

# Raiders

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penalties, were forced to kick off from their own 10 yard line to the Raiders.

Rice moved down to the 23-yard line with three minutes left in the game. That's when Milentz, back to pass on third and seven, was hit by a Newton lineman as he threw toward the endzone. The pass came up short and was picked off by Hadnot, the Eagle's soaring star of the night.

Newton picked up two key first downs after that to run out the clock with a final score of 14-9.

Coach Russell Roark noted, "We got outplayed badly in the first half. We, for some reason, were not ready to play when we got here. By the time we figured out we were in a ballgame, it was 14-0. Yet, I'm very proud of our effort in the second half. We had our chances to win late in the game, but we just didn't protect up front and execute offensively. We're very proud of our young men and everything they accomplished this year. I only hoped it would've lasted longer. But, to get to that level at the state playoffs, you must play four solid quarters and we didn't do that."

"We'll take a few days off, then get to work in the off season. We know we need to grow physically and mentally to top this year's season going into next fall," Roark added.

"We have the nucleus of a great football team coming back if we'll go to work and not rest on our laurels," Roark said.

Gatorade Player of the Week honors were given to Jerry Cleveland.

The Rice coaching staff and their families would like to thank all the Raider fans for being on the Square Friday for the send-off and their support of the team throughout the season.

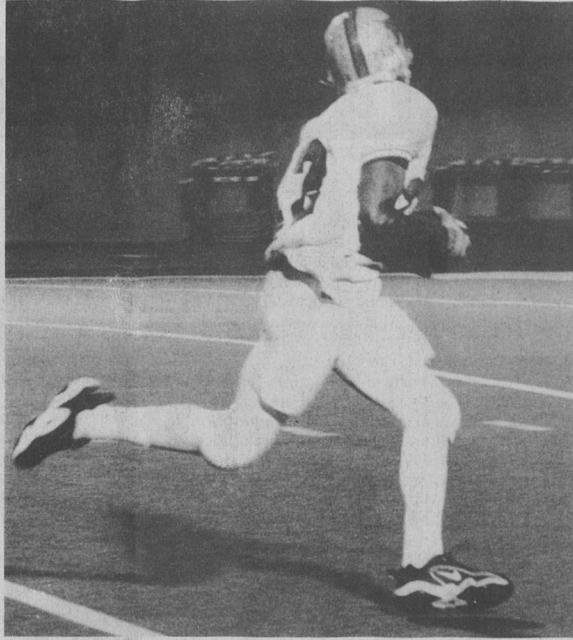
### Editor's Football Notes:

In last week's games, Bellville lost to Bandera, 43-0; Sweeny beat Barbers Hill, 7-31; and La Grange squeaked by LaVernia, 27-28.

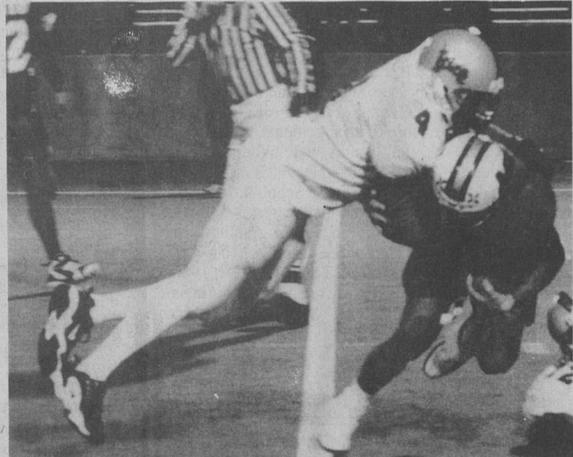
The Collier-Sharp Football Report has chosen Cameron by two over Sweeny; La Grange by six over Yoakum; and Marlin by 15 over Newton.

Rankings, according to Collier-Sharp, after the 11-24 games, puts Rice in 28th position. The rank Marlin #1 in 3-A, followed by Daingerfield, Gatesville, Abilene Wylie, Cameron, La Grange, Lindale, Tatum, Sweeny and Forney in the #10 spot.

