

Varsity

to 129 yards of total offense.

The Raiders first team defense has only been scored on six times the entire season. Needville had to resort to some "Tom Foolery" to cross the goal line. They faked a punt early in the game, got down to the 10 yard line and scored three plays later.

The "D-Unit" is allowing less than 130 yards a game in district action. It was very tough to single out any one performer on defense as several young men had many tackles.

Joe Cooper continues to lead the team in total tackles, with Robert Shaw, Donovan King, Derland Sanford, Rusty Moore and Jasmine Smith providing eye-catching numbers defensively.

It's become very obvious that this year's Raider football team is certainly special. As coaches point out, great senior leadership and unselfishness is what is making this team unique. Players and coaches are doing a great job of "spreading the wealth" as noted in this year's team stats (below).

"The linemen are the key to the Raiders success. Great balance between the fullback and tailback positions have kept the opposing teams from keying in on one particular player. The Raiders possess great abilities throughout their team and overall balance and teamwork will remain the ultimate key in their goal towards a state title," said Coach Ryan Roark.

Overall player of the game honors in the Needville game went to Michael Spears, who, besides his rushing totals, intercepted his area-leading eighth pick of the year during the first quarter.

Offensive player of the game award was given to Kevin Shimek and Ed Thomas for their outstanding blocking.

Defensive honors went to Rusty Moore. He had several big plays behind the line and disrupted the Needville toss sweep all night.

Special teams award winner was Marshall Peterson for the second week in a row. His hustle in the special teams is one of the many intangibles that is helping Rice greatly improve in the

kicking game of late.

Note: Rice and Wharton, both 4-0 in district 28AAA play, lock horns Friday night in Wharton. Rice won the last two meetings between the teams, 42-21 in 2002 and 61-17 in 2001. Wharton won in 2000 by a score of 11-0.

Let's get behind our TEAM and cheer them to victory this Friday at Wharton.

2003 STATS

(through Oct. 31, 2003)

Rushing yards, 3085; passing yards, 616; total yards, 3701; average per game, 411.2.

Rushing touchdowns, 43; receiving TDs, 7; return TDs, 1; total TDs, 51; average per game, 5.7.

Rushing

Charles Huffman: 147 carries, 1149 yards, 7.8 yard avg., 14 touchdowns; Michael Spears: 120 carries, 1141 yards, 9.5 avg., 15 TDs;

Derland Sanford: 42 carries, 355 yards, 8.5 avg., 3 TDs;

Zach Perry: 16 carries, 70 yards, 4.4 avg., 3 TDs;

Steven Moore: 34 carries, 138 yards, 4.1 avg., 4 TDs;

Jonathan Thomas: 18 carries, 163 yards, 9.1 avg., 1 TD;

Team: 397 carries, 3085 yards, 7.8 yard avg., 43 TDs.

Passing

S. Moore: 64 attempts, 39 completions (59%), 559 yards, 8.7 yard avg., 7 TDs;

Stuart Ray: 3 attempts, 2 completions (67%), 41 yards, 13.7 yard avg.;

M. Spears: 2 attempts, 1 completion (50%), 16 yards, 8.0 yard avg.;

Team: 69 attempts, 42 completions (61%), 616 yards, 8.9 yard avg., 7 TDs.

Receiving

Branden Jenkins: 13 catches, 193 yards, 14.8 avg., 4 TDs;

M. Spears: 12 catches, 232 yards, 19.3 avg., 1 TD;

Cleve Scott: 3 catches, 33 yards, 11.0 avg., 1 TD;

Jeramie Hemphill: 4 catches, 33 yards, 8.3 avg.;

Robert Shaw: 2 catches, 29 yards, 14.5 avg.;

Garrett Flores: 3 catches, 39 yards, 13.0 avg.;

C. Huffman: 3 catches, 24 yards, 8.0 avg., 1 TD;

Marshall Peterson: 1 catch, 17 yards;

S. Moore: 1 catch, 16 yards;

Team: 42 catches, 616 yards, 14.7 avg., 7 TDs.

Punting

S. Ray: 14 punts, 529 yards, 37.7 yard avg.; longest-55 yards, no blocks.

Interceptions

M. Spears: 8 interceptions for 97 yards;

Dustin Krennek: 1 for 12 yards;

Joe Cooper: 1 for 12 yards;

J. Hemphill: 1 for 8 yards;

James Salinas: 1 for 6 yards; and, Team: 12 for 135 yards.

