

Lady Raiders upset Lady Tigers, 41-33

Tuesday night, Dec. 5, the Lady Raider basketball team traveled to Sealy to take on the Lady Tigers in their District 24-3A opener.

It was supposed to be just another small bump in the road for Sealy, enroute to another playoff birth.

Somebody forgot to tell the Lady Raiders.

Rice beat Sealy 41-33 in a game that most would call a defensive struggle.

"Sealy likes to slow you down and see if you are disciplined enough to play solid defense. We wanted to push the tempo and try to run them out of their offense but they did a nice job of keeping the pace down. We had to find another way to win," Coach Permenter said.

The Lady Raiders did just that. They played solid half-court defense and made some timely shots to pull out

the victory. "Once again, the entire team played as hard as they could to win. The posts rebounded well and the guards hit the big shots when we needed them. It's a big win!" Permenter added.

The Lady Raiders basketball team traveled over four hours to the northeast this past weekend to play in the First Annual A.J. Lawrence Memorial Tournament in Joaquin.

The tournament featured teams from Northeast Louisiana and East Texas... but the champion would come from Rice!

In the first round, the Lady Raiders played perennial East Texas power Shelbyville.

Despite being much smaller than the Lady Dragons, Rice dominated the second half enroute to a convincing 54-33 win.

The next night, Rice played Center and once again totally shut down the Lady Roughriders in the second half. Final score: Rice, 53, Center, 37.

Saturday, the Lady Raiders had to play the hometown, Joaquin Lady Rams, for the championship.

The extremely loud hometown fans seemed to keep Joaquin in the game but, like the previous two games, Rice wore them down late in the second half.

When the buzzer went off, the

scoreboard read Rice 61-Joaquin 48. "We came here expecting to win and we did. This is a big confidence booster for us. The girls played their hearts out and I'm extremely proud to be their coach. I hope everyone in the Rice community comes out and supports us the rest of the season."

Janna Janish, Keishae Sewell, Meiosha Barrow and Cookie Johnson were named All-Tourney while Erica Dunmore and Crystal Alcalzar were named Co-MVP.

Upcoming Raider Action!



Date	Team, Place & Time
Friday, Dec. 15	Raider basketball vs. Hitchcock*, Here, 5 p.m.
.....	Lady Raider basketball at Hitchcock*, 5 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 19	Raider JV & V vs. Weimar, Here, 10 a.m.
.....	Lady Raiders at Cinco Ranch, Katy, 10 a.m.
Wed., Dec. 20	Raider basketball vs. St. Joseph, Here, 1 p.m.

*District competition

8th grade Ladies clawed by Wharton Lady Tigers, compete in Columbus tourney

On Dec. 5, the 8th grade Lady Raiders played the Wharton Tigers and were clawed, 34-24.

The Lady Raiders slept through the first three quarters, according to their coach, as the Lady Tigers held a 28-13 lead.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Raiders came to life, outscoring their opponents 11-6, but the Lady Tigers lead was too much to overcome.

Scoring for the Lady Raiders were Arizbeth Ruvalcaba with 10 points; Savannah Spears, eight; Vanessa Villafuerte, three; Ashley Parker, two; and Rachelle Shorter, one.

On Dec. 7, the Lady Raiders battled the Columbus Lady Cardinals.

After a sluggish first half that saw the Cardinals holding a 21-9 lead, the Lady Raiders fought hard in the second half, outscoring the Cards 13-11, but could not catch them in the end as Columbus won 34-24.

Leading scorers were Villafuerte, 10 points; Shorter and Parker four each; and Spears and Ruvalcaba, two each.

On Dec. 9, the Lady Raiders played in the Consolation Game against Bellville.

The Lady Raiders were dominated by the Lady Brahmas in the first half, but Bellville only held a 12-8 lead.

Turnovers and rebounding hurt the Lady Raiders in the third quarter as Bellville held a 20-12 lead at the end of three.

The Lady Raiders then got it together and put on a furious comeback in the fourth quarter, but there just wasn't enough time left to catch the Lady Brahmas, as they escaped with the Consolation trophy, 24-22.

Scoring for the Lady Raiders were Villafuerte with 13 points; Parker, four; Ruvalcaba, three; and Shante Rhodes, two points.

Shorter, Melanie Ishee and Bea Posada contributed with a good defensive effort.

