

SPORTS

Jr. High Raiders spar with the Spartans

The Spartans of Stafford came to Rice to play a pair of games. The 8th grade managed to hold on to a 22-0 lead at halftime, to win 44-22, which is a great improvement over the 48-0 loss to the Spartans last year. This well-played and executed game improved the team's record to 4-3 for the season.

Everyone played well this week, and everyone shared in the victory.

Player of the game for this week was Michael Spears, with nine carries for 89 yards, three offensive touchdowns and one extra point.

On defense, Spears had two interceptions, four tackles, and a touchdown off of one of the interceptions. The entire line the whole night made

the outstanding game for the Raiders.

Offensive: Spears, nine carries, 89 yards, three touchdowns, one extra point; Zach Kloss, six carries, 75 yards; Anthony Palmer, seven carries, 30 yards, one touchdown; Marcus Woods, one carry, 14 yards; Cleve Scott, one carry, seven yards, two receptions for 10 yards, one touchdown; Branden Jenkins, one carry, three yards, one extra point; Marcus York, one carry, five yards; Clifton Spangenberg, one carry, three yards; Derland Sanford, one carry, -3 yards.

Defense: Jess Little, eight tackles; James Johnson and Sanford, six tackles; Rusty Moore, Dustin Krenke and Zach Kloss, five tackles; Kevin Shimek, four tackles; and Spears, 4

tackles, two interceptions, one touchdown; Palmer, Wayne Morgan and Jasmine Smith, three tackles; Jonny Diaz, Roger Toriz, Chad Mahalic and Spangenberg, two tackles; Orlando Morales, Ryan Henske, Russell Cranek, Russell Hadley and Kevin York had one tackle each.

Other hard efforts for the Raiders were given by Steven Moore, Marshall Peterson, Karl Alex, Mason Mowery (with some great kickoffs), Eric Gonzales, Carlos Gonzalez, James "Bulldog" Jurica, Joey Posada, Tony Cardenas, Adrian Axel and James Salinas.

Coaches Mahac and Burrow thank you for your continued support this season and hope to see you at the

Raiders' final game this season in Sealy on Thursday.

Congratulations to the Raiders!

This Week's Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
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

Spartans slip by Raiders, 15-14

The Raiders traveled to Stafford last Thursday and played a thrilling game against the Spartans.

The first quarter was a tightly contested ballgame as the Spartan defense held their own against the Raider offense.

On the flip side, the Raider defense also showed that they had game.

This was a fact as Stafford had a first down on the Raider eight yard line and the Raiders showed a lot of determination as they held the Spartans on the one yard line on fourth down, recovering a fumble to end the drive.

On the Raiders' second play from scrimmage, Ricky Cunningham was tackled in the endzone for the Spartan safety and a Stafford lead of 2-0.

In the second quarter, the Raider offense stepped it up, as hard running by Tyreance Dabney set up a 22-yard touchdown pass from Matthew Hinze to Andrew Powers. Hinze then hit Cunningham on the two-point conversion pass, as the Raiders held an 8-2 lead at the half.

The third quarter saw both offenses have drives stalled.

Stafford finally got something going, as they blocked a Raider punt to

start their next offensive possession on the Raider three yard line.

The Spartans then scored on their second play from scrimmage, when a Spartan runner got into the endzone. He had apparently fumbled the ball before he crossed the goal line, as he was stripped of the ball by Lonnie Sims. Garrett Cranek recovering the ball for the apparent turnover, but the referees called it a touchdown. With the extra point kick, the Spartans had a 9-8 lead.

The Raiders weren't down for too long. On the next kickoff, Dabney rumbled 70 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. The two-point conversion was no good, but the Raiders had a 14-9 lead.

On Stafford's next possession to start the fourth quarter, they converted on a 32-yard touchdown pass to take the lead 15-14.

The Raiders had a chance with five minutes left as they drove the ball to the Spartan 40 yard line. The drive stalled on a fourth down incomplete pass and Stafford came away with a hard fought victory.

Offensively, Hinze did a good job of stepping in to run the offense. Jason Godley had 61 yards rushing and Dabney, 51 yards rushing. Powers had two carries for 36 yards and one touchdown. Cunningham a two-point reception.

Defensively, Ronnie Vasquez led the troops with eight tackles and a fumble recovery; Godley, six tackles and a fumble recovery; Matt Hentzell, six tackles; James Phillips, five tackles; and Felipe Rangel, one fumble recovery.

The Raiders close out their season at Raider Stadium against the Sealy Tigers on Thursday. The Raiders are 4-4-1, in what has been a very productive and entertaining football season.

