

Varsity

erage of 7.1 yards per carry. Diggs is listed at #7 in scoring with 70 points, 11 touchdowns and 2 extra points.

The Raider defense is #2, allowing a total of 907 yards to Rice's opponents (649 rushing, and 258 passing) for an average of 129.6 yds. per game.

For those who didn't drive to Wharton last week, here are a few examples of why the Raiders' "organized chaos" defense is so highly rated:

On Wharton's first possession, the Raiders stopped them at the 8-yard line; pushed them back to the 14; and took possession on downs.

Even when Wharton took the ball on Rice's 3-yard line following a fumble, the defense forced them to a fourth down before they slipped into the end zone.

Wharton's field goal came after another goal-line stand in the third quarter. The Tigers returned a Raider punt to Rice's 3-yard line but couldn't punch it in after several tries and an offsides penalty on Rice.

Scores 10-13: Sealy lost to Needville, 31, 24; Hitchcock lost to Houston St. Pius, 6-7; Sweeny beat Stafford, 9-0.

District 24-3A Standings

	Season		District	
	W	L	W	L
Sweeny (4)	4	2	2	0
Rice (6)	6	1	2	1
Wharton (2)	3	2	2	1
Needville (3)	2	5	2	1
Sealy (5)	3	3	1	1
Hitchcock (7)	1	5	0	2
Stafford (1)	1	5	0	3

Numbers in parentheses indicates enrollment ranking. The Collier-Sharp Football Report has picked Rice as a 1-point favorite in Friday's game against Sweeny. They picked Wharton over Sealy by 7. Stafford has an open date.

C-S moved Austin Westlake to the top of 5A Texas team after a 56-6 thumping of previously unbeaten and unscored upon Austin High.

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Port Arthur Lincoln remains on top in 4A after a 36-7 win over Little Cypress-Mauriceville. Diboll regained the #1 ranking in 3A after a 34-0 victory over Rusk.

In 2A, Mart moves back to #1 after a 60-2 thrashing of previously unbeaten Jewett Leon.

Shiner continues to lead in 1A after starting district play with a 54-6 win over Runge.

The games with the most points scored: Madisonville over Tarkington, 56-40; and Arlington Lamar over Arlington Sam Houston, 61-35.

Collier-Sharp called Sealy's loss to Needville the past week's biggest upset. Sealy was a 28-point favorite.

The free Collier-Sharp web site, covering all classes of high school football in Texas, is at www.collier-sharp.com.

Upcoming Raider Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs., Oct. 19 Raider freshmen at Sweeny*, 5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 20 Raider varsity vs. Sweeny*, Here, 7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 26 Raider freshman vs. Stafford*, Here, 5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 27 Raider varsity at Stafford*, 7:30 p.m.

*District competition

8th grade Lady Raiders win two, take 2nd in ELMS tourney

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, the 8th grade Lady Raiders traveled to Hitchcock and made the Lady Bulldogs "know their role", taming them 15-2, 15-8.

After traveling for two hours, the Lady Raiders had it set in their minds that they were not going to let this victory slip away, as they punished the Lady Bulldogs in just 30 minutes.

In the first game, Ashley Parker served two points, Arizbeth Ruvalcaba, 11 points and Stephanie Tillman closed the game out with two service points.

In the second game, the Lady Raiders had balanced serving as Vanessa Villafuerte and Ruvalcaba scored four points each, Tillman and Jameka White three each and Bea Posada one point.

The Lady Raiders hosted the Eagle Lake Volleyball Tournament Saturday, Oct. 14.

In the first match, the Lady Raiders shot down the Lady Falcons from Royal 15-9, 15-4.

Scoring for the Lady Raiders on serve for both games were Ruvalcaba, seven points; Rachelle Shorter, 7; Villafuerte, five; Parker, five; White, three and Posada, three.

In the championship match, the Lady Raiders were up against a very solid El Campo squad.

The Lady Raiders played a tight first game against the Lady Ricebirds, as the hosts battled for every point,

before falling 10-15.

In the second game, the Lady Ricebirds' service game was too tough for the Lady Raiders to handle as they won the game 8-15 to take the Eagle Lake Middle School Tournament Championship.

The Lady Raiders should be proud of their effort as they took home the second place trophy.

