

SPORTS

Raiders

The Raiders, as well as the coaching staff, know the situation they're in. "Losing is a habit, and breaking habits is not easy." The Raiders have shown the desire and a will to win. Hard work in the offseason and during the season have been the difference. "We've shaken the dust off and are attempting something that hasn't been done since 1986. That's a long time not to be in the playoffs," said Roark. All of us hope the already vastly

improved Raiders can win one more time.

The game against Needville was not pretty. Turnovers and penalties held the Raiders down. "We had five turnovers and still won the game. We must be doing something right. Though, how many times can you win a district game with five turnovers? Not very many!"

The offensive line (Norris Powell, Anthony Salinas, Brandon Shanks,

Jacob Little, John Rucka, Adrian Espinosa and Clint Korenek) played extremely well. The line mashed a big defensive unit from Needville.

"We were gashing Needville running the ball. All that tells me is we're blocking well and making correct calls at the line," stated Roark.

The Raiders pounded out 288 yards rushing on the night. There were some bad moments as starting linebacker and fullback Jerry Cleveland went down with a knee injury. "Jerry will be back. His injury isn't as bad as first projected, but we'll miss him for a couple of weeks," Roark said. The backfield is a little thin with Cleveland's absence, but the duo of Conrad Diggs and Bennie Glover made up the difference.

Klay Korenek, Rice's quarterback, also played a good ballgame. He threw for 124 yards and two touchdowns and ran for 46 yards and a touchdown. "Klay threw two touchdowns and ran for one, made a two-point conversion and kicked two extra points. That's not a bad evening's work."

Defensively, the Raiders began slowly as the Needville offense drove the opening kickoff into Raider territory. The "Blue Swarm" buckled down and forced a field goal attempt that was no good. From that point on, Rice played pretty good defense.

"We made a big fourth down stop at midfield that ignited the fans as well as the Raiders. Sophomores Trent Korenek and Jermal Wright made the

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big hit on the play giving the ball to Rice. Seniors Cody Thompson, Shanks and Brett Boensich all played well and led the Raiders in tackles.

Shanks also blocked another punt, helping the Raider defense.

The Needville quarterback had a long night as the Raiders continuously hammered him.

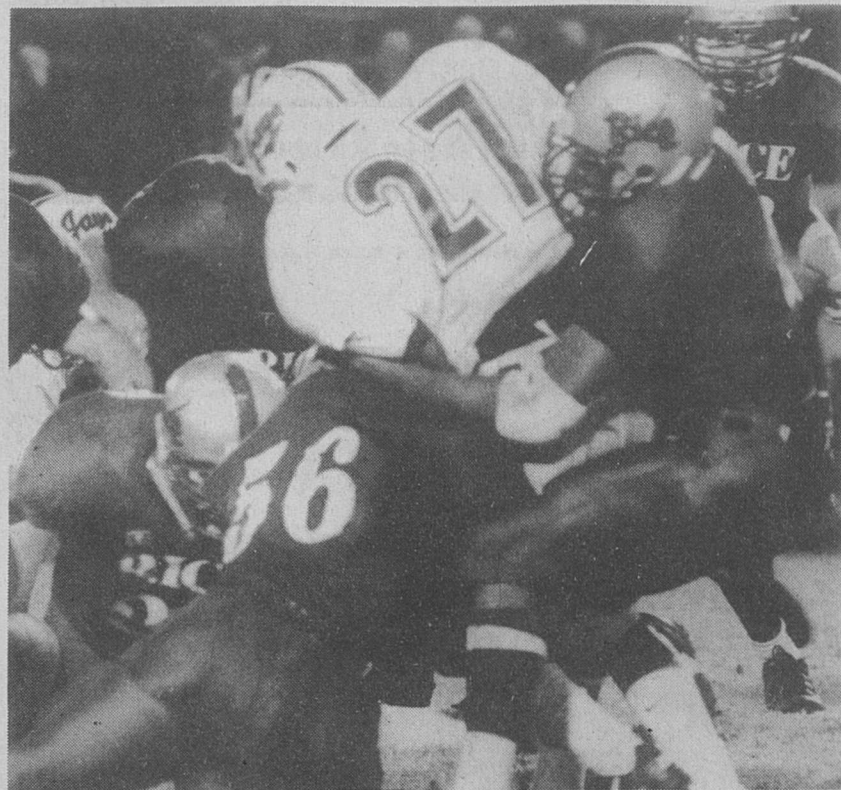
"Needville's quarterback had pressure in his face all night. The pressure led to three interceptions, two by state-leader Jesse Upson and one by sophomore Jason Barrow.

"Jesse broke the school record and has two games to go in the regular season. Right now, I believe he's leading the state in all classifications. What a deal!" Roark concluded.

The Raider coaches and players would like to see another packed house Friday. Let's all go out and support the Raiders as they make their bid for a playoff berth.

	Rice	N'ville
First downs	20	13
Rushes/yards	43/288	33/104
Passing yards	124	130
Total offense	412	234
Passes attempted	12	18
Passes completed	5	5
Fumbles	7	3
Fumbles lost	4	2
Passes intercepted	3	1
Yards penalized	15/103	2/15

	Score by Quarters					F
	1	2	3	4		
Rice	21	0	15	3	39	
N'ville	7	7	8	0	22	



The Rice defense put forth another fine effort last Friday against Needville. During the fourth quarter, the defense, led by Raider #56, sophomore Trent Korenek, and an unknown player, stop Needville's running back at mid-field on fourth down and less than a yard.

