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Eagle Lake Headlight

Rice Raiders succumb to Spartans, 24-21

Friday night at Raider Stadium, the Rice Raiders fell to the Stafford Spartans 24 to 21.

In a playoff-like atmosphere, the Raiders battled Stafford in a tight district game in Altair.

"This is the way it should be. Getting to the playoffs should be difficult. I feel like teams should earn their way in through a tough district schedule. This district is tough, and we almost earned our way in with one game remaining," Coach Russell Roark stated.

The Raiders jumped on Stafford early with an opening drive that ended in a Klay Korenek one-yard plunge. The Raiders looked sharp and executed with precision. The game went back and forth with the Spartans having the lead at intermission.

"We should have been leading at the half. We failed to get a first down on a fourth down play at their 10-yard line. That hurt us. We had a chance to go up 14 to nothing," Roark said.

With Rice behind 17 to 14 at half-time, the Raiders needed to mount a big drive opening the second half. "We moved the ball and got a big 15-yard penalty that put us off schedule. We never recovered and had to punt the ball away," said Roark.

Stafford, which has two very talented backs, needed one big play to increase their score to 24 to 14. Running back Tony Bostic broke on a 75-yard run and never looked back.

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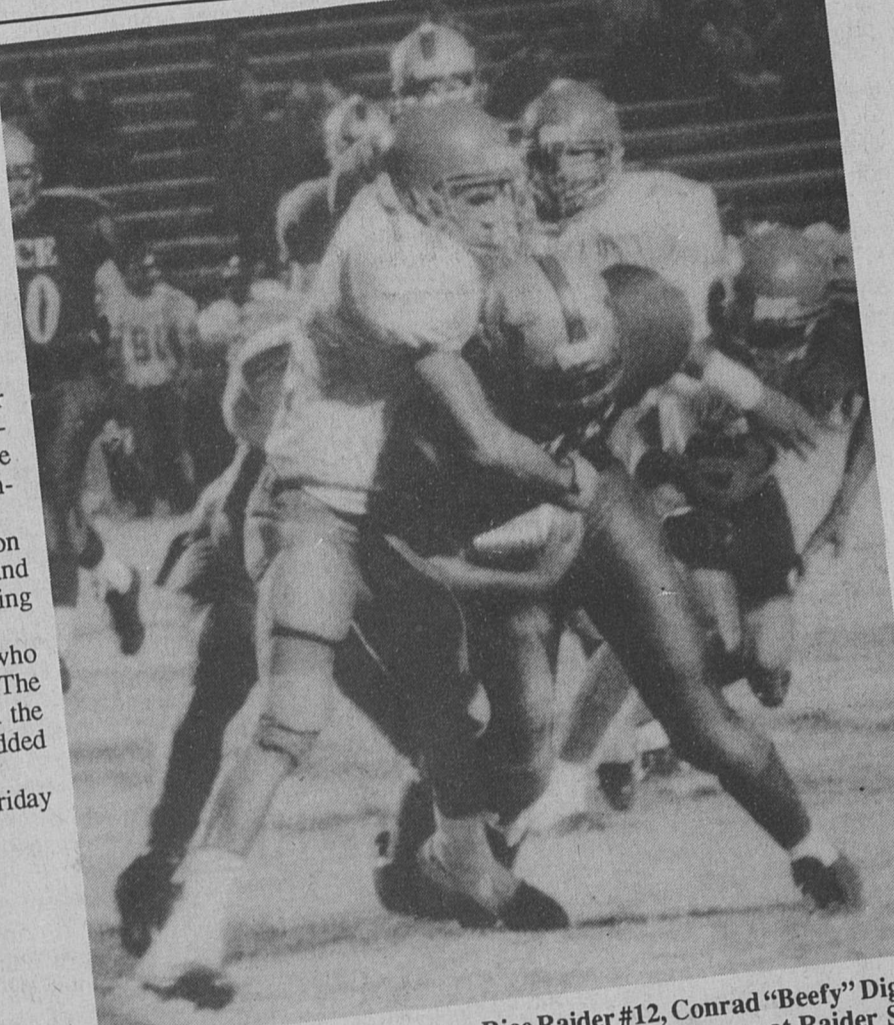
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The Stafford defense tried to stop Rice Raider #12, Conrad "Beefy" Diggs, near the end of the second quarter of last Friday's game at Raider Stadium, but his determination won out as Diggs scored Rice's second touchdown of the night. The 10-14 lead was short-lived as the Spartans scored with 19 seconds left before halftime. Headlight Photo by Jeannine Fearing

NEWSBRIEFS

Legionnaires to place flags

American Legion Post 108 will place flags on the graves of deceased veterans in observance of Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The Legionnaires will put the flags out at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 10, and remove them at 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 13. In the event a grave of a veteran is unintentionally missed, call Hugh Sheridan at 234-5464 or Fred Frnka at 234-2065.