Scoring

C. Huffman: 15 TDs, 90 points;

M. Spears: 16 TDs, 12-pt. conversion, 98 points;

S. Moore: 4 TDs, 2 2-pt. conversions, 28 points;

R. Shaw: 1 2-pt. conversion, 30 PATs, 1 field goal, 35 points;

D. Sanford: 3 TDs, 18 points;

Z. Perry: 3 TDs, 18 points;

B. Jenkins: 4 TDs, 24 points;

S. Ray: 2 TDs, 12 points;

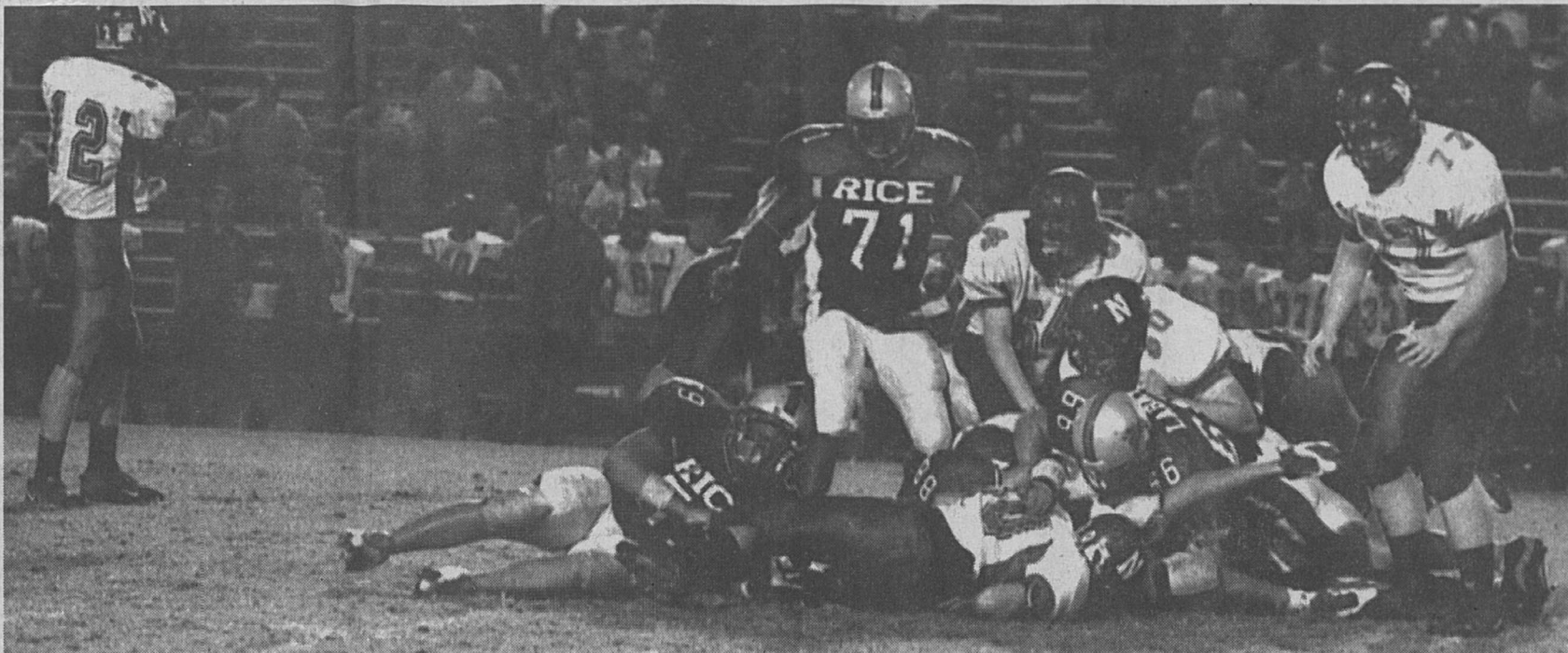
C. Scott, J. Thomas, Robert Scott: 1 TD, 6 points each;

