

Raiders carve up Gobblers, 70-60, in season opener

The Rice Raider Varsity basketball team faced the Cuero Gobblers last Fri-

day, Dec. 6, serving them a 70-60 loss. The Raiders are 1-0 for the season. Leading scorers for the Raiders were Mike Spears with 21 points (five were 3-pointers); James Johnson, 13; Mike Cooper, 10; Steven Moore, nine; Johnathan Thomas and Jason Godley each scored four; Nick Sharp, three; and Tyreance Dabney and Robert Shaw

added two each. Leading rebounders were Spears with five; Dabney and Shaw each had six. Cooper had eight steals and eight assists; Spears, five assists and five steals; and Godley had three assists and four steals. Their coach said, "Since this was

our first game of the year, we were a little rough at the beginning. But, in the second half, we played fairly well. We have a tough non-district schedule and are picked to finish fifth in the district. So, we have our work cut out for us. I feel if we progress and work together we can be as good as last year, if not better."

ELMS basketball is well under way

By Coach Sibley
The Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) boys' basketball season is going strong. The teams opened the season Nov. 14 with a trip to Edna. The 7th grade "B" team was defeated by the Cowboys 14-8 in a close one. The high scorer for the Raiders was Dustin Soto with all eight points. The 7th grade "A" team then took the floor and lost 45-14. Duryel Stev-

enson had six points, Sergio Rodriguez, four; and Jeremy Gonzalez and Anthony Ramirez each scored two points. In the 8th grade "B" team game, Edna beat the Raiders 13-8. Aresitoe Saucedo had four points; Clayton Bowen and Raul Miramontes both had two points each. The Cowboys won again when they took on the 8th grade "A" team. Kevin Ruiz had 12 points; Aaron Ruiz, four; and John Supak had three points in the 32-18 loss to Edna. Nov. 21, the ELMS boys took on their inner-district rivals from Garwood and Sheridan.

The ELMS boy's basketball teams have two more games before they take a two-week Christmas break. Dec. 12, the Wharton Tigers come to town. The 7th grade "B" game will start at 5 p.m. The 7th grade "A" team will play immediately after with the 8th grade "B" and "A" games following that. Dec. 16, the Raiders travel to Palacios to finish the first round of district.

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3A playoff scores

Last weekend, in Division 1 of 3A, Everman beat Forney, 21-14; and Jasper lost to Burnet, 28-46. The 13-1 Everman Bulldogs will play the 14-0 Burnet Bulldogs for the state championship. In division 2, Midland Greenwood beat Sweetwater, 34-28; Daingerfield defeated Longview Spring Hill, 49-21;

Bellville won over Marlin, 30-24 in triple overtime; and Bandera beat Yoakum, 31-14. This weekend, Midland will play Daingerfield and Bandera takes on Bellville. Do we root for the team that beat us or the one that's close to home? Who knows!

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Brian Williams scored all but four of the Raider points. Eddy Elizondo and Kevin Ruiz scored two points each to make up the other four. The victory against Garwood and Sheridan brought the 8th grade record to 1-1. This past Thursday, the Raiders hosted the Needville Bluejays in their first home game of the season. In the 7th grade "B" game, Samaniego and Nick Salinas both had three points, Rodriguez, two; and Gonzalez hit one free throw to contribute. The 29-6 loss to Needville brought the 7th grade "B" team record to 0-2. The 7th grade "A" team had trouble against the Bluejays also. Stevenson was again the high scorer with six points. Adding more points were Soto and Anthony Banks with three each and Vasquez with two. The Raiders lost the game 37-14. The 7th grade "A" team now has a record of 1-2. Saucedo and Miramontes both scored five points against the Bluejays in the 8th grade "B" game. Other scorers for the Raiders in their 41-15 loss were Edgar Castillo with three and Bowen with two. The 8th grade "A" game would turn out to be the closest game of the night. At the end of the first quarter, the Raiders had a 4-3 lead on the Bluejays. The Raiders then had a big second quarter, scoring 13 to Needville's six. At the half, Rice had a 17-9 lead. The third quarter wouldn't be as successful for the Raiders. Needville was able to close the gap by scoring eight and holding Rice to only four. Going into the fourth quarter, the Raiders had a marginal 21-17 lead. In the fourth, the Bluejays were able to outscore Rice once again, nine to eight, but that wouldn't be enough to top them. A big stop at the end of the game left the Raiders on top 29-26. The high scorer for the Raiders was Williams with 17 points. Also contributing were K. Ruiz with five points; Pablo Saurez with four; and Elizondo with three. The Rice victory over Needville brought the 8th grade "A" team's season and district record to 2-1.

