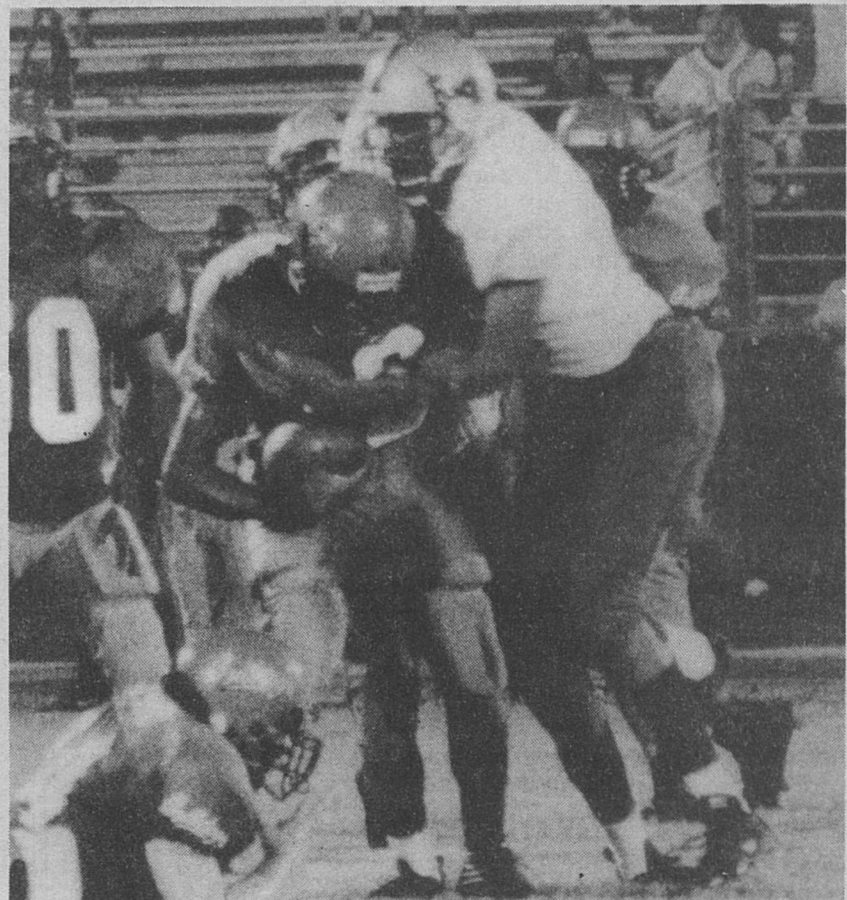
The upset win by Rice put the Raiders in position to make a serious run at the playoffs. "I know it's unheard of around here, but we have a chance to make the playoffs. We must take care of each other, win a couple of

games and we're in. Who in the world would have ever thought?"

The Raiders play Needville Friday at Raider Stadium at 7:30 p.m. This is also homecoming for Rice.

Everyone is urged to come out and help the Raiders in a bid for the playoffs. Way to go, Raiders!

	Rice	Hitch.
First down	9	14
Rushes/yards	39/176	28/-3
Passing yards	49	154
Total offense	225	151
Comp-Att-Int.	3-5-0	8-21-1
Fumbles	4	1
Fumbles lost	1	0



Rice sophomore Quinten Whitfield (in the white jersey), along with sophomore Dante Fuller (behind Whitfield) sacked the Hitchcock quarterback Friday night, ending the game with the Raiders leading 17 to 14. Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

There may have only been a small crowd in the Rice stands during the Hitchcock game Friday night, but the numbers had nothing to do with the noise level... HIGH! On their feet for a big part of the second half, these fans kept urging on the Raiders. And, they got what they wanted... a BIG VICTORY!

8th grade Raiders fall short at the pound

The 8th grade Rice Raiders took the long trip to Hitchcock Thursday, Oct. 14. Unfortunately, the Raiders ran out of time in the fourth quarter.