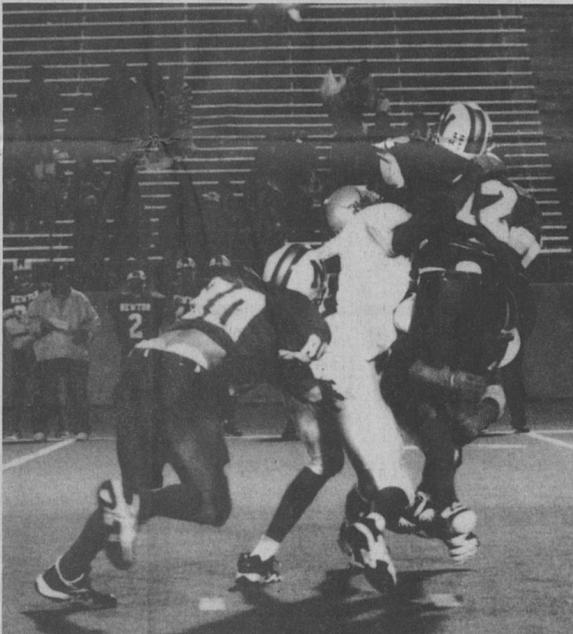
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Raider wingback Gerald Williams scored Rice's only touchdown of the night on a 40-yard pass from quarterback Patrick Milentz with 4:36 left in the third quarter.



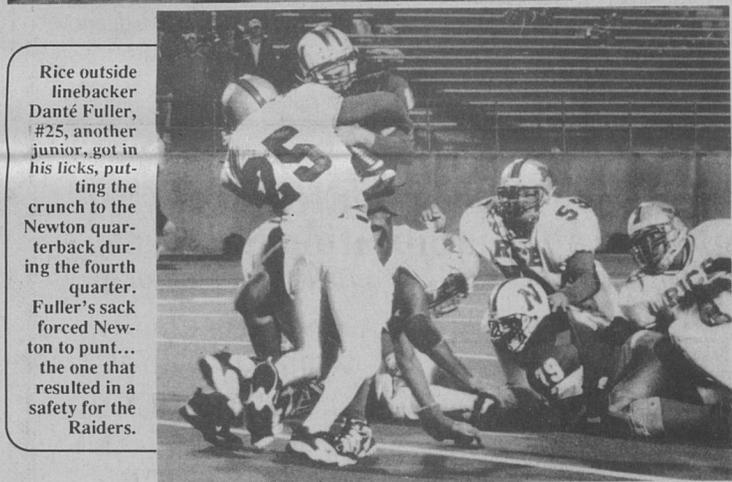
Rice junior linebacker Jermal Wright, #4, dropped this Newton running back for a loss of eight yards, resulting in a third down and 21 yards to go for the Eagles during the closing minutes of the third quarter last Friday in Huntsville.



On the play following Wright's stop in the photo above this one, Raider junior defensive ends Quentin Whitfield, #87, and Trent Korenek (on the other side of the Newton players) got to the Newton quarterback, forcing an incomplete pass and fourth down.



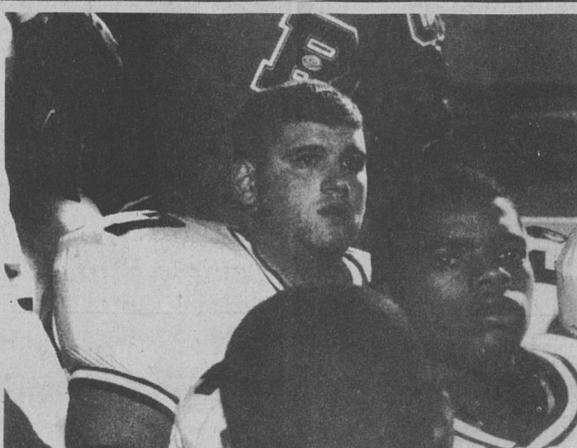
Raider free safety Gerald Williams, #22 at left, and cornerback Adrian Middleton, #8, stopped the Newton running back for a short gain with about five minutes left in the first half Friday night. The stop, along with an incomplete pass, led to a Williams' interception and return to the Newton 34-yard line.



Rice outside linebacker Dante Fuller, #25, another junior, got in his licks, putting the crunch to the Newton quarterback during the fourth quarter. Fuller's sack forced Newton to punt... the one that resulted in a safety for the Raiders.



Rice junior tailback Jerry Cleveland, #24, picked up 34 yards on this run early in the second quarter. Unfortunately, Rice was called for holding, negating his effort. He was chosen Gatorade Player of the Week for his 100-yard performance.



Rice senior offensive guard/defensive tackle John Michael Rucka, struggles to control his emotions after the loss to Newton last Friday... his last football game as a Raider.

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