

Raiders lose to perennial 3A power, Sinton Pirates

The Rice Raiders fell to the powerful Sinton Pirates 24-6 Friday, Sept. 13, at Victoria Memorial Stadium.

After battling to a scoreless tie at halftime, it appeared the Raiders were going to forge ahead of the 2001 State Finalist after recovering a fumble deep in Pirates' territory.

A few plays later, Sinton free safety Chane Schmidt intercepted a Patrick Milentz pass and skirted the sidelines for a 93-yard return for a touchdown. Jerry Jurach added the PAT for a 7-0 Pirate lead.

On the Raider next possession, Sinton defensive end Elias Rodriguez batted a Milentz pass into the air and came up with another interception, putting the Pirates in great position to add to their lead.

Sinton scored fairly quickly on a 21-yard run by Bubba Heard. Jurach again kicked the PAT making the score 14-0 Pirates.

After another failed Raider drive, the Pirates added to their lead on a monstrous 49-yard field goal, bringing the score to 17-0.

"In a span of about five minutes there late in the third quarter, we went from feeling like we were a fairly decent team to feeling like we were

horrible," said Raider Head Coach Russell Roark. "We're playing our tails off and all of a sudden we're in a deep hole. This shows that you can't make mistakes against a quality team and survive."

Sinton closed out their scoring midway through the fourth quarter on a 16-yard pass from their highly touted quarterback Adrian Alaniz to Jurach, who also added the PAT, making the score 24-0 Sinton.

The young Raiders showed grit and determination by avoiding the shutout on a one-yard touchdown pass from Milentz to Nick Sharp. The point after try was no good.

Roark said, "We played a really good first half, got a turnover and were going in to take the lead and they scored on the interception. We shot ourselves in the foot so many times, I'm surprised we could still walk, much less score late in the game. We're close to being pretty good, but we still have a lot of work to do."

Offensively, tackle Kevin Shimek was named Player of the Game. Kevin did an outstanding job blocking all night long.

Tackle Tyreance Gadney and defensive back Jason Dabney shared the

defensive honor. Tyreance had three tackles, one for a loss, caused a fumble and broke up a pass, as well as pressuring the quarterback most of the night. Godley had 10 tackles and broke up a pass, as well as providing excellent coverage all night.

Special Team Player of the Week was Milentz who punted the ball extremely well. He punted eight times for a 41-yard average.

Charles Huffman was the leading rusher for the Raiders with 82 yards on 17 carries.

Michael Cooper had three catches for 65 yards and Sharp scored the lone TD for the Raiders.

Milentz was four for 12 passing with two interceptions and 66 yards.

Other defensive leaders were Jermaine Williams with six tackles, one fumble recovery and an interception; Brandon Jenkins, five tackles; Robert Shaw, six tackles, one for a loss; and Jess Little, four tackles.

The 2-1 Raiders travel to Columbus to take on the undefeated Cardinals Friday, Sept. 20.

Upcoming Raider Action!

Date	Team, Place, Time
Friday, Sept. 20	Lady Raider volleyball at Burton, 4 p.m.
	Raider football at Columbus*, 7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 21	Lady Raider volleyball at Columbus Tournament
Tues., Sept. 24	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Needville*, Here, 5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 27	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Hitchcock*, Here
	Raider football vs. Bellville*, Here, 7:30 p.m.

*District competition

JV Raiders record win at Sinton, 30-20

The Rice Raider JV football team traveled to Sinton last Thursday night and came away with a 30-20 victory over the Pirates. This victory put the JV Raiders at 3-0 for the year.

Sinton struck first in the first quarter to give the Pirates a 6-0 lead.

The Raiders got the ball back and

marched it 55 yards and Stuart Ray punched it in from one yard out to make the score 6-6. The PAT kick was no good.

The next strike was from Ray to Jonathan Thomas for 60 yards and the PAT again failed making the score 14-12 at the half.

Sinton took the ball back from the Raiders on the opening kickoff of the second half and again put it in the endzone for a 20-12 score. Sinton didn't score again.

Rice scored 18 unanswered points. The first of the 18 points was Ray on a quarterback sneak from one yard out to make the score 20-18.

Joe Lee Perez then scored on a lead play from about 14 yards out to make the score 24-20.

Then, to put the last nail in the Pi-

rate coffin was a pass from Ray to Marcus Woods for a 37 yard pass play to make the score 30-20.

Defensive standouts were Joe Cooper, Gary McTear, Aaron Labay, Emerson Dawson and Woods.