The Raiders began the game on defense, where they had the Bulldogs on their own 25 yard line.

The first play of the game had Jess Little blitzing, causing a fumble and recovering it for a 25-yard defensive touchdown.

The entire defense looked great, but the Bulldogs figured out the Raiders' plan in the second half, according to their coach.

Standouts on defense were Kevin Shimek, Little, Michael Spears, Zack Kloss and Anthony Palmer.

The offensive line did a great job of blocking. Those who played exceptionally were Shimek, Dustin Krenek, Little, James "Bulldog" Jurica, John

ny Diaz, Roger Toriz, Joey Posada and Eric Gonzales.

The great blocking allowed Spears, Kloss and Palmer to have exceptional games. Kloss had a touchdown run of five yards. Palmer had a touchdown run of 15 yards.

Spears, seven tackles; Kloss and Palmer, six tackles; Little, five tackles one sack, fumble recovery, touchdown; Moore, three tackles; Shimek and Scott, two tackles; Johnson, Cranek and Spangenberg one tackle each.

Overall, this was a great display of defensive football by the Raiders.

Each player played with a lot of determination and desire, according to their coach.

Hitchcock can be an explosive offensive team because they spread it out and throw more than 70% of the time. Each defensive player had his own responsibility and everyone responded with a great effort, their coach said.

The defensive line of Lance Bittner, Garrett Cranek, David Estrada and Angel Franco did a good job of penetrating the line of scrimmage and getting to the quarterback.

The linebackers and secondary consisting of Powers, Cooper, Cunningham, Lonnie Sims, Matt Hentzell, Jason Godley and Ronnie Vasquez did an excellent job covering the receivers and coming up to converge on the running backs.

Defensive highlights included Bittner, eight tackles; Sims, six tackles; Powers, four tackles and one interception; and Cooper, an interception for a touchdown.

Offensively, rushing leaders were Hentzell, 37 yards; Godley, 36 yards; Dabney, 15 yards; Cunningham, 13 yards and one touchdown. Powers had three catches for 21 yards.

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This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
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.
Thurs., Oct. 28	Raider non-varsity football at Stafford*, 6:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 26	Lady Raider volleyball at Sweeny*, TBA
Fri., Oct. 29	Raider football vs. Stafford*, Here, 7:30 p.m.

*District competition **Homecoming

Rice Raiders tame Bulldogs, 14-8

Thursday, Oct. 14, the Raiders non-varsity football team hosted Hitchcock and came away with a hard-fought victory.

In the first quarter, the Raiders and Bulldogs traded punts as the defenses held each team scoreless, until Hitchcock dropped back to pass.

Michael Cooper intercepted the ball and ran 22 yards for the go ahead score. Tyreance Dabney ran in the two point conversion to give the Raiders an 8-0 lead.

The second quarter was a defensive struggle as both offenses would get a few first downs but could not convert on the opportunities. As a result, the Raiders held an 8-0 lead at the half.

In the third quarter, the Raiders drove the ball well, converting first

downs, but the most crucial first down was made on a fourth and goal from the Hitchcock 13-yard line.

On the play, Patrick Milentz hit Andrew Powers on a curl route and then Powers pitched the ball to Ricky Cunningham who streaked down the field for the 13-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good and the Raiders held a 14-0 lead.

The fourth quarter was the same as the previous quarters as both teams' defenses played well to hold off the offenses. The Bulldogs did score a touchdown with 19 seconds left in the game to close the gap, 14-8.

The Raiders took the Bulldogs' kickoff and the offense ran the clock out to preserve the 14-8 victory.

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Volleyball teams honor parents

On Oct. 12, the Lady Raiders hosted Sealy and also had Parents' Night.

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Lady Raiders scratched by Tigers, but tame Bulldogs

The Lady Tigers of Sealy came to Rice High School Oct. 12 for the second match of the season.