"Overall, the Lady Raiders played

well in the tournament, despite coming out on the short end of both games. They have shown improvement each time they have stepped out on the court. The Ladies just need to figure out they cannot sleepwalk through the first half, and then wake up in the second half, because they don't ever

have enough time to get the lead." "If we would have played all four quarters, these last three losses could have easily been three wins. Hopefully, this is a turning point, and we will begin playing four quarters of basketball, to help us get back on the winning track," stated Coach Ehrlich.

JV Raiders 5-1 in hoop action

Thursday, Nov. 30, the Rice JV took on the Edna Cowboys and were roped 30-41.

Coach Sharp said the team played pretty well for only having 1-1/2 practices.

Leading scorers were Michael Cooper with 14 points; Acey Banks, nine; Michael Sosa, four; and Ricky Cunningham, three.

Leading rebounders were Jason Godley with eight; Jesus Rios, seven; and Tyreance Dabney, six.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks: Cunningham with five steals; and Banks with three assists.

Saturday, during the East Bernard Tournament, the Rice JV grinded the East Bernard Brahmas, 65-30, and came home with the consolation trophy.

Leading scorers were Cooper, 21; Gerald Williams, 14; Jesus Ortiz, 10; Banks and Dabney, seven each; Cunningham, four; and Godley, two.

Leading in rebounds was Williams, 11; Godley, 10; and Cooper

with seven.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks: Michael Sosa, four steals, four assists; and Banks, three blocks.

Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Raiders took on Brazos, winning 46-30.

Coach Sharp said, "We broke a close game open with a tenacious trapping defense in the second quarter."

Leading scorers were Cooper, 17; M. Sosa, 10; Banks, five; Cunningham and Godley four each; Williams, three; Rios, two; and Dabney added one point.

Leading rebounders were Dabney and Godley six each; and Rios, five.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks: Banks, seven; Cooper, five; and Williams, three.

Friday, Dec. 8, the Raiders deep fried the Cuero Gobblers, 60-39.

Coach Sharp said a real team effort led to the victory.

Leading scorers were Cooper, 23; Williams, nine; Cunningham and Banks, eight each; M. Sosa, five; Ortiz, five; and Godley, two.

Leading rebounders were Godley and Williams, eight each; and Ortiz and Dabney, seven each.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks: Banks and Williams, four steals each; Cooper, six assists; and Williams, three blocks.

Saturday, Dec. 9, the Raiders sent Cinco Ranch out to pasture by the score of 75-40.

Coach Sharp said, "Balanced scoring was the key to a big victory."

Leading scorers were Sosa, 15; Banks, 14; Cooper, 10; Cunningham, nine; Godley, eight; Williams, seven; Dabney, six; and Ortiz, six.

Leading rebounders were Williams and Ortiz, seven each; and Sosa and Godley, six each.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks: Banks, eight steals; Cooper, six assists; and Williams, three blocks.

The JV was scheduled to play Flatornia Monday, Dec. 11, at Rice.

Varsity Raiders are 3-3

Tuesday, Dec. 5, the Rice Varsity took on Brazos and won by the score of 57-45.

Leading scorers were Marques Johnson with 26 points; Quentin Whitfield, eight; Norris Powell, six; Mike Spears, five; Jessie Upson and Chaston Thomas, four each; Adrian Middleton, three; and Ben Ortiz, one.

Leading rebounders were Powell with 11; Whitfield, nine; and Johnson, eight.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks was Upson with three assists and two steals.

Thursday, Dec. 7, the Raiders beat Industrial, 84-26.

Leading scorers were Johnson, 22; Powell, 14; Spears, 10; Ortiz and Upson, nine each; Thomas, seven; Whitfield, six; Cliff Keith, four; and Middleton, three.

Leading in rebounds was Powell, 12; and Johnson and Whitfield with 11 each.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks was Upson with five steals; Ortiz, three steals and two assists; and Spears, four steals.

Friday, Dec. 8, the Raiders lost a close one to Cuero, 63-61.

Leading scorers were Johnson, 25; Powell and Ortiz, eight each; Middleton, seven; Whitfield, five; and Thomas and Spears, four each.

Leading rebounders were Whitfield, nine; and Powell, eight.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks were Ortiz, four steals and two assists; and Upson with five steals, two assists.

Saturday, Dec. 9, the Raiders were defeated by Luling, 55-72.

Leading scorers were Johnson, 20; Middleton, 16; Powell, six; Spears, five; Ortiz and Upson, three each; and Whitfield, two.

Leading rebounders were Johnson, 10; Whitfield, nine; and Middleton, eight.

Leader in steals, assists and blocks was Upson, six steals and two assists.