The JV Raiders next opponent is the Columbus Cardinals. This will follow immediately after the Raider freshmen this Thursday night, Sept. 19 at home at 5 p.m.

Come out and support the Raiders!

8th Grade cages Bluejays

By Coach Sibley

The Rice Jr. High eighth grade football team controlled the Needville Bluejays from the beginning of the game last Thursday night.

It was the first game of the season for the young Raiders as they showed off in front of the home crowd.

Kiki Pratt took the ball 60 yards on the first play from scrimmage to score the first points of the game.

Blocking for Pratt were Elizondo, Suarez, and Nelson.

Billy Hearn added six more points on a 35-yard run. Allen Shaw made the two-point conversion good with this three-yard run.

Pratt quickly gave the Raiders six

more points on an interception returned 20 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion was good.

Finishing up the scoring for Rice, again was Pratt on a 38-yard scramble for a touchdown. Ross Lobprich threw a pass for the two-point conversion, making the final score 30-8.

Defensive standouts for the game were Brent Botard, Kurt Stern, Pratt, and Pablo Suarez.

Offensive standouts were Pratt, Raul Miramontes, Edgar Castillo and Irving Pena.

The Raiders play at Columbus Thursday, Sept. 19. The seventh grade starts at 5 p.m. with the 8th grade immediately following.

4-H Archery starting

The Colorado County 4-H Archery Project will get underway Tuesday, Sept. 24, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Columbus Jr. High School cafeteria.

The Archery Project is open to boys and girls, ages third grade through 18 years, throughout Colorado County.

Interested individuals may stop by the County Extension Office, 316 Spring St. in Columbus, to secure enrollment forms.

Forms must be completed and turned in at the Safety Meeting, Sept. 24. Forms will also be available at the meeting.

A \$1 fee will be charged to cover supplies and other expenses.

Attendance at the first meeting is mandatory. Both the participants and parents should attend. The aspects of archery safety will be discussed along with equipment and targets. A shooting schedule will be determined as well.

Live archery instruction and participant shooting will start the following week and will last for four weeks. Participants will shoot once each week under the supervision and instruction of certified archery coaches serving as volunteer 4-H leaders.

For additional information, call the County Extension Office at 979-732-2082 or 732-2530.



This was the score for over 26 minutes last Friday against Sinton. For a #3, Division 1, team, they had their problems handling the Raiders' defense. Good job, guys!

ALL U CAN EAT FISH FRY & ANTIQUE AUCTION
Saturday, Sept. 21, 5 p.m. • Sealy Outlet Center, Sealy
 Catfish filets, buttered potatoes, coleslaw, hushpuppies, tartar sauce, \$6.50
Everyone Welcome! Auction @ 6 p.m. Hradil #9397

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I Love You, Carol

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Raider freshmen pluck Blue Jays

The Freshmen Raiders beat the Freshmen Blue Jays from Needville last Thursday night at home 22-6. This win moves the Raiders' record to 2-1 on the year.

Needville struck first to make the score 6-0. The PAT was no good.

Drawing first blood for the Raiders was Luke Shimek. Shimek scored on a five yard TD run.

Jarrett Christal added the two-point conversion PAT to make the score 8-6 in favor of the Raiders.

The Raiders scored one more time before the half. Eron Tolliver scored

on a seven yard TD run around the right end to make the score 14-6. Jaylon Pettus added the two-point conversion PAT to make the score 16-6 at the half.

The Raiders held the Blue Jays at bay the whole second half.

Derek Frazier scored from 70 yards out to make the score 22-6. The PAT was no good.

The final score ended up 22-6 in favor of the Raiders.

The Freshmen Raiders will square off against Columbus at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at home.

TPWD announces new whitetail deer regulations

Attention hunters in Austin, Colorado, Fayette, Lavaca, Lee and Washington Counties, there is a new regulation regarding white-tailed deer hunting. Hunters may harvest a buck only if it has a hardened antler protruding through the skin and meets **ONE** of the following criteria:

- A deer having at least one unbranched antler.
- A deer having one antler with six or more points.
- A deer having an inside spread measurement between the main beams of 13 inches or greater.

To learn more about this regulation and view a slide presentation, plan to attend one of the one-hour training sessions.

This same presentation will be given at each of the fall Wildlife Co-op meetings in these counties so, if you are a member, you will see this presentation at that time.

Xi Pi Psi

Xi Pi Psi met for Beginning Day Saturday, Aug. 24, in the home of Jo Ann Gertson. Pictures were taken with Alpha Delta Phi for the new Birthday Calendar.

