

RICE RAIDERS 2001 SEASON FINAL COMPOSITE STATS

Season Record: 11-2

	First	Rushing	Passing	Total
	Downs	Yards	Yards	Yards
Rice	210	3371	853	4224
Opponents	88	899	819	1718

	Passing	Carries/Yds.	Yards
	A/C/I	%	Yds./Carry
Rice	96/40/13	42%	518/3371 6.5
Opponents	154/50/13	32%	373/899 2.4

	Yds/Game	Points/Game	Penalties/Yards
	Avg.	Avg.	Yards
Rice	352.0	36.1	95/640
Opponents	143.1	10.5	69/475

	Total	Total	Yds. per	Yds. per	
	Carries	Yds.	Carry	Game	TDs
RUSHING	206	1,491	7.2	124.3	18
C. Diggs	77	676	8.8	75.1	10
G. Williams	56	296	5.3	24.7	3
J. Cleveland	51	310	6.1	25.8	3
M. Spears	15	103	6.9	8.6	2
B. Glover	14	107	7.6	8.7	1
T. Dabney	15	88	5.9	11.0	1
A. Palmer	6	78	13.0	6.5	1
J. Upson	12	55	4.6	7.9	0
C. Huffman	3	23	7.7	1.9	1
D. Fuller	5	15	3.0	1.2	1
N. Sharp	1	20	20.0	1.7	0
A. Middleton	7	56	8.0	7.0	2
E. Glover	2	28	14.0	2.3	0
M. Cooper	40	0	0	0	6
P. Milentz	5	26	5.2	2.3	0
D. Sanford	2	5	2.5	0.4	0
R. Cunningham	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
B. Ortiz	2	0	0.0	0.0	0
J. Barrow	1	26	26.0	2.4	1
G. Cranek	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
J. Williams	1	0	0.0	0.0	0
Total	522	3,403	6.5	283.6	49

	Attempts/	Total	Yds./	TDs	Int.
	Comp.	%	Yds.	Att.	
PASSING	87/35	40	720	8.3	8
P. Milentz	9/4	44	104	11.6	0
N. Sharp	1/1	100	29	29.0	1
J. Barrow	97/40	41	853	8.9	3

	Catches	Total	Yards/	Yards/	TDs
		Yards	Catch	Game	
RECEIVING	8	150	18.8	12.5	0
J. Barrow	7	196	28.0	16.3	3
A. Middleton	5	54	10.8	4.5	0
B. Ortiz	4	165	41.3	13.8	3
J. Upson	3	122	40.7	10.2	2
M. Cooper	4	60	15.0	5.0	1
R. Cunningham					

	Catches	Total	Yards/	Yards/	TDs
		Yards	Catch	Game	
RECEIVING	3	13	4.3	1.1	0
CONT.	1	24	24.0	2.0	0
G. Williams	2	33	16.5	2.8	0
C. Diggs	1	6	6.0	0.5	0
M. Spears	2	30	15.0	2.5	0
Q. Whitfield	40	853	21.3	71.1	9
N. Sharp					
Total					

	Rush.	Return	Rec.	PAT	PAT	
	TDs	TDs	TDs	Safety	Kick	Run
SCORING	18	0	0	0	6	120
C. Diggs	6	0	0	0	21	0
P. Milentz	10	0	0	0	1	62
G. Williams	1	2	3	0	0	0
J. Upson	3	0	0	0	0	18
M. Spears	0	3	0	0	0	18
A. Middleton	3	0	0	0	0	22
J. Cleveland	0	0	2	0	0	12
M. Cooper	2	0	0	0	0	12
B. Glover	1	0	0	0	0	8
A. Palmer	0	1	0	0	0	8
J. Godley	1	0	0	0	0	6
T. Dabney	0	0	0	0	0	9
B. Ortiz	0	0	0	9	0	9
Cunningham	0	0	1	0	0	6
G. Cranek	1	0	0	0	0	6
D. Fuller	0	1	0	0	0	6
N. Sharp	1	0	0	0	1	8
E. Glover	2	0	0	0	0	12
Team (forfeit 2)				1		4
Total	49	4	9	2	30	13

