

# Raiders fall to powerful Brahmas, 56-28

Friday, Sept. 27, the Raiders saw an exciting first half of their homecoming game turn sour as the Bellville Brahmas exploded for 36 second half points to defeat Rice 56-28.

Rice had their best offensive effort of the year, overshadowed by three costly turnovers and a failed fourth down attempt near midfield early in the game.

The Raiders rushing in an impressive 334 yards and 71 passing yards, but came up way short on the scoreboard, as the opportunistic Brahmas turned four Rice mistakes

into 21 points.

The Raiders opened the scoring on an impressive first drive, as Michael Spears scored from 10 yards out, with 6:42 remaining in the first stanza. Patrick Milentz's PAT kick was good, giving the Raiders a 7-0 lead.

The Rice defense held the mighty Brahmas on their opening drive and forced a punt.

After a couple of first downs, the Raiders were faced with a fourth and very short, just inside the Brahmas territory. Milentz failed to convert enough yards and the Brahmas were rejuvenated.

Bellville's Jess Buenger scored on the first play of the second quarter on a two-yard run, followed by a Brandt Goeke PAT to tie the score at 7.

Rice answered quickly as fullback Tyreance Dabney raced 24 yards for the Raiders.

Milentz's kick was again good, giving the Raiders a 14-7 lead with 9:15 remaining before half.

Bellville again was up to the challenge, scoring less than three minutes later on a 19-yard pass from Buenger to Emmanuel Sanders. Goeke's kick

was good, tying the score at 14.

Bellville then took the lead for the first time with 1:54 left in the half on a one-yard run by Harold Runnels. Goeke's PAT was wide right, leaving the visiting Brahmas with a 20-14 lead.

That lead was short lived as the Raiders marched rapidly down the field, scoring as time expired in the half on a Milentz to Spears 8-yard pass. Milentz's PAT was good, giving the Raiders a 21-20 halftime lead.

The highlight of the Raiders' last drive came on a 47-yard halfback pass from Spears to Ricky Cunningham.

Bellville got the ball starting the second half and put together a good drive, capped by a 27-yard run by Sanders with 7:46 remaining. The PAT by Goeke's followed, giving the Brahmas a 27-21 lead, one they would never relinquish.

On the Raiders' next possession, Milentz was intercepted by the Brahmas Cole Laughter, who returned the ball 60 yards for the score. Goeke again split the uprights, making the score 34-21, favoring the Brahmas.

Rice stopped the bleeding momentarily as Dabney again broke free, this time for 31 yards, early in the fourth quarter. With Milentz's PAT, the Raiders pulled within six points at 28-34.

The comeback was thwarted though, as the Brahmas' Tim Gobert jolted 56 yards for the score, followed

by a Goeke kick, extending the Brahmas lead to 41-28 with 10:29 remaining in the game.

Gobert again scored for the Brahmas at the 8:46 mark. With the failed PAT, the Brahmas led 47-28.

The next Brahma score came on the Raiders' only attempted punt of the night as deep snapper Nick Sharp sailed the ball over Milentz's head. Milentz threw the ball out of the end-zone, giving the Brahmas a two-point safety.

The last score came with 1:06 remaining when Bellville's Jeffery McFarland ran in from five yards, followed by a Goeke PAT, making the final score Bellville 56, Rice 28.

Branden Jenkins was named Special Teams Player of the Game for his outstanding job on all the kick teams.

Robert Shaw was the Defensive Player of the Game with nine tackles.

Spears was the Offensive Player of the Game. He rushed 25 times for 189 yards and one touchdown, completed one pass for 47 yards, caught three passes for 19 yards and one touchdown, and returned two kickoffs for 20 yards.

The Raiders are off this week with an open date before beginning district play Oct. 11 against the Palacios Sharks on the road.

The combined JV/Freshmen Raiders will play at home Thursday, Oct. 3, against East Bernard at 5 p.m.

## Upcoming Raider Action!



Date	Team, Place, Time
Thurs., Oct. 3	Raider JV/Freshmen vs. East Bernard, Here, 5 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 4	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Gonzales, Here, 4:30 p.m.
Tues., Oct. 8	Lady Raider volleyball vs. Wharton*, Here, 5 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 10	Raider JV vs. Palacios, Here, 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11	Raider football at Palacios*, 7:30 p.m.

\*District competition

# Freshmen bash Bellville, 24-8

**By Coach Tritschler**  
The Freshmen Raiders moved their record to 4-1 with a 24-8 victory over the Bellville Brahmas in Bellville last Thursday.

The Raiders got off to a slow start but got it going after the first quarter. After a scoreless first quarter, Bellville struck first with a 26-yard touchdown pass and added the PAT to make the score 8-0.