Monday, Oct. 16, the Lady Raiders took on the Wharton Lady Tigers.

In the first match, Wharton breezed to a 7-15 victory in game one. The Lady Raiders fought hard in the second game, but ended up being on the short end, 15-17.

Playing for the Lady Raiders were Shante Rhodes, Jenny Morgan, Tillman, Melanie Ishee, Ashley Flores, Esmeralda Lopez and Kimberly Rodriguez.

In the second match, the Lady Raiders played the Lady Tigers in the first game 15-6, on the strong serving of Parker.

In the second game, the Lady Raiders laid the "Smack Down" on the Lady Tigers 15-7 to take the match.

Playing one of their better matches of the season, with the winning effort, were Villafuerte, Parker, Ruvalcaba, Shorter, White and Posada.

The Lady Raiders conclude the volleyball season next Tuesday, as they host the Needville Lady Blue Jays.



Even though, for the first time this season, Raider running back Conrad Diggs, #12, didn't pick up 100 yards or more against the Wharton Tigers last Friday night, he still leads the rushing stats for 3A and smaller schools.

Headlight Photo

Raider Cross Country teams fare well in Cuero

The Rice Raider Cross Country teams went to Cuero Saturday for the Turkeyfest Invitational.

The boys team came away with a ninth place finish, while two of the

Lady Raiders set personal best marks.

Coach Ryan Roark stated, "I was pleased with the effort of all the runners. We're finally getting in decent shape heading into district in two

weeks. This is a good group of kids to work with. They work hard and never complain. You can't ask for more than that."

The following are their results from Cuero:

Boys	Place	Time	Distance
Bernardo Vasquez	40th	20:13.06	3 miles
Floyd Kelley	65th	21:45.88	3 miles
Andrew Varley	73rd	23:12.94	3 miles
Marques Johnson	81st	23:44.91	3 miles
Michael Sosa	83rd	24:09.63	3 miles
Girls	Place	Time	Distance
Johanna Lopez	62nd	14:39.38	2 miles
Patricia Najera	74th	15:09.02	2 miles

Several member of the cross country team were missing Saturday because of U.I.L. band competition. The Raiders will have their full team at Stafford (district) in two weeks.

Rice freshmen lose close one to Wharton

The Rice Raider freshmen football team hosted the Wharton Tiger Junior Varsity last Thursday, Oct. 12.

The Wharton coaches told their freshmen that due to a lot of failures on the Rice freshmen team, the freshmen and JV were combined.

Note: Wonder why a school with twice the enrollment of Rice would want their JV to play our freshmen team?

The Raiders gave Wharton all they wanted, but ended up on the short end of the stick, 22-20.

The Raider offense moved the ball well behind the running of Zack Kloss, Jason Godley, Ricky Cunningham,

ham, Anthony Palmer and Jasmin Smith.

Other offensive standouts were linemen Ed Thomas, Rusty Moore, Dustin Krenk and Todd Korenek.

Wide receiver Brandon Jenkins had a catch for a two-point conversion.

The Raider defense played well, making it a very physical game.

Marcus Woods had a key interception which stopped a Tiger drive.

Other defensive standouts were Smith, Thomas, Palmer, Michael Cooper, Kloss and Jess Little.

The Raider freshmen travel to Sweeny Thursday, Oct. 19.

Did You Know...

•With proper care, a grapevine can produce fruit for a century.

•Fuel injection, which improves the performance of automobiles, was introduced by the British in 1966.

•The kaleidoscope was invented by Sir David Brewster in 1816.

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Powder Puff game is Nov. 2

To go with the spirit of Rice High School, Rice Project Graduation will again host the Powder Puff Flag Football game Thursday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.

As you know, with Powder Puff, the young ladies and gentlemen exchange roles for football... the ladies doing the playing and the gentlemen becoming the cheerleaders.

A donation of \$3 will be accepted at the gate, no school passes.

The money raised from this event will go toward Rice Project Graduation 2001.

Each year there is a larger turnout for this event. So come out and support the youth of our community. By doing so, you show our youth that we believe in them.

If you are unable to attend, please consider sending a donation to: Rice Project Graduation, P.O. Box 246, Altair, Texas, 77412.

Again, as always, thanks for your support.

Happy 1st Birthday Larissa Nickelle

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