

Raidin' Raider tournament to be held Dec. 7-9

The Rice Raider basketball tournament will be held Thursday through Saturday, Dec. 7-9, at the Rice Raider gym.

The schedule, as of press time is:

Thursday, Dec. 7
 8:30 a.m., freshmen #1
 9:30 a.m., varsity #1
 11 a.m., JV #1
 12:15 freshmen #2
 1:15 p.m., varsity #2
 2:45 p.m., JV #2
 4 p.m., freshmen #3
 5 p.m., JV #3
 6:15 p.m., varsity #3

Friday, Dec. 8
 8:30 a.m., freshmen #4
 9:30 a.m., varsity #4
 11 a.m., JV #4
 12:15 freshmen #5
 1:15 p.m., varsity #5
 2:45 p.m., JV #5
 4 p.m., freshmen #6
 5 p.m., JV #6
 6:15 p.m., varsity #6

Saturday, Dec. 9
 9 a.m., freshmen consolation
 10 a.m., freshmen 3rd place
 11 a.m., freshmen championship
 12 noon JV consolation
 1:15 p.m., JV 3rd place
 2:30 p.m., JV championship
 4 p.m., varsity consolation
 5:30 p.m., varsity 3rd place
 7 p.m., varsity championship

Home team is listed first and wears light.

Freshmen will play six minute quarters; JV, seven minute quarters; and varsity will play eight minute quarters.

Ties will be broken in Pool play by: 1. Head to Head; 2. Total Net Points in both games; 3. Back to Head

to Head.
 A hospitality room will be provided for coaches, officials and workers.

The schedule, as of press time is:

Pool Varsity Team
Varsity
Pool A
 1. Cinco Ranch
 2. Luling
 3. Van Vleck
 Game #1 1 vs 2
 Game #3 2 vs 3
 Game #5 1 vs 3
Pool B
 4. Rice
 5. Industrial
 6. Cuero
 Game #2 4 vs 5
 Game #4 5 vs 6
 Game #6 4 vs 6

Junior Varsity
Pool A
 1. Cinco Ranch
 2. Luling
 3. Van Vleck
 Game #2 1 vs 2
 Game #3 2 vs 3
 Game #5 1 vs 3
Pool B
 4. Rice
 5. Industrial
 6. Cuero
 Game #1 4 vs 5
 Game #4 5 vs 6
 Game #6 4 vs 6

Freshmen
Pool A
 1. Cinco Ranch
 2. Luling
 3. Van Vleck
 Game #1 1 vs 2
 Game #3 2 vs 3
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Pool B
 4. Rice
 5. Hallettsville
 6. Cuero
 Game #2 4 vs 5
 Game #4 5 vs 6
 Game #6 4 vs 6

Lady Bulldogs put bite on 8th grade Ladies

On Nov. 30, the 8th grade Lady Raiders traveled to Hitchcock. In a tense battle of physical play, the Lady Raiders held a 17-16 halftime lead. In the second half, it seemed as though there was a lid on the basket for the Lady Raiders, as they scored just two points in the third quarter and were held scoreless in the fourth quarter, in the 30-19 defeat.

Savannah Spears led the Lady Raiders with 10 points; Arizbeth Ruvalcaba, six; Rachelle Shorter, two and Ashley Parker, one. Vanessa Villafuerte, Shante Rhodes, Bea Posada and Melanie Ishee were credited for their hustle on the defensive end. "The Lady Raiders were roughed up by the Lady Dawgs' physical play. To compete and win in this type of game, these ladies need to play with more intense aggression against their opponents, and not be intimidated by this style of play. We will work on this in practice and be ready for our next game," stated Coach Ehrlich. The Lady Raiders were scheduled

Lady Raiders roll past Columbus

The Rice Lady Raiders basketball team traveled to Columbus to take on the Lady Cardinals Tuesday night, Nov. 28, in a game that featured a head-to-head match-up between two of the area's top players, Columbus's Melissa Munsch and Rice's Erica Dunmore. Those in attendance got their money's worth. Columbus and Rice battled back and forth nearly the entire game, but late in the second half, the pressing attack of Rice began to wear down the much bigger Columbus line-up. "We knew if we could get them in an up-tempo style of game, we could offset their height. We couldn't allow them to set up in a half-court offense or they would've had a big advantage on

Upcoming Raider Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Thurs.-Sat. Dec. 7-9	Raidin' Raider Basketball Classic, Rice High School and Eagle Lake Middle School gym
Monday, Dec. 11	Lady Raider basketball at tournaments
Monday, Dec. 11	Raider basketball vs. Flatonia, Here, 4 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 11	Lady Raider basketball at Boling, 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15	Raider basketball vs. Hitchcock*, Here, 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15	Lady Raider basketball at Hitchcock*, 5 p.m.