J. Cooper: 1 TD, 12-pt. conversion, 8 points;

J. Hemphill: 1 2-pt. conversion, 2 points;

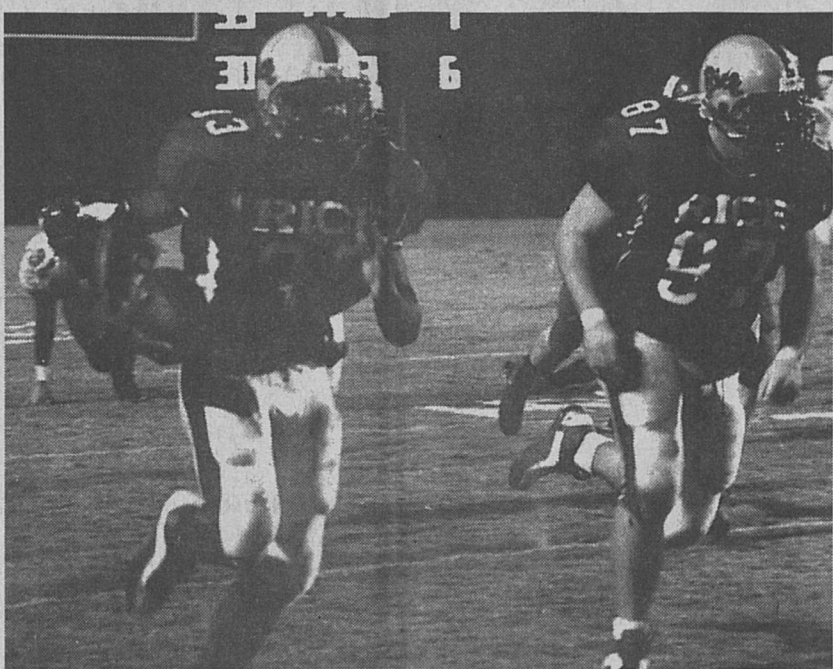
James Johnson: 1 PAT, 1 point;

Team: 51 TDs, 6 2-pt. conversions, 31 PATs, 1 field goal; 352 points; average points per game, 39.1.

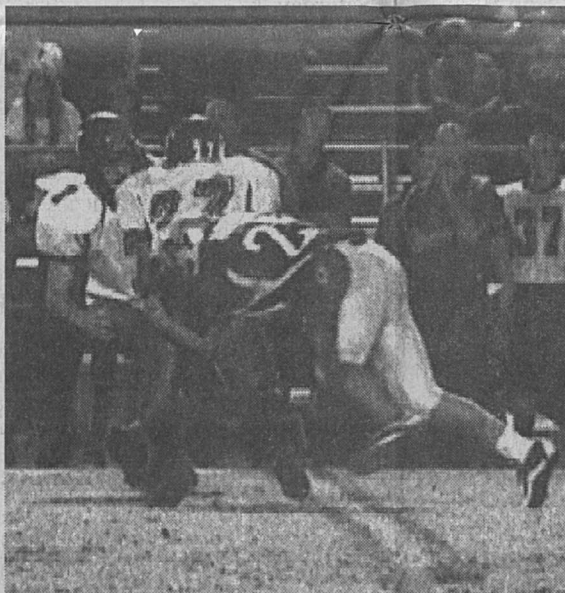


The Needville quarterback leaves the field dejected when, at 4:34 in the third quarter Friday night with a fourth down with about a yard to go, the

Bluejays tried for a first down on about the 37 of Rice. But, Rice's defensive unit would have nothing to do with it, giving their offense the ball.



With senior Garrett Flores, #87, running interference for him, Raider #33, Jonathan Thomas, racks up some of the 65 yards he added to the offense during his time in the game against Needville.



Not only did Raider #24, Zach Perry, play some minutes at the quarterback slot Friday night, he was fierce at his defensive position, too. Here he wraps up a Needville player in the backfield, giving Rice the ball for the last minute of the game.

Raider Runners compete well at District...

JV Cross Country wins first place team

The Rice Raiders' JV and Varsity Cross Country teams traveled to Needville Friday for the district meet. The Needville varsity boys took home the team title, with Sweeny, Palacios and Rice close behind. Wharton and Edna finished a distant 5th and 6th.

The Raiders Varsity narrowly missed out on going to Region by the slimmest of margins. Palacios gained the nod to Region by virtue of 8 fewer total points.

Junior Oscar Hercules led the Raiders running troops with a strong 12th place finish in the 3.2 mile course. Hercules ran a fine time of 20:32. Following closely behind was sophomore Lance Morales with a 14th place finish (20:37).