Rice's offensive drive following this stop resulted in their last score of the game on a field goal by quarterback Klay Korenek.

Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs., Oct. 28	Raider non-varsity at Stafford*, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29	Raider football vs. Stafford*, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 4	Raider non-var. football vs. Sealy*, Here, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 5	Raider football at Sealy*, 7:30 p.m.

*District competition

Needville Blue Jays fly by Raiders, 20-6

On Thursday, Oct. 21, the non-varsity Raiders traveled to Needville to hunt Blue Jays.

The game started out very well for the Raiders as the defense held the Blue Jay offense on three straight plays to force a punt.

On the Raiders' first drive, the offense moved the ball well on the Blue Jay defense thanks to hard running by Jason Godley and Matt Hentzell.

Patrick Milentz then hit Andrew Powers on a nine-yard touchdown pass for the 6-0 lead. The two-point conversion was no good.

On Needville's next possession, they drove the ball down the field and scored a touchdown. The two-point conversion was good and the Jays had an 8-6 lead.

In the second quarter, Needville had a time-consuming drive as they ran and ran and ran. Once they got the ball to the Raider 10-yard line, they mixed it up a little as they decided to throw a pass to a wide open receiver for a touchdown.

The extra point was no good and

the Jays had a 13-6 lead at halftime.

The second half was a defensive struggle, as both teams held defensively.

The Blue Jays did find the endzone one more time to take a 20-6 lead, but that was all the Raiders defense would let them have.

On two consecutive Blue Jay possessions, the Raider defense had great goalline stands, prohibiting the Jays to enter the endzone.

Offensive highlights: rushing: Godley, 44 yards; Michael Cooper, 62 yards; Tyreance Dabney, 27 yards; Matt Hentzell, 22 yards; Ricky Cunningham, nine yards; Powers, two catches, 20 yards and one touchdown.

Defensive highlights: Hentzell, eight tackles; Powers and Lonnie Sims, five tackles; Lance Bittner, four tackles; Dabney, quarterback sack and fumble recovery.

The Raiders next take on the Spartans from Stafford Thursday, Oct. 28, at Spartan Stadium.



Holloways honored with Oct. 'Yard of Month'

By Tanya Wiese
The home of Marshall and Patti Holloway (pictured above) was chosen as Yard of the Month for Oct. by

the Eagle Lake Garden Club. It's very obvious, as I'm sure most of you have noticed, this new-to-Eagle Lake couple have quite the

green thumb.

Very seldom does a day go by that one or both of the Holloways are not spotted tending to their beautiful yard.

This yard has been a masterpiece in the making for sometime. A somewhat boring corner lot was turned into a true visual treat for the many who travels Cemetery and Prairie Streets.

The Holloways took true advantage of the coming of fall by creating a cluster of fall plantings in various pots and a charming pumpkin patch family set upon a bale of hay and spotlighted at night for all to see.

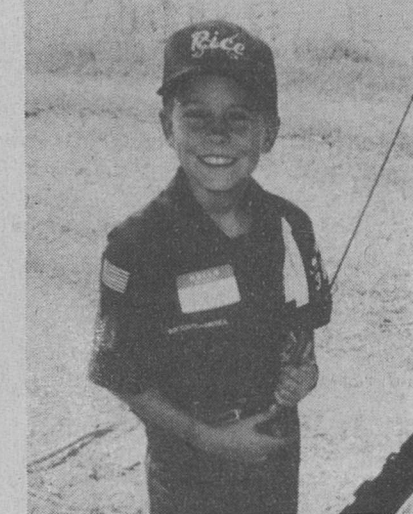
Along with this seasonal addition, they have more varieties of plants than I have paper to list.

As a Garden Club member and neighbor to Marshall and Patti, I was especially pleased to give this much deserved yard the honor of "Yard of the Month".

Please don't hesitate to stop and admire the Holloway's yard.

Not only are they great gardeners, but also truly wonderful people, always eager to visit with anyone concerning their gardening techniques and vast array of plants.

Eagle Lake Garden Club appreciates all their hard work.



Gertson earns rod and reel

Joshua Gertson recently participated in the Annual Youth Fishing Event sponsored by the Texas Sportsman Association.

Representing Eagle Lake Cub Scout Pack 3078, Gertson was one of 15 Scouts from area towns participating.

The event was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Bob Raborn at a lake on their property outside of Columbus.

Gertson also succeeded in catching the largest fish of the day, a 13-inch bass, which earned him a Certificate of Acknowledgement and a brand new rod and reel.

He is the son of Mike and Donna Gertson of Eagle Lake.

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and Mark Noska, Columbus, Texas A&M University.

"Mrs. Allen (Lois) Glueck of Sealy has been moved from Rice Medical Center to River Oaks Health Care Center (300 North Street in Columbus) where she will continue recovering from a broken hip suffered two weeks ago from a fall in her home. We wish her all the best.

The name of one of the members of the Lady Raider freshman volleyball team was misspelled in last week's Homecoming spread.

Unfortunately, Ebony Prince's name was typed without the "n", making her Ebony Price.

We do apologize for this error.

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