The Lady Raiders played hard, but that wasn't enough to win the match.

"We are waiting until the second game to decide if we can play with the teams in our district. By then, it's too late," according to Coach Dietrich.

The scores for the match were 2-15 and 10-15.

"We, as a team and coaching staff, must find or develop a way to get motivated and come out ready to play from the start," she added.

Shanna Waligura led in kills and blocks with two and one, respectively.

Martha Rodriguez led the team in digs with five for the match.

M. Rodriguez scored five points during the match.

Friday, Oct. 15, the Lady Raiders traveled to Hitchcock for yet another district game.

The Ladies won the match in two games, 15-9 and 15-5.

Jacqueline Thomas led the team with five kills; Janna Janish contributed three kills; Waligura had two.

Crystal Alcalar had eight assists for the match; Angela Phillips, three.

Shelley Boensich led the team in scoring with 10 points for the match (nine consecutive points during game two). Alcalar had two service aces.

"During the match, we made some adjustments that led us to a victory," stated Dietrich.

"Hitchcock tried to pick us up pieces, but they weren't successful."

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RUDOLPH'S PLACE

PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING: **FEATURE ATTRACTION**

EDDY RAVEN

BORN: August 19 in Lafayette, Louisiana
 CURRENT RESIDENCE: Gallatin, Tennessee
 EARLIEST AMBITION: To play centerfield for the Boston Red Sox
 FAVORITE... Song: "House of the Rising Sun"
 Pastimes: Baseball and "hanging around the farm"
 Colors: Black, blues, red and green
 Foods: Cajun seafood gumbo and fajitas
 Artists: Bob Luman, Rick Nelson and Elvis

FIRST PAYING MUSICAL JOB: Singing for \$10 a night in a Florida nightclub

CAREER ACHIEVEMENTS: **Top 10 singles include:** "Sooner Or Later", "Island", "She's Playing Hard To Forget", "I Could Use Another You", "She's Gonna Win Your Heart", "Operator, Operator", "I Wanna Hear It From You", "You Should Have Been Gone By Now", "Sometimes A Lady", "Right Hand Man", "You're Never Too Old For Young Love", "I Should've Called", "Who Do You Know In California", "A Little Bit Crazy". **Number 1 singles include:** "Bayou Boys", "I Got Mexico", "Shine, Shine, Shine", "I'm Gonna Get You", "Joe Knows How To Live", "Til You Cry", "In A Letter To You".

SONGWRITING CREDITS: Eddy, who won over 30 ASCAP songwriting awards, has written numerous hits for other country artists, including "Country Green" by Don Gibson, "Good Morning Country Rain" by Jeannie C. Riley, "Back In The Country" by Roy Acuff and the number one "Thank God For Kids" by the Oak Ridge Boys.

TELEVISION CREDITS: "The Pat Sajak Show" (CBS), "Academy of Country Music Awards" (NBC), "Showbiz Today" (CNN), and the following Nashville Network Programs: "Nashville Now", "Country Kitchen", "Celebrity Outdoors", "New Country", "On Stage", "Backstage Live At The Grand Ole Opry" and "Music City Tonight".

CAREER HIGH POINTS: "Too many to cite but earning my first number one record with "I Got Mexico" still stands out."

ADVICE FOR OTHERS SEEKING A CAREER IN MUSIC: "If you're serious about this business, don't expect to make money at it - get into it because you love it. If you don't love it enough to get a day job to support your music habit, then you're going to have a problem."

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Most pharmacists will answer their patrons' brief questions without an appointment. However, if you have a complex question that may take time to answer, you may wish to call ahead and ask for the best time to make your visit. We are interested in your health. And we are especially interested in how your health is affected by any medicines you take.

In a 1998 Roper survey, 60 percent of American adults said they ask their pharmacists about the medicines they use - how medicines work, potential side effects, potential drug-drug interactions, and the best way to use and store specific medicines.

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