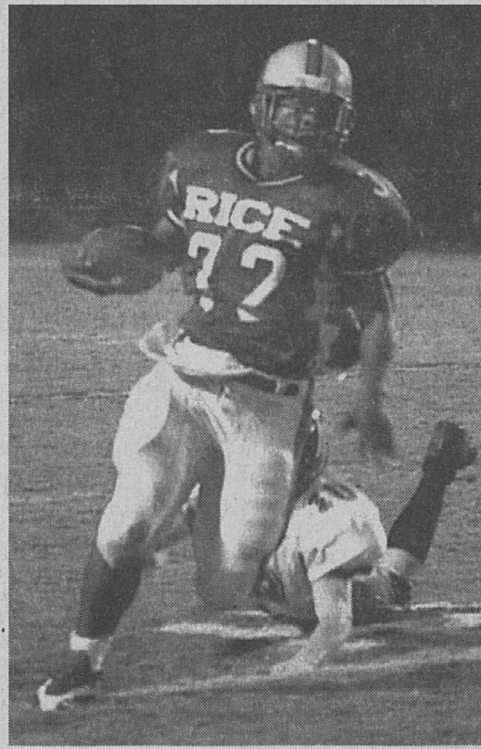
Senior James Salinas ran a 20:41, good for 15th overall. Francisco Najera

came through in 20:49 and an 18th overall place. Junior Joe Lee Perez placed a 23rd place finish with a 21:08 time. Jimmy Navarro ran a 22:49, well off the pace for 32nd.

The JV represented Rice High School extremely well as they brought home the overall JV team first place trophy.

Led by freshman Jacob Engstrom's second place finish, the Raider JV easily outdistanced the field. Engstrom, in his first year in competitive cross country, ran the 2.1 mile course in a solid 13:03. TJ Danklefs, Miguel Arellano, Bryan Rodriguez, Daylon Knott and Tony Vasquez (running with the flu) all contributed strongly to the JV victory.

Congratulations to the cross country team on a fine season and go get 'em this spring in track!



Raider running back Charles Huffman eludes a Bluejay as he adds to his 120 yards for the contest. He leads Rice with 1149 yards so far this season, just ahead of teammate Michael Spears' 1141.

Rice

Michael Spears seems to be dancing across the goal line as he starts the scoring for Rice against Needville. He ended up with three touchdowns against the Bluejays... 15 so far this year.



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Children are often the primary carriers of cold viruses both during and outside the cold season. They get colds mainly through contact with other children/adults in day care or at school. Children can catch a cold by touching a virus-infected object like a doorknob, book, or toy and then placing their hand in or on their mouth, nose, or eyes. Nasal congestion (the most common symptom of a cold) can be a greater concern in children because infants tend to breathe through their nose when bottle or breast-feeding. Small children may not know how to clear their nasal passages by blowing.

Pseudoephedrine (Sudafed) is commonly prescribed as a nasal decongestion for adults and older children. Pseudoephedrine is *not* recommended for children under 2 years of age. Nasal moisturizers containing sodium chloride (Baby-Ayr, NaSal Spray) can be used safely, even in infants, to rehydrate crusted nasal secretions and open passages. Nasal strips such as Breathe Right Children's Nasal Strips can be used in children age 5 and older to open the nostrils. As the strip attempts to "straighten out" to its original shape, the pressure exerted helps open congested nasal passages.

TTC Jrs. Volleyball holding 2004 tryouts

Place: Columbus Jr. High School, Riverside Campus, 702 Rampart
Fee: \$10

Eligibility:

12 and under: Born on or after Sept. 1, 1991;

13 and under: Born on or after Sept. 1, 1990;

14 and under: Born on or after Sept. 1, 1989;

15 and under: Born on or after Sept. 1, 1988.

Dates/Times:

12s: Nov. 9; registration, 1-1:30 p.m.; skills testing, 1:30-3.

13s: Nov. 9; registration, 3-3:30 p.m.; skills testing, 3:30-5:30; court evaluation, 6-7.

14s: Nov. 15; registration, 9-9:30 a.m.; skills testing, 9:30-11:30; court evaluation, Nov. 16, 2-3 p.m.

15s: Nov. 15; registration, 1-1:30 p.m.; skills testing, 1:30-3:30; court evaluation, Nov. 16, 3-4 p.m.

Bring: Proof of insurance, reg. fee and a parent must be present.

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