*District competition

the boards," Coach Permenter said. As far as the individual match-up goes, Columbus's Munsch finished with 23 points and Rice's Dunmore had a season high 28 points. "I've told my girls all along that we can't rely on one person to win games for us. We knew that Munsch and Dunmore would get their points but the real question was which team would get production from everybody else, and tonight, our entire team stepped up and fought for the win." Permenter also noted that all of his post players did a great job of blocking out and fighting for rebounds over the much taller Columbus players.

Rice freshmen 2-1 in hoop action

The Rice Raider freshmen basketball team opened their season up against the Edna Cowboys Thursday, Nov. 30, losing by the score of 44-18 after only one day of practice. Leading scorers were Jasmine Smith with six points; and Garrett Flores, Rusty Moore and Darrell Sanford had four each. Leading rebounders were Flores, Zack Kloss and R. Moore.

The win brings Rice's record to 4-2 on the season.

"Last year, the girls were learning a new system and a new style of coaching. They really didn't know how to win. Now they're beginning to realize what it's all about. I hope everyone in the Rice community will come out and support us this season. It really makes a difference when you have a bunch of fans yelling for you in the stands." The Lady Raiders travel to Yoakum this weekend for the Lady Bulldog Classic and begin district play next Tuesday at Sealy. Come out and support your Lady Raiders!

Varsity team is 'even steven' for new season

On Thursday, Nov. 30, the Rice Raider Varsity boys' basketball team was defeated by Edna in the East Bernard Tourney by the score of 60-53.

Their coach, Brad Dumont, said, "This was our first game of the year with only one day of practice. We didn't do too bad. Edna was 5-1 and has three starters back from 2000 play-off team. Our shooting was poor, as expected, but hustle was great!" Leading scorers were Norris Powell with 14 points; Ben Ortiz, 12; Marques Johnson, 11; Adrian Middleton, eight; Conrad Diggs, four; and Mike Spears and Jessie Upson each had two points. Leading rebounders were Powell and Johnson with nine each and Quentin Whitfield with six.

four assists, two steals, one block; and Johnson, three assists, three steals and one block. The Raiders are now 1-1 on the season and will play in the Rice Tournament along with the Raider freshmen and JV teams Dec. 7-9.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks were Upson, six steals, three assists and one block; Middleton, four steals, one assist and one block; and Powell, four steals and one assist. In the consolation finals of the East Bernard tourney, Rice took on the Palacios Sharks, winning by the score of 67-60. Dumont stated, "We finally woke up and started playing Raider basketball. After trailing by as many as 28 points in the second quarter and 24 points at halftime, Rice outscored the Sharks 46 to 15 in the second half. We played great defense in the second half. Our post play has been tremendous with Powell in both games. Leading scorers were Middleton, 21 points; Johnson, 14; Powell, 12; Ortiz, 10; Whitfield, eight; and Diggs two. Leading rebounders were Powell with 10 and Johnson and Whitfield with nine each. Leader in steals, assists and blocks were Middleton, five assists, six steals; Whitfield, three blocks; Ortiz,



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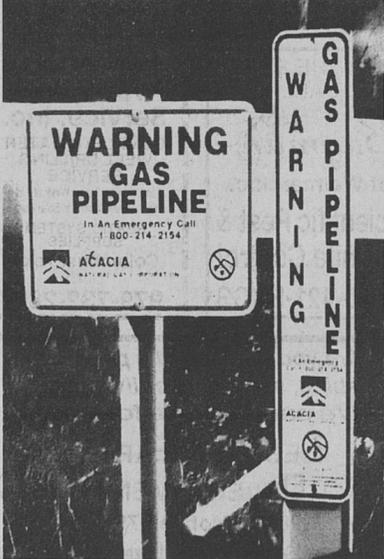
and
RHS Varsity Cheerleaders

Also, thanks to everyone for coming out Saturday and kicking off the Christmas season with us.



Matulas' yard selected Fall 'Yard of Month'
 The Civic Garden Club of Eagle Lake announced a Fall "Yard of the Month"... the beautiful yard of Len and Pat Matula at 125 W. Main. Pat and Len landscaped the yard themselves and maintain it themselves. The yard presently features fall chrysanthemums, marigolds and a blooming rose bush that was brought from Germany around 1830 by Len's mother's grandparents. Len and Pat moved it to their house last year from his mother's home.

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The Dec. Yard of the Month will be a Christmas lighting contest. The club will be selecting a winner and two runners-up, so "Deck the Halls" and your yard. The Dec. yard will be selected the second week of Dec. Congratulations to the Matulas! Photo Courtesy of Linda Balas

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across the state, many of which are now popular visitor destinations. The program has stimulated more than \$722 million in private sector downtown reinvestment, helped retain, expand or recruit more than 4,400 businesses and has created more than 16,500 new jobs.

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