With 5:45 left in the first half, Luke Shimek punched a touchdown in from four yards out. The PAT was no good, making the score 8-6, Brahmas.

On the next possession, the Brahmas had a costly turnover.

The Raiders capitalized on this turnover with a 10-yard touchdown run from Zach Perry to make the score

12-8. The PAT was no good on a run by Eron Tolliver.

The Raiders punched in one more before the half to make the score 18-8. Jarrett Christal scored on a reverse from 16 yards out and again the PAT was no good, making the score 18-8 at the half with the Raiders in control.

The third quarter was fairly quiet for both teams.

The Brahmas drove all the way down inside the Raider 10-yard line at the start of the fourth, but the Raiders had an excellent goal line stand, holding them to four plays and out.

After the stop, the Raiders marched the ball 91 yards, burning almost six minutes off the clock.

The drive was topped off by a Jaylon Pettus four-yard touchdown run to make the score 24-8. The PAT was no good.

Standouts for the game was the entire offensive line helping the Raiders move the ball up and down the field and opening holes for the backs. The offensive line consisted of Hunter Smith, Trent Fields, Ryan New, Jeremy Hill, Edward Gundelach, Ryan Cason and Curtis Williams.

The Raiders next opponent will be the East Bernard Brahmas at home this Thursday, Oct. 3, at 5 p.m. when they combine with the JV Raiders to take on East Bernard's JV.

Come out and support the Raiders!

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**Foot Facts**

By Dr. Eric Tepper, Podiatrist

**DIABETIC FOOT TROUBLES**

Diabetes is becoming an alarmingly common disease. The number of new cases is expected to more than double in the next 25 years, to about 300 million worldwide. Foot trouble is one of the biggest problems associated with the disease. Diabetes damages nerves, so patients lose sensation in their extremities. It can also reduce blood flow to the feet by narrowing arteries. With nerve damage and decreased blood flow, a patient may be unaware of sores or blisters, and wounds that do occur heal slowly - making the foot prone to infections that could lead to amputation. Patients should examine their feet daily, looking for signs of trouble that can include blisters, cracked skin, red streaks, swelling, or any discoloration.

While some foot conditions are annoyingly painful and might require routine professional care, others are deadly serious and demand close podiatric attention. Diabetes is at the top of the list of this second category. If you are new to the area and don't have a podiatrist, or if you are looking for a second opinion about a foot condition, we invite your call at 234-5571. We're located at Rice Medical Center, where we have office hours on Tuesdays.

P. S. Obesity, poor diet, and a sedentary lifestyle are major contributors to diabetes.

# 8th Grade loses to Brahmas

The Rice Jr. High 8th grade football team lost to the Bellville Brahmas last Thursday.

The Brahmas controlled the game from the very first play from scrimmage when they ran 60 yards for a touchdown. The PAT was good, making the score 7-0.

With 5:40 left in the first, the Brahmas struck again. This time on a 50-yard pass, making the score 12-0.

Bellville scored again on a 50-yard pass to the running back. With 3:13 to

go in the first quarter, the Brahmas were up 19-0.

A productive drive by the Raiders ended in a fumble which was recovered by Bellville.

With 39 seconds left in the first quarter, the Brahmas scored again. This time on a 33-yard run.

At the end of the first quarter, Bellville was ahead, 26-0.

The Brahmas scored two more times in the second quarter. One time on a 34-yard run with 6:05 left; and

**By Derick Sibley**

with 1:41 left on a 41-yard run.

In the second half, the Raiders' defense stepped up their play and held the Brahmas out of the end zone, but the final was Bellville 41, Rice 0.

The Raiders next see action this Thursday when they travel to East Bernard to take on the Brahmas. Game time for the 7th grade is 5 p.m. and the 8th grade will start immediately after.

The Raiders then turned around and start district with Wharton Tuesday, Oct. 8, at home.

# RMC hosts 6th Golf classic

The Rice Medical Foundation (RMF) hosted the 6th Annual Rice Medical Center (RMC) Classic Saturday, Sept. 21. Fifty-eight participants turned out to play.

The proceeds of the tournament will be split between the RMF and the RMC Employee Volunteers.

A plaque was displayed at the tournament to honor sponsors who have supported the RMF tournament for five years or more. These include the First National Bank, Russell & Robin Thomas, John B. Myres, D.D.S., DMS Computed Imaging, Collins Fisher

Radiology Associates, Harry H. Ford & Associates, Dr. Leonard Bornstein, Surgical Associates and Griffith Thomas, M.D.

Plans are underway now for next year's 7th Annual RMC Classic, which will be even more exciting.

We thank the community for its overwhelming support!

The winners of the 6th annual classic were:

First flight, first place: Richard De Boisblanc and Fred Lovaas; second: Ben Perez and Shane Barton; third: Josh Weems and Karl Weems.

