

Raiders

up; Sanford, five tackles, Jasmine Smith, five tackles; and, Dustin Krenk, five tackles, one pass broken up.

Offensively, the Raiders had many players with big nights. Spears, the overall Player of the Game for the fifth time this season, rushed for 205 yards on only 15 carries and had one touchdown rushing. He added three catches for 96 yards, including a 63-yard touchdown grab.

Fullback Derland Sanford, subbing for the injured Charles Huffman, turned in 78 yards on 13 carries and two rushing touchdowns.

Quarterback Stuart Ray had a huge evening in his third varsity start, rushing for 80 yards on eight carries and two touchdowns. He also passed for a touchdown, his first of the season.

Receiver Jeramie Hemphill had 43 yards on a reverse play in the third quarter.

Starting wide outs Cleve Scott and Branden Jenkins had superb games, even with no catches. They both made several key blocks to spring the running backs into the open field.

The Raider offensive line turned in their usual dominant performance. The Raider "machine" paved the way for 520 yards of offense!

Garrett Flores, Ed Thomas, Dustin Krenk, Jess Little, James Ochoa, Chad Mahalic and Kevin Shimek remain the most consistent, dominant force for the area-bound Raiders.

Ray, Ochoa and Krenk were named Offensive Players of the Game.

Special teams "wild man" Marshall Peterson was given kicking honors for

the fourth time this season. His kick and punt coverage has been outstanding all season.

Injury reports from the Raider camp looks promising as well. Huffman, who

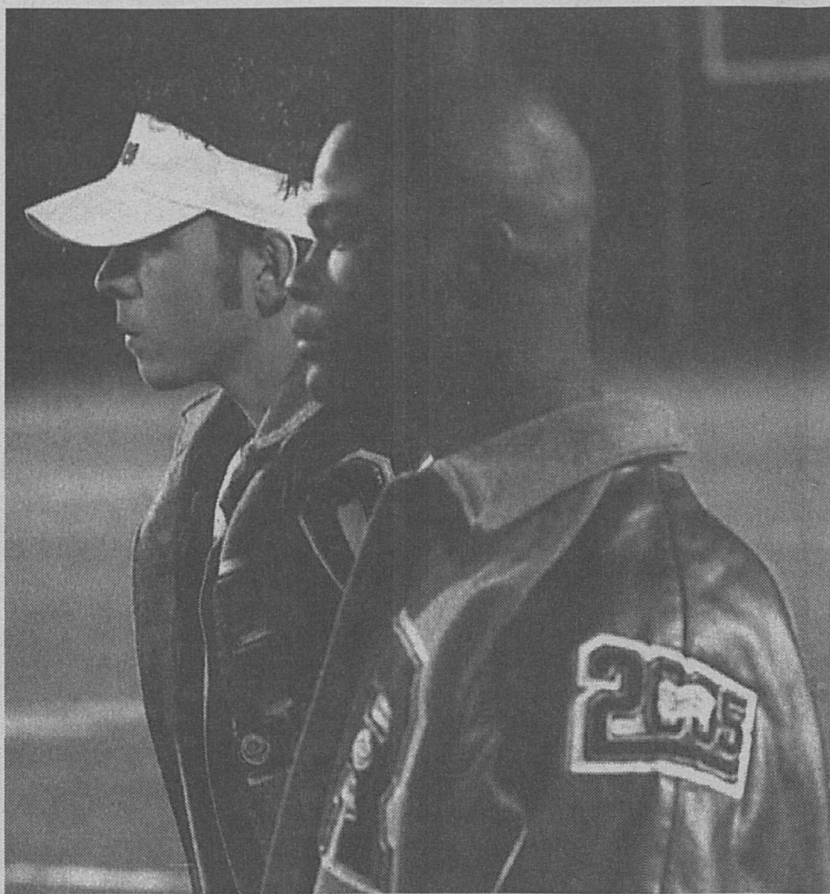
suffered an elbow injury against Wharton, has been cleared to play and practice this week. His speed and leadership will be a welcomed plus to the offense.

Quarterback Steven Moore is also progressing well ahead of schedule in this ankle rehab. Doctors say Moore may possibly be back in two weeks,

after undergoing minor ankle surgery to pin a small anklebone. Only time will tell. All other Raiders, beyond aches, pains, bumps and bruises, re-

main healthy. This is a must if the Raiders are to continue advancing in the 3A state playoffs.