After the photo shoot, Xi Pi Psi journeyed to Jo Ann's for a delicious luncheon. The new yearbooks telling us of the expected events for 2003 were handed out.

Xi Pi Psi met Sept. 3 in the home of Connie Lange. The meeting opened with The Opening Ritual. Diana Brunner showed us the new cookbook and orders were taken.

We discussed taking a cultural outing to the Scarecrow Festival in Chappel Hill. It was decided to give an item to the Study Club Auction to be held in Oct.

Becky Anderson reminded everyone of the Tire Clean Up, Saturday, Sept. 7, and Casino Night, Sept. 28.

Lange presented the program, "Don't Ask Me How I Am." The program was very interesting.

The theme, "Gateway to Friendship" was carried out.

The meeting closed with The Closing Ritual and Mizpah, after which delicious refreshments were served.

7th Grade starts with win

The 7th grade Rice Raiders started off the season with a win against Needville, 22-12, on Thursday.

Sylvester Middleton started off the scoring with a 70-yard touchdown run.

Anthony Banks added two more touchdown runs.

Taylor Cook added two 2-point conversions with passes to Drew

Quinney and Trey Staff to finish off the scoring.

The defense played outstanding all day long with inspired play from Francisco Orsonio who was in on many tackles.

The 7th grade Raiders next play the Columbus Cardinals on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 5 p.m. in Columbus.

Hay

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Two CEUs will be offered to private applicators.

The County Hay Show is being sponsored by the Colorado County Livestock Committee, local agri-businesses, Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District and the Texas Cooperative Extension Service.

We are looking forward to receiving your samples and seeing you at the show and meeting.

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will be plenty of Czech pastries, refreshments and country store items. New this year are camel rides. There will be games all afternoon with the Grand Auction starting at 12:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Bobby Jones Orchestra (12 to 3 p.m.), Los Rayos de Luna (3:30-5:30) and Dujka Brothers at 5:30. The drawing for 90 prizes starts at 8. Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. The public is invited.

Second annual craft, trade day is Nov. 9

The Second Annual Community Craft & Trade Day is Nov. 9 at the First United Methodist Church of El Campo, 1001 Ave. I, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Indoor and outdoor spaces are available. For more information, call Karen Ringleb at 979-543-7486 or Lynn Reed at 543-2978 to reserve your space

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The money will be used toward playground equipment. Soto said, "As individuals, we can only do so much, but as a community we can do much more."

You can get your enrollment forms from Soto. The officers of the ELMS PTO thank you for your cooperation.

Jim KEARNEY
 For Colorado County Judge

Does the shoe fit?

What have we done to help keep our young people here? Those who say times are so good are wearing thick glasses with rosy lenses. Agriculture is facing the hardest time in many years. Greedy and corrupt CEOs have wiped out the pensions and savings of many ordinary people. The traditional base of ag, oil and gravel is diminishing even as fees and costs continue to rise. Meanwhile the silent and hidden tax of ever escalating property values gives political cover while making it ever more difficult for those people who are on a fixed income to stay and pass on their property and heritage to their children. We need fresh thoughts and new leadership.

It's time for a change.

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Foot Facts
 By Dr. Eric Tepper, Podiatrist
FREEZING FOOT NEUROMAS

A neuroma is the enlargement of a nerve that can cause pain and numbness. Foot neuromas typically occur between the toes and affect high-heeled shoe lovers and tradespeople who spend significant time crouching down in their jobs, i.e., plumbers and electricians. A recent study, reported at the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons' annual meeting, revealed that surgically freezing a neuroma can relieve painful symptoms. During the six-minute, in-office procedure called cryoablation, a three millimeter probe is injected into the affected area to transfer nitrous oxide gas in and out. This process lowers tissue temperature to the point where local nerve tissue is destroyed and the neuroma is reduced. Results showed that 83% of patients enjoyed significant pain relief.

There are many solutions in podiatry today that did not exist even a few years ago for a large number of foot, ankle, and leg conditions. If you would like more information on neuromas, their causes, and their treatment, please feel free to give us a call. Here at Rice Medical Center, we offer up to date, efficient, effective, comfortable treatment for your foot problems from a friendly, professional staff. Office hours are by appointment on Tuesdays. Phone 234-5571.

P.S. Non-surgical neuroma treatment includes wearing wider shoes and/or orthotics, taking anti-inflammatory medication or having corticosteroid injections.

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