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tion, and Dr. Brent Bean of Amarillo. Board Chairman Weldon Melton will present the annual report regarding expenditure of the soybean check-off and recognize W.B. Tilton, Wesley Schumacher and Louis Pyle for many years of service.

President Carl Weet will update attendees on activities and goals of the American and Texas Associations.

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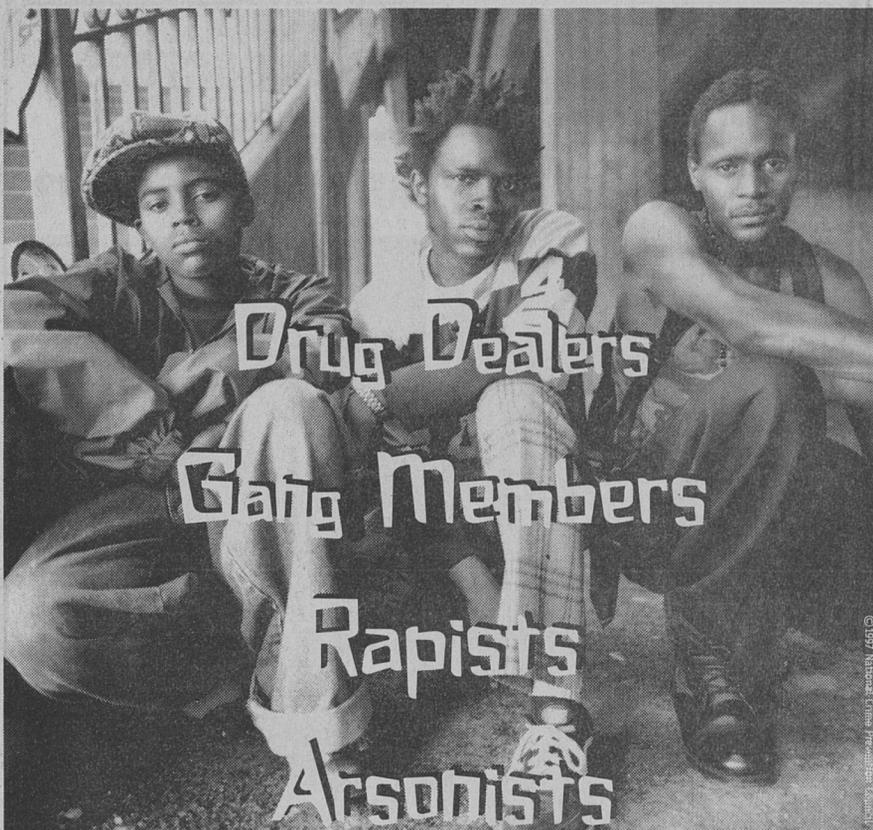
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The Ebola virus is back in the news. Last month the death toll from the infection caused by this virus (classified as viral hemorrhagic fever or VHF) increased to 60 persons in Uganda. World health authorities indicate that the Ugandan outbreak is expected to continue for months. Although no imported cases of VHF have been confirmed in the US, up to 10 cases are suspected each year in this country. The virus is transmitted to humans via exposure to blood, body secretions, waste or tissues. The symptoms of VHF include sudden onset of fever, headache, sore throat, and muscle pain followed by vomiting and diarrhea. Death usually occurs as the result of massive internal and external bleeding from body orifices.

There is no known cure for Ebola virus infection. There is no vaccine for the virus and antiviral medicines such as interferon (Roferon A) and ribavirin (Virazole) have shown no effect. Treatment of VHF usually consists of supportive measures such as maintaining body fluid levels which can increase the chance of survival. Dextrose 5% in water (D5W) or whole blood are used to prevent shock and to maintain blood pressure.



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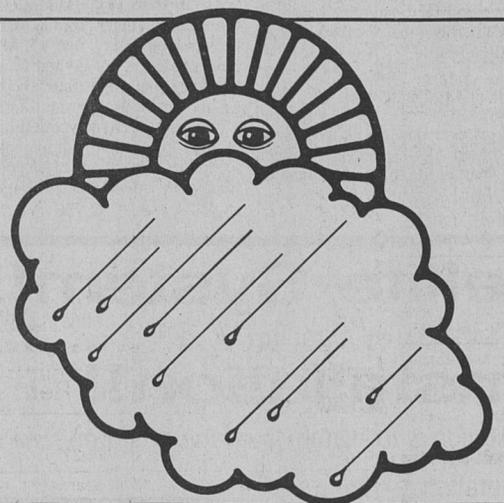
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