RMC offering Weight Watchers

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will be offering Weight Watchers starting Nov. 4. Anyone interested should call Vicky Pavlu at 409-234-5571, ext. 5216.

Senior Citizens' dance is Friday

The public is invited to a Senior Citizens' Dance, a place to meet old and new friends, Friday, Nov. 5, from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Music will be provided by Tim Kulhanek. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, call 234-3745.

ELSSA to hold hamburger dinner

The Eagle Lake Sunday School Alliance (ELSSA) high school class will hold a hamburger dinner at Didner Hall Sunday, Nov. 7, starting at 11 a.m. There will also be a pie auction.

MMBC Pre-Thanksgiving service scheduled

We, the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church (MMBC) family, with great joy invite you to come and share in our annual Pre-Thanksgiving Gospel Explosion Saturday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m. This year we will feature the First Baptist Church male chorus of Texas City along with Greater Macedonia Baptist Church Mass Choir of Texas City and an anointed female group, Divine Spirit of Austin, and our own Paula Richardson and the MM Baptist youth and young adult choir. Come join us for this time of thanks to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Parenting workshop is Nov. 4, 11

A Parenting, Self-Esteem and Family Values Workshop will be held Thursday, Nov. 4, and Thursday, Nov. 11, at Providence Baptist Church in Eagle Lake from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. nightly. Workshop presenter is Ms. Elaine Ward, a program specialist, 4-H & Youth Development from Prairie View A&M University. Baby sitting will be furnished by the Eagle Lake 4-H if needed.

Fish fry set for Nov. 6

The White Cloud Baptist Church Pastor Aide Committee will sponsor a fish fry Saturday, Nov. 6, at the home of Veronica Curry, 418 Glen Meadows Drive in Eagle Lake. Serving is from 11 a.m. until it's all gone. Plates are \$5 each. For delivery, call 234-2467 or 234-3441.

Extravaganza set for Nov. 13

The Rice Medical Center Employee Volunteers will hold their 2nd Annual Extravaganza Saturday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center.

There will be a white elephant sale, bake sale, silent auction, food and games featuring a moonwalk with Shamu the whale. A Thanksgiving and Christmas arts and crafts show will be included. There will be early arrival of Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus with photographs available from noon to 3 p.m. Door prizes will be given. Come join us for a fun day. If you would like to rent booth space or for more information, call Jody Carter at 409-234-5571.

GUBC youth seminar is Nov. 6

The Greater Union Baptist Church (GUBC) Youth Department presents a Drug Seminar entitled "Youth At the Crossroad" Nov. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 for kindergarten through 6th grade; 7th grade through adult, \$5. This includes a meal, movies, worksheets and much more. Registration starts at 9 a.m. This seminar is open to the public and all surrounding churches. Linda Robertson, instructor; Rev. Lawrence Robertson, pastor. For more information, call Rosayln Edwards at 409-234-5033 or Gennial Allen at 234-3345.

Study Club meeting Nov. 10

The Eagle Lake Study Club will meet Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Wintermann Library. The program, "World War II", will be presented by Dr. Raymond Thomas. All members are urged to attend and bring a guest.

New Life Fellowship fundraiser is Nov. 5

The New Life Fellowship, Hwy. 90A in Sheridan, is having a gigantic fund raiser rummage sale, craft and bake sale Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5 and 6, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to the church building fund.

WCBC 33rd Anniversary services is Nov. 7

33rd Anniversary Services for Rev. and Sis. Obie Rhodes will take place on Sunday, Nov. 7. The event is sponsored by White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC). Guest speaker will be Pastor Guy Washington of Greater Peace Church in Austin. Pre-anniversary services will take place on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 5 and 6. Call the church at 409-234-3800 for more information.

ICE House expands weight room

The ICE House has expanded its weight room and recreation facility to better serve the community. For a \$40 contribution, from Nov. 1 until Jan. 31, we offer three months of weights, basketball, table tennis and pool. We also offer more! Fitness equipment, a positive atmosphere and supervision of all activities. For more information, call 409-234-7990 and ask for Troy.

