

Jr. Rookies remain undefeated, now 3-0

The Jr. Rookies posted another victory Sunday afternoon at 3 p.m. when they hosted Columbus at their home field in Garwood.

Jason Laake got the start on the mound and turned in another outstanding pitching performance for the Rookie team. He displayed great control of his curve ball, stayed ahead in the count, and kept the ball on the corners all day. After his complete game, the pitching staff still hold a phenomenal 0.0 ERA. In his six innings pitched, he allowed only two hits, three bases on balls, and recorded an amazing 11 strikeouts.

Laake was also the beneficiary of some fine defensive play by the Rookie squad. Again, Trey Staff and Trent "Bagwell" Popp kept the infield on their toes between pitches, the youngsters gifted Laake with a double

play, and Bagwell Popp made the defensive play of the season at second base.

In the first inning, with a runner at second, Popp dove to his left to knock down a ground ball which would have gone into the gap scoring the runner at second base, popped to his knees, and threw the runner out at first base. This play later proved to enable Laake a shutout.

The Columbus squad never produced another scoring threat in the six-inning contest.

The Rookies once again produced offensively scoring 10 runs as the result of seven hits. They were also the lucky recipients of 11 bases on balls and one hit by a pitch.

They scored only once in the first inning. Ross Lobpries started the game with a walk, moved into scoring

position on a fielder's choice, and then scored on a base hit by Drew Quinney. The Columbus lefthander looked strong early on by then striking out the following two Rookie hitters. The lefty continued to look intimidating in the second inning. He recorded two additional strikeouts and a ground ball out to the shortstop, after Clayton Bowen had led off the inning with a double down the first base line.

In the third inning, the Rookies managed to scratch out two runs, bringing the score after three to 3-0. After one out, Quinney belted a triple in the right-corner center field gap. Laake followed with a double in the left-center field gap, scoring Quinney. Laake later scored as the result of two wild pitches.

The boys finished strong in the fourth and fifth innings.

In the fourth inning, with one out, Adam Shimek, Lobpries and Popp walked. Shimek then scored on a sacrifice fly from Quinney and Laake sent Lobpries and Popp to play dirt with a triple to left-center field.

The squad added four additional runs in the fifth. Billy Hearn led off the inning with a base hit. With one out, Lobpries cleared the bases with an inside the park homerun. The other two runs were the result of five consecutive walks allowed by Columbus pitching.

The young Rookies improved their record to 3-0. They have been invited to play a select tournament team from La Grange in Weimar on Thursday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.

After the win on Sunday, the young Rookies enjoyed a fun game against their parents, and were treated

to a hamburger supper rewarding them for their outstanding season play. Much fun was had by all.

The team would like to extend thanks to Mr. Greg Lobpries and Mr. Brain Popp for their many hours of work on the field. Without their hard work and determination, rains would

have prevented the games on Sunday afternoon.

The team would also like to thank Mr. Jason Pausewang for unselfishly donating his time umpiring throughout the season. It definitely adds to the game having a certified umpire behind the plate.

8th grade Raiders shoot down Bluejays, cage Tigers

On Oct. 5, the Raiders hosted the Bluejays at Raider Stadium for a little revenge from last year. Due to key plays from many different athletes, the Raiders came out victorious with the score of 30-14.

Leading the offensive attack was fullback, Charles Huffman, running behind an outstanding line consisting of Donovan King, Jonathan Thomas, Aaron Labay, Daniel Posada, Tyler Kloss, Emerson Dawson, and Manuel Molina.

Huffman had 219 yards on 15 carries and three touchdowns, including a 70-yard fake punt for a touchdown.

The line fights hard each and every play to help Huffman make several long runs.

Quarterback Stuart Ray kept the ball six times for 32 yards. Ray's team leadership has proven stellar once

again, leading the team to a victory.

Running back Joe Lee Perez also contributed a touchdown on seven carries for 34 yards.

The defense was led this week by Ray with seven tackles; Perez with four tackles and an interception; King, one tackle, one fumble recovery and one interception; Huffman, one fumble recovery and one tackle; and Freeman Tyler with one tackle, one fumble recovery and one sack.

The team executed many outstanding plays to make this win possible.

Raiders cage Tigers
The 8th grade Raiders traveled to Wharton to face the Tigers on Thursday, Oct. 12.

The entire team left everything that they had to come out on top over the Tigers with a score of 28-24, putting the Raiders at 4-2 for the season.

The Raiders fell behind early because of two key missed 2-point conversions. However, this did not stop drive and determination by the Raiders.

There was no clear-cut player of the game this week. Honors for players of the game would have to go to the entire defense. Wharton was held first and 10 from the Raiders' 35 yard line to turning the ball over on downs with only 15 seconds to go.

Ray led the defense with 12 tackles and two sacks; Huffman with 10 tackles; Perez with eight tackles and one sack; and Tyler with four tackles.

Plugging up Wharton's holes on defense were also King, Kloss, Posada, Jeremy Hemphill and Dawson. Huffman also added a 75-yard punt return for a touchdown.

The offense was led by Huffman with 11 carries for 91 yards and two touchdowns; Ray with six carries for 72 yards and one touchdown; Perez

with six carries for 18 yards; and Hemphill with one carry for no yards.

"This was the most exciting game that I have been a part of," says Coach Burrow. "Wharton ran some plays and stunts at us that we did not prepare for, but these young men adjusted well to them. Everyone deserves recognition for this victory."

Raiders shipwreck Pirates

Last Thursday, the Pirates of Sea-drift came to town to face the Raiders. The Raiders, playing with a combined team of 7th and 8th graders in this game, demolished the Pirates with a score of 38-6.

Several different Raiders scored in this game. Derrick Frazier, Joe Lee Perez, Charles Huffman, Jake Staff,

and Roger Tillman all scored touchdowns.

Emerson Dawson, Perez, and Tillman all added two point conversions. Jonathan Thomas got a sack in the endzone for a safety.

Standouts for the Raiders on the line were Manuel Molina, Donovan King, Aaron Labay, Daniel Posada, Tyler Kloss, Trent Fields, Keith Drlik, Alvaro Rodriguez, Corey Spencer, Brian Avila, Hunter Smith, Jesse Flores and Jacob Spangenburg.

Playing sound defense for the Raiders were Jimmy Navarro, Bubba Woolard, Miguel Arellano, Robert Scott, Cody Bittner, Clifton Kazmir, Luke Shimek, Michael Morales, Jeremy Hill and Trey Perales.

The 8th grade Raiders have bettered their record to an outstanding 5-2, to help keep the winning season that the Rice Raiders are compiling this year.

It is good to see the Raiders winning at all levels this year!

St. Anthony Carnival is Saturday

It's time again for St. Anthony-Catholic School PTC Halloween Carnival. This annual event will be held Saturday, Oct. 28, at 5 p.m. at the school grounds.

The fun night starts with a Costume Contest at 5 p.m. with the opportunity to have a keepsake photo taken in a Halloween scene.

Other attractions include Goblin's Express, Train Ride and Pony Rides for the younger kids, Cookie Monster, Fish Pond, Spin the Witch, Sports Alley, Casper's Castle and much more.

Goblin Burgers will be served and everyone will have a chance to win a cake during the Cake Walk or prizes during Bingo.

The live auction kicks off at 7 p.m. and a silent auction will be held from (See Carnival, Page 14)

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