Come out and show your support as the Raiders will do their best to end the season on a high note... at the expense of the Tigers.

Lady Raiders report last games

On Oct. 19, the Lady Raiders traveled to Stafford to take on the district-leading Lady Spartans.

Going into the match, the Lady Raiders had a 9-11 record for the season and were ready to give Stafford a run for the money when they stepped out on the court.

Game one was 5-15; game two was 9-15. Despite the scores, the Ladies worked very hard, but bad passes kept the team from getting ahead, said their coach.

Top blocker during the match was Shanna Waligura with 2. Jacqueline Thomas added a block. Waligura also led the team in kills with seven, but she was not the only Lady Raider to register kills during the match. Thomas had three, while Shelley Boenisch, Janna Janish and Stacy Schneider each had one kill.

The Needville Lady Jays rolled into town on Oct. 22 to match up with the Lady Raiders for the second time

this season. The Lady Raiders came out strong and ready to take care of unfinished business.

According to Coach Dietrich, "During the match the girls were ready to show Needville that they could play. Our main goal going into the match was to put the ball on the floor as many times as possible. But that did not happen as much as we would like to see. We hit the ball well, but we did not end play with a kill."

Waligura was the only Lady Raider to get any kills for the match; she had three. Waligura and Schneider each had one block for the match.

The scores for the match were in Needville's favor, but not without a fight; 11-15 and 4-15. Coach Dietrich stated, "During the second game of the match, our serving hurt us. We could not put the ball in play and that is a must at this level."

The Lady Raiders traveled to Sweeny with revenge on their mind on

Oct. 26. This marked the final regular season match of 1999.

According to Coach Dietrich, "Each girl played and extremely hard match. They fought with all of their heart and it showed. This was our longest match of the year, it took an hour and 50 minutes for a winner to be determined; that's a serious game!"

In the end, Sweeny turned out to be the winner of the match, but the Lady Raiders walked away knowing they played their best match of the season. The scores were 10-15, 15-12 and 12-15.

Schneider led the Lady Raiders with a personal high nine kills, with Waligura and Thomas each adding three. Leading in assists was Angela Phillips with 12. Crystal Alcalá and Schneider also had one assist each.

By looking at the team leaders one will still not understand how well each team member played. Every girl made a great play at some time or another during the game.

"The important thing to remember about our 1999 varsity team is that we are extremely young and we expect great things in the future. To each and every girl who played volleyball this year, the coaching staff would like to say thank you for all the hard work you put in along with all the long hours. We appreciate it. We look forward to next season!"

8th grade wins third place

The Eagle Lake Middle School 8th grade volleyball B team won the third place trophy at Needville Oct. 23.

In the first match, they lost to Needville 1-15, 14-16.

They were sluggish in the first game but with an adjustment by Coach Hollman they made a tremendous improvement and nearly pulled off the victory.

They were led by the booming serves of Adriana Sanchez and overall team effort. They gave Needville all they could handle.

In the consolation game, Eagle

Lake polished off Stafford for the trophy, 15-10, 15-7.

The team had only six players but all six scored points on their serves.

Irma Garcia served out the final three points of the first game and team captain Amanda Johnson closed out the second match with some fine service action.

Coach Hollman was pleased with the effort especially considering she had only six girls available for the tournament. The girls were Garcia, Kristen Stovall, Shani Pena, Johnson, Sanchez and Jessica Lopez.

7th grade closes out season

The Eagle Lake Middle School concluded their volleyball season Oct. 26 when both A and B teams traveled to Needville, losing tough matches.

The Needville coach, however, remarked on the improvement she noted in the Eagle Lake teams.

Coach Garland noted an increased aggressiveness and court presence of the teams as a whole. He hopes to continue this successful attitude when play resumes next year.

The A team consists of Arizbeth Ruvalcaba, Jameka White, Vanessa Villafuerte, Melanie Ishee, Rachelle Shorter, Esmeralda Lopez, Bea Posada, Ashley Parker and Norma Morales.

The B team consists of Shante Rhodes, Amber Vasquez, Carmen Ramirez, Stephanie Tillman, Susanna Delgado, Jenny B. Morgan and Bebe Rodriguez.

Hay Show held in Frelsburg

The Colorado County Hay Show was held Wednesday, Oct. 6, at the Frelsburg Fire Station.

There was a total of 56 entries with good quality hay shown, considering the weather conditions for this year's hay crop. Colorado County is known for its hay production with Coastal Bermuda having the largest acreage.