	Punts	Yards	Avg.	Blocked	Longest
PUNTING	25	946	37.8	2	52
P. Milentz	1	30	30.0	0	30

	No. of	Total			
	Returns	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Longest
PUNT RETURNS	13	191	14.7	0	66
M. Spears	5	133	26.6	0	65
G. Williams					

	No. of	Total			
	Returns	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Longest
KICKOFF RETURNS	4	102	25.5	0	41
G. Williams	7	141	20.1	0	24
M. Spears	1	23	23.0	0	23
A. Palmer	4	61	15.2	0	24
E. Glover					

	No. of	Total			
	Intercept.	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Longest
INTERCEPTIONS/RETURNS	4	84	21.0	1	40
J. Upson	2	41	20.5	0	21
J. Barrow	2	18	9.0	0	12
M. Cooper	1	44	44.0	0	44
G. Williams	1	0	0	0	0
J. Upson	2	17	8.5	0	17
A. Middleton	1	0	0	0	0
B. Ortiz					

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Cullen Wiese, son of Bryan and Tanya Wiese, was on the square last Friday with a megaphone and the constant chant, "Who let the dawgs out?" At one point, he fell back into the grass, all red in the face from his effort.



Rice Medical Center employees got into the Raider spirit. This is a door they decorated last week.

Other scores, matchups

In Class 3A, Division I, Perryton beat Vernon, 21-14; Everman (one of the two undefeated teams left in 3A) beat Texarkana Pleasant Grove, 42-0; Bridge City won over Mexia, 33-14; Bellville lost to Sinton (the other unbeaten team), 21-13.

In Div. II, Bridgeport won over Crane, 30-28; Kennedale beat Alpine, 33-26; Commerce won over Winnsboro, 30-14; and Gladewater beat Wilmer-Hutchins, 20-13.

Picked to win this week's matchups by Collier-Sharp Texas High School Football website are: Everman by 22 over Perryton, Sinton by 18 over Bridge City, Bridgeport by 8 over Kennedale, Commerce by 7 over Gladewater, Giddings by 4 over Newton and La Grange by 6 over Wimberley.

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Rice area history of football teams in playoffs

By Joe C. Fling

The recent success of the Rice Raiders football team, being the first from Rice High School to win 11 games, the first to advance beyond the Area playoff, gives pause to consider and remember what have been the best teams in our community.

Listed below, so far as I know, are all football teams of Garwood, Sheridan, E.H. Henry, Eagle Lake High and Rice High which were district champions or made the state playoffs, with the results.

Eagle Lake Eagles

1921: District champions. Regular season record of 5-1, lost to a powerful State Championship-bound Bryan team 49-0.

1928: Regional champions. One of the best teams ever to come out of Eagle Lake. E.B. Hinton was head coach. They posted a 7-3 record. Eagle Lake defeated Wharton 6-0 in bi-district and Goose Creek 6-0 for the Regional Title, finishing 9-3. At that time, regional was as far as class B football went.

1930: This was another great team, running up a 9-1 record, including an 87-0 pounding of Columbus. The local papers trumpeted Eagle Lake as district champions after their seventh win, but after that, things got muddled. Smithville protested the title, claiming that the Eagles had an ineligible player. The five member district committee voted 3-0 to award Eagle Lake the title.

Two days later, a clandestine meeting of a bar quorum of the committee without notice to Eagle Lake voted to oust Eagle Lake and certify Smithville as district champion. The Headlight said the Eagles were *Kangaroos*.

1932: District Champions. Otis Coffey was the coach. Led by future Rice University All-American Bill

Wallace, this undefeated 7-0 team faced Granger for bi-district and tied 0-0. The teams had not agreed on an official to keep statistics, so Eagle Lake's 9-8 advantage in first downs, 2-2 tie in penetrations went for nothing. The UIL eventually settled the dispute with a coin toss, sending Granger on to the playoffs with the understanding that if they won regional, Eagle Lake would get a rematch for regional honors. And that's what happened.