The Raider freshmen basketball team faced the Sealy Tigers to open their basketball season in tournament

Rice freshmen are 2-1 for season

The Raider Booster Club Tournament begins Thursday, Dec. 12, with Cuero varsity taking on Barbers Hill at 9 a.m. with the winner playing SA West Campus at 5 p.m. Sealy will play Foster at 10:30 a.m. El Campo plays Cy Ridge at 1:30 p.m. with winner playing Van Vleck at 8. Rice will play Boling at 6:30. JV games will be Cuero vs. Barbers Hill, noon in the PAC, and Cy Ridge vs. Rice, noon in the gym. Columbus will play Foster Friday at noon in the PAC while Sealy plays Van Vleck in the gym. The freshmen begin at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Pac with Cy Ridge playing Rice and Cuero playing Barbers Hill at 11 a.m. Friday, the Rice B team will play Foster at 10 a.m. in the Pac and Sealy will take on Van Vleck at 11. Tournament games are scheduled through Saturday.

Rice tournament

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WCJC

ing to diagnostic medical sonography. Graduates of both programs are eligible to take certification exams. The radiologic technology program includes classroom studies and extensive lab work. By the second semester, students practice in health care facilities under the direct supervision of a radiographer. During summer semesters, students are in clinical settings four days a week and the classroom once a week. Demand is very high for imaging professionals—particularly those who hold dual certification in radiology and sonography. This is especially true at smaller hospitals. James Johnston, head of the WCJC radiologic technology department, said the shortage of radiographers is so critical in small towns that health care facilities are paying students' educational expenses in return for one or two years of work. Recruiters are even hosting luncheons, including limousine rides, or bringing lunch to campus to attract students. "I don't think they [students] ever had to buy lunch the [one] day they were in class," Johnston said of his students' final semester. Median annual earnings in 2000 for imaging professionals were \$36,000. Salaries in metro areas beat out those

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in rural areas, but only by one or two dollars an hour. Susan Johnston said individuals who excel in sonography are people-oriented, thrive in a challenging environment and are capable of multi-tasking. Both the diagnostic medical sonography and radiologic technology programs have limited enrollments due to strict guidelines set by the programs' accreditation boards. Applicants should submit required materials before April 15 for radiologic technology and before May 1 for diagnostic medical sonography. Because these programs have specific application requirements, prospective students should call 1-800-561-9252 before applying; ext. 6310 for Susan Johnston in the diagnostic medical sonography program; ext. 6379 for James Johnston in the radiologic technology program. WCJC's spring semester begins Jan. 13. Registration appointments are not required for students registering at the Wharton campus. However, registration appointments are required for registering at the Sugar Land campus or WCJC Fort Bend Technical Center. Registration appointments may be made by calling 1-800-561-9252.

JV Raiders are 2-1

The JV Raiders opened their basketball season Friday, Dec. 6, with a win against the Cuero Gobblers. Scoring for the Raiders were Clifton Kazmir with eight points; Gary McTear and Jeremie Hemphill, seven each; Joe Cooper and Charles Huffman, four each; Marcus Woods, three; and Emerson Dawson and Jasmine Smith each added two points. Saturday, Dec. 7, the Raiders took on Louise and won 29-19. Dawson scored seven; Huffman, six; McTear, five; Hemphill, Cooper, Smith and Woods scored three each; and Kazmir added two. The Raider JV placed third in the tournament. The Raiders then faced Hitchcock and lost 53-48. Leading scorers for the Raiders were Hemphill, 14; Huffman, 13; McTear, 12; Smith, four; Kazmir, three; and Marshall Peterson added two. In the Brazos tournament, Hemphill and McTear were named to the All-Tournament team. The JV Raiders are now 2-1 in season action.

Hello, is anyone there?

By Philip Soto Jr., PTO President
It kind of sounds like an entertainer who comes out on stage to entertain the audience and does not get any response. He feels that maybe no one is there. This is the question I'm posing to the parents of the Eagle Lake Middle School (ELMS) students, and, the community. On Nov. 11, the ELMS PTO had its monthly meeting and the turnout was, to say the least, disheartening. Attending were two teachers, one administrator and two parents, plus two PTO officers. These meetings are the very essence of the relationship between the teachers, the parents and the students. Where better to come and ask questions about a student's academic accomplishments, status, etc., than a PTO meeting? It also lets the students know their parents are interested in their schoolwork and learning progress. The other issue I would like to address is the response of the teachers, parents and some of the businesses towards the membership enrollment in the PTO. I'm not foolish enough to think every single person in town was going to sign up, but I did hope for a better turnout than what we have showing now. In closing, let me remind you all that you are not "giving" the PTO your money per say, you are making an investment in the future of your students and your community. "Actions speak louder than words", let's act like we care; let's show a little more support; let's all work together for the benefit of our youth. I want to thank all the people and businesses who have already responded and are paid members of the PTO. Please come to a meeting. They're held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

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