Jerry Henneke exhibited the Champion Perennial variety, Jiggs Bermuda which had a crude protein level of 18.8%.

The Champion Annual variety was exhibited by Elbert Brune which was oats at a protein level of 17.9%.

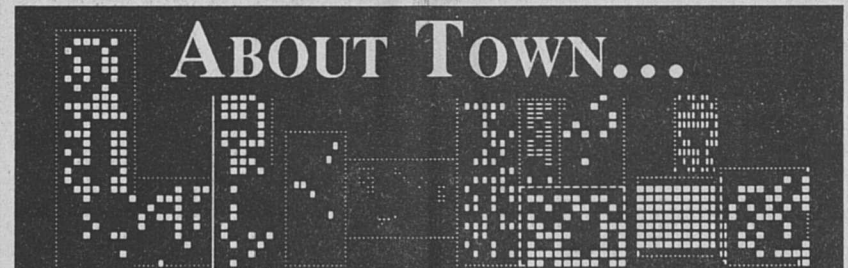
These entries will represent Colorado County at the State Hay Show, held Dec. 9-10 at the KC Hall in Hallettsville.

Other winners will be published in the annual County Result Demonstration Handbook. If you would like a copy of the results, you can call the County Extension Office.

Sponsors for this year's show were

the Colorado County Extension Livestock Committee, Soil & Water Conservation District and the following local businesses: Columbus Animal Clinic, L.T. Baron, DVM; Bernardo Farm and Ranch; Bumper Crop Agricultural Services, Inc.; Colorado County Farm Bureau; Colorado County Oil Co. Inc.; Colorado Feed; Columbus Ford-Mercury, Inc.; Columbus Livestock, Inc.; Columbus State Bank; First National Bank, Eagle Lake; First State Bank, Columbus;

Also, Eagle Lake General Store; Heffley's Mill & Grain-plaque sponsor; Hill Bank & Trust Co.; Hoelscher Oil Co.; Hollas Real Estate & Hollas/Duncan Ins.; Howell Tire Service; Lewis Veterinary Clinic, Don Lewis, DVM; Merial-Tony Shank; M-G Inc., Farm Service Center, plaque sponsor; Potter Tractor; Schneider Machine & Welding; Texana Seed Co.; Weimar Mercantile Inc.; and Weimar Vet. Clinic, Bill Rugeley DVM.



The Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), with headquarters in Columbus, was named Honor Award District in the 52nd Annual Goodyear Conservation Awards Program.

The award was presented to SWCDs that have been grand award winners in one of the preceding five years and rank among the very top competing districts. The honor award is the result of a nationwide competition sponsored by the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts.

Colorado SWCD board members include Theodore Schultz, Doris Albright, Lawrence Shimek, Henry Sun-

derman and William Kleimann.

"News around town is that Jennifer Morales has some Ricky Martin tickets. Hopefully, Jennifer will let us know how it went for next week's paper."

Eagle Lake Mayor Michael Cooper presented a certificate of appreciation to the cadets at the Colorado County Juvenile Detention Center for all the good work they have been doing around town. Keep up the good work!

The City of Eagle Lake will be honored at the Nov. 4-6 Texas Downtown Association meeting in Houston for being chosen for the Main Street Program. City Manager Ron Holland is tentatively scheduled to attend.

LCRA employees donate to Habitat

A family in Eagle Lake is \$1,000 closer to having a home thanks to the employees at the Lower Colorado River Authority (LCRA) Fayette Power Project (FPP).

The donation will go to CCHFH, an organization that builds homes for families in need. Each home cost around \$30,000 to build. The FPP employees' donation will be used for dry-wall and interior paint for the home.

"FPP employees were glad they could help this family by donating money to build the house," said Gary Hollmann, FPP United Charities representative. "CCHFH is a great organization with a worthy cause."

The donation came from the FPP unit of Employees' United Charities.

Employees voluntarily donate up to two hours of their annualized hourly rate to United Charities, then decide how the funds will be distributed. United Charities puts an average of \$250,000 into LCRA service area communities annually, supporting a variety of non-profit organizations.

The LCRA is a conservation and

reclamation district that generates electricity, manages the waters of the Texas Colorado River, operates parks, and assists communities in economic development. The LCRA operates on revenues from the sale of electricity and water and other services it provides. It cannot levy taxes and receives no tax money.



Go Texan team penning

The penning team of Tim Carnes of Garwood and Monroe "Rip" Ripper and Al Schindler of Eagle Lake was the top team in Colorado County at the Go Texan Team Penning competition held in Hallettsville Sunday, Oct. 24.

They will represent Colorado County at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

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