After Granger defeated San Antonio Edison, they had to come back and play the Eagles again to assure their regional bragging rights. The game was delayed a couple of times due to bad weather and when finally played on Dec. 23 Granger won 6-0, leaving the Eagles with an 8-1-1 record. Dec. 23 is the latest in the year a Rice district team has ever played.

1934: District Playoff. A forfeit by Bay City forced a playoff between 7-1 Eagle Lake and Richmond for the district title. Bay City obtained a restraining order from the local district judge forbidding Richmond and Eagle Lake from playing.

The game went on anyway, since the superintendents of Richmond and Eagle Lake figured a Matagorda County judge had no jurisdiction over the UIL. Ultimately, they were right, but Richmond won the game 7-0.

1938: District Playoff. Eagle Lake claimed a tie for the district title by beating Bay City in Eagle Lake on Armistice Day. Under the then UIL rule of "game for game" Bay City could opt to have the district playoff in Bay City and travel to Eagle Lake again the next year. This worked to their advantage and Bay City won the re-match 33-0.

1945: Undefeated Regional Champions. Coached by Edwin Rench. A candidate for the best of the best. The

only undefeated, untied season in the Eagles history. Their 11-0 record included nine shutouts, allowing only 12 points. Quarterback Melvin Selph backs Jimmie Reed and Simon White were outstanding. Playoff wins were no contest, with the Eagles blasting Bastrop 26-0 and Burnet 38-0.

1957: Bi-district Champs. Eagle Lake High's last playoff team. Ben Cobb coached the Eagles to an 8-3-1 record. Quarterback Dickie Smith, Fullback Ed Harborth (18 TDs) backs Walter Jones and Henry Alvarado and wide receiver Jack Pidgeon were standouts. Playoffs: a 27-7 win over Bastrop and a 7-0 loss to Pearsall.

Sheridan Broncos

1968: Regional Co-champions. Unquestionably Sheridan High School's best team. Coached by Robert Renfro, the Broncos cruised to a 10-0 regular season record, racking up 15 straight wins over two years. This was topped off by a 39-0 victory over Montgomery in Bi-district and a 0-0 tie with Chester in Regional. In those days, Class B football did not advance beyond regional, so Sheridan was crowned co-champions of the region, with an 11-0-1 final record.

Garwood Gars

1960: District Champs. The Gars ran up an 8-2 record. Garwood strung together three district wins to end the season as district champions. The Gars lost their bi-district match with Orchard 14-8.

1961: District Champs. The Gars repeated with a 5-4-1 record; losing again to Orchard 21-14 in a game played at Eagle Lake. Over a two year span Garwood had won 13 games lost eight and tied one. Their losses included four losses to Orchard (two non-district regular season games, (See Playoffs, Page 8)

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History

likely fueled by oil. The steam engine was replaced in the 1930s by diesel-driven technology, and later with electric engines. LCRA bought the irrigation district and facilities from the company in 1983.

Andy Sumner, LCRA Water Services manager of construction, said that while the checks represent a bit of history, one can only guess the identity of the engineer who drew the sketches.

"We know that a Mr. Frank S. Taylor was the consulting engineer hired to design the improvements and expansion plans for the pumping plant, and my guess is that he drew the sketches," Sumner said.

While the source of the field drawings is uncertain, the results are impressive: the pumping plant has served farmers in the region for 100 years.

But the plant has reached the end of its lifespan.

During routine maintenance last year, LCRA staff found that soil erosion had structurally undermined the pumping plant's foundation. LCRA made emergency repairs to stabilize the facility in time for the 2001 irrigation season. The plant provides water for up to 20,000 acres of agricultural land.

"It was interesting to see the engineering techniques used back in the early 20th century," said Jim Long, LCRA Water Services project support coordinator. "It is a testament to our predecessors' skills that the structures they designed and built have lasted so long."

LCRA is evaluating its options for repairing or replacing the pumping plant. The estimated cost of a new

facility, \$3.6 million, may be less than the cost of refurbishing the existing structure, depending on engineering requirements. In addition to avoiding repair costs, a new pumping plant would provide significant supplemental benefits by lowering operating costs, increasing efficiencies and improving reliability and operational flexibility. A final decision is expected in the next year or two, after engineering studies are complete.

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