Second flight, first place: Russell Roark and Ryan Roark; second: Danny Dequeant and Les Krancher; third: Chris Skinner and John Mickler.

Third flight, first place: Howard Spurgeon and Lynn Williams; second: John Myres and Steve Henderson; third: Lonnie Sommerlatte and Ernie

Sommerlatte.

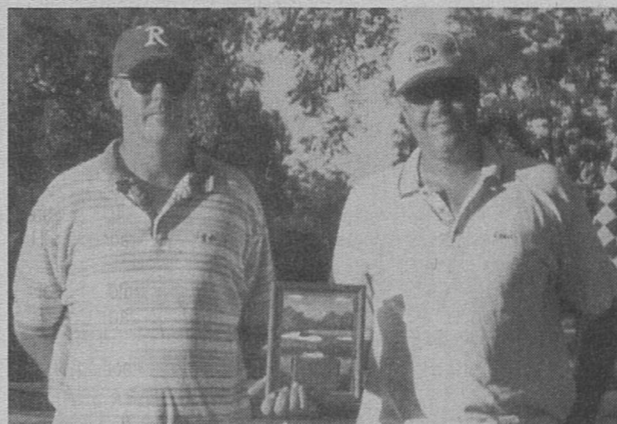
Fourth flight, first place: Sid Struss and Warren Struss; second: Richard Sommerlatte and Carlos Hernandez; third: Richard Saucedo and Skip Pustjovsky.

Longest Drive (Hole #8) honors went to Steve Epps (morning); Shane Barton (afternoon).

Closest to Hole (Hole #4) honors went to Josh and Karl Weems (morning); Chris Telotte (afternoon).



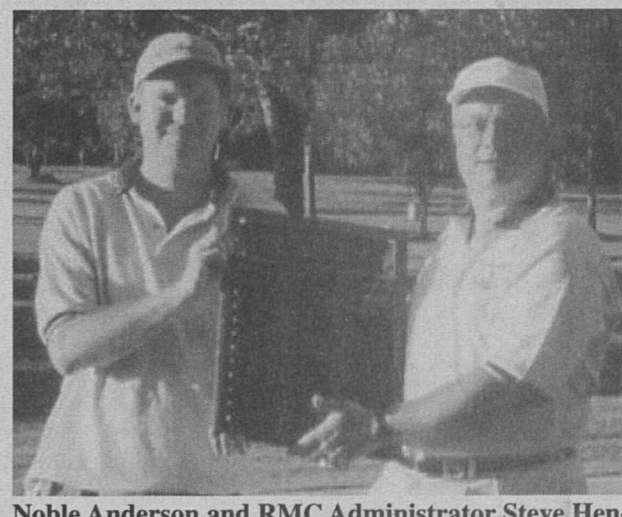
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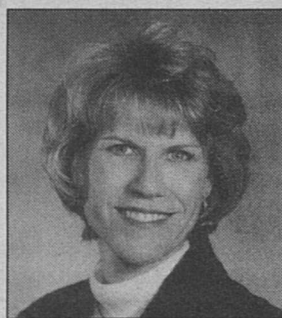
Fourth flight, first place, Sid Struss and Warren Struss, pictured with Noble Anderson, at far left.



Noble Anderson and RMC Administrator Steve Henderson display the plaque made to honor the Golf Classic's long-time sponsors.

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Dinner 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Salute to Ms. Pidgeon 7:30 p.m.  
Dancing 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.



Tickets may be purchased at Rice Medical Center for \$50.00 per couple.

## Thanks from the Rice Fair Fund

We would like to thank everyone who donated, bought, or helped in any way with the fund raisers we had this year. These are the people who donated auction items or their time:

Annie Broesche	A&G Auto Parts-NAPA	Tresses Inc.	Jane Meldahl
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Canaris Nursery	Blue Cleaners	Delana Witte	Glenda Moore
S&W Parts	Blue Planet Cafe	Sharon Crain	Austin's BBQ
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We would also like to thank the chili cookers and everyone who helped with the judging.

Each Student who participated in the Fair Fund received \$150 add-on money at the Colorado County Fair. These students work very hard with their projects and deserve to be recognized. They were:

Tanner Wishert	Jamie Till	Kory Janow	Kaci Kazmir
Andrew Varley	James Juran	Ryan Henske	Stephanie Botard
Kimberly Varley	Lauren Spanihel	Jacob Engstrom	Brent Botard
Tiffany Varley	Jorden Mahalic	Cliff Kazmir	Michael Morales
Kody Miller			Timothy Morales

We hope everyone will help in our coming year so we may purchase an animal and distribute add-on money for the Rice students at the Colorado County Fair. This can only happen with the support of our community and surrounding communities.

Thanks again to everyone!!!