Missions Rally - Confraternidad

Latin American Assembly of God, Bethlehem of Judea Church, located on East E Street in Eagle Lake, will hold a Missions Rally - (Confraternidad) on Saturday (sabado), Nov. 6, at 3 p.m. You will meet brothers and sisters from Latin America and the U.S. (Conoceremos hermanos y hermanas de El Salvador, Puerto Rico, Guatemala, Mexico y los Estados Unidos). There will also be a special children's ministry (tabien hara ministerio para los ninios). The public is invited. (El publico esta invitado).

Thank you once again from the Study Club

The Eagle Lake Study Club has again hosted a successful auction. The 20th Annual Auction, held Saturday, Oct. 23, raised \$12,884 for support of the Wintermann Library.

Auctioneers Candy and Joe Herbert McCreary kept the large excited audience on the edge of their seats for two hours.

The Main Auction began at 7 p.m. with a wide variety of items being sold. Serving as spotters to keep the pace moving were Delbert Castleman, Robbie Cook, Bill Kell and Lonnie Sommerlatte.

Six young people helped display items: Jenna and Taylor Cook, Clayton Bowen, Amanda and Theresa Henry and Christy Johnson.

The four door prizes, donated by the Eagle Lake Supermarket, were awarded to Mrs. Paul Lynn, Mrs. Rose Martinez, Rev. Bill Ramsey and Gene Linke.

Another highlight of the evening was the drawing for the Victorian Doll House. Auctioneer Joe McCreary

broke the sealed box and drew the name of Mrs. Jack Johnson as the winner.

The Ways and Means Committee (See Auction, Page 6)

LCRA honors city officials for economic development training

Local officials representing the City of Eagle Lake were declared "Recruitment Ready" at the regular City Council meeting Tuesday, Oct. 26, by the Lower Colorado River Authority after completing training that will help them recruit businesses to their community.

Members of the "Recruitment Ready" team are Team Leader Sam Thomson, First National Bank and Chamber of Commerce president; Eagle Lake City Manager Ron Hol-

land; Mayor Michael Cooper; Don Bandy, attorney; Bill Harrison, First National Bank; Sandy Bandy, Truly Properties; David Keith, Rice Hospital; Lesley Matthews, Revitalize Eagle Lake; Tom Reed, Lake Motors; Lana Dulany, Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce; Dalton Sherrill, Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center; Joyce M. Stancik, Colorado County treasurer; and Bryan Hale, Central Power & Light.

Courtney Turner, a member of

LCRA's Community and Economic Development Team, presented a "Recruitment Ready" certificate to the Eagle Lake team.

The training, which was offered by LCRA, prepared team members to attract more out-of-town industry and to create more jobs by helping businesses already within Eagle Lake, Turner said.

"After all, more jobs and improved economic opportunity for the entire city is the bottom line," she added.

LCRA's board, LCRA General Manager Mark Rose and staff of LCRA's Community and Economic Development Department offered their congratulations to the team for its effort, Turner stated.

To receive the award, the team completed nine requirements.

Among these, local leaders identified buildings and sites available for sale or lease and their prices, studied the basic principles of presenting information about their community's infrastructure and completed a mock proposal and presentation about the community and sites available for development.

To participate in the "Recruitment Ready" program, local leaders, including representatives of city and county organizations, completed a marketing plan representing the goals of the community's leadership, Turner said.

City, citizens lauded for response

Representatives of Colorado County and Eagle Lake government, County and City law enforcement, fire department and ambulance corps members and other citizens of the area, along with numerous students from Rice CISD, took a train from Luling to Eagle Lake last Tuesday as part of Union Pacific Railroad's Operation Lifesaver.

After unloading in Eagle Lake, J.J. Quesada with Amtrak (center) presented Eagle Lake Mayor Pro-Tem Barbara Pidgeon with a plaque of appreciation for the community's response after the derailment of the Sunset Limited last summer. According to Leroy Stohs, a 32-year veteran of the railroad, "It was the best I've seen."

According to City Manager Ron Holland, the plaque will be displayed in various businesses around Eagle Lake so that as many people as possible will be able to view it.

Posing with Pidgeon and Quesada in the top photo are Pat Flores, Director of Nursing, Heritage House; Holland, Eagle Lake Police Chief Keith Webb; Union Pacific representatives/employees Louis Mendoza, Julian Flores, U.L. McNeil and Leroy Stohs; and Ambulance Corps members Carolyn Baird, Jonna Bowen and Dorothy Flores. The young lady is Salena Perez, Flores' granddaughter.

In the photo at left, Salena presents a gold spike to Pidgeon, commemorating the train ride from Luling. Amtrak also presented Mayor Michael Cooper with an appreciation plaque which was accepted in his absence by Pidgeon.

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