Good luck, Raiders! Capture Area!



It was probably the roughest game they didn't play for injured Raiders Steven Moore and Charles Huffman as they had to watch their teammates struggle through the first half Thursday night. Of course they were all smiles after the Rice team "came alive" for the last 24 minutes.

School Board holds Nov. meetings

A special meeting of the Rice CISD Board of Trustees was called to order Monday, Nov. 10, at 6:45 p.m. at the Administration Building in Altair.

Visitor in attendance was Gwen Knight.

Bill Hefner announced that Rice CISD had received a Superior Achievement Rating from the state for its financial reporting.

The regular Board meeting started at 7 p.m. with visitors Knight and Veronica Curry present.

The minutes of the Oct. 13 meeting were presented to the Board and unanimously accepted.

Hefner presented the Revenue and Expense Report. Jack Vawter made the motion to accept the report. Vivian Spanihel seconded the motion.

Knight reported there are 228 students at the Eagle Lake Middle School. The students are trying very hard to achieve and stay on task. Report card conferences were last week and parents were there and very receptive. Parents that were unable to attend are rescheduling for this week. Nov. 25 will be the first benchmark test for all grades in writing.

Board President Joe Lee Perez and Superintendent Dr. Richard Gott presented Curry with a plaque from the Texas Elementary Principals and Supervisors Association naming her Assistant Principal of the Year for the 2003-04 school year.

The Board reviewed bids that were received on miscellaneous items. Carolyn Baird motioned to accept the bids as presented with the exception of Lot #151 which was denied. Betty Schiurring seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Hefner discussed declaring an end

of Financial Emergency as of Nov. 10, 2003. The motion carried.

Steve Henderson and Fritz Leopold were appointed to the Colorado County Central Appraisal District Board.

The Facilities Report was presented by Hefner and accepted.

The Board reviewed a student transfer with Dr. Gott. The student transfer was denied.

The Board approved the following additions to the substitute teacher list: Ginger Case, Deborah Fryer, Tiffany Seydler, Joe McCreary, Connie Cranek and Chrissy Andrejczak.

Improved water quality data now found on LCRA's website

Visitors to LCRA's website now can view in-depth water quality data from 287 sites spread throughout the Colorado River basin.

The improved water quality information is available from a link on LCRA's home page at www.LCRA.org or go directly to <http://waterquality.lcra.org>.

While the site is chiefly designed for use by water quality experts and scientists, members of the general public also can track water quality at specific locations near where they live, work and play.

The site uses a map that allows users to drill down to specific monitoring locations where multiple agencies test for several hundred parameters, including the water's alkalinity, temperature, bacteria and oxygen levels. The site also includes information explaining the most common measure of water quality and other frequently asked questions.

"The quality of our water affects everyone," said David Cowan, LCRA's Clean Rivers Program manager. "People using this tool will better understand the health of the water in their rivers, lakes and streams."

The data, collected through the Texas Clean Rivers Program, is a collaborative effort by LCRA and other organizations that monitor water quality in the Colorado River basin: The Upper Colorado River Authority, Colorado River Municipal Water District and the City of Austin.

The Clean Rivers Program is a statewide effort operated by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. In the Colorado River basin, the program helps LCRA fulfill its responsibility to identify, analyze and report on water quality issues and potential causes of pollution.

For more information, contact LCRA Water Resource Protection at watershed@lcra.org.

Russia eases tariffs on U.S. meat products

After years of high tariffs and difficult export procedures, Russia has decided to ease quotas on U.S. meat products.

This action may establish a place for Russia in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

With the new quotas in place, U.S. meat is guaranteed a piece of the Russian market at low tariffs. After the quota, Russia will continue to accept meat products, but at a higher tariff.

"This trade agreement greatly benefits America's farmers and ranchers," said Charles Harbich, president of Colorado County Farm Bureau. "The Russians situation is not unique. Tar-

iffs for our export products are much higher than tariffs for imports into the U.S."

Now, the Russian trade market has room to grow. Russia is already the largest foreign market for U.S. poultry, the fifth largest for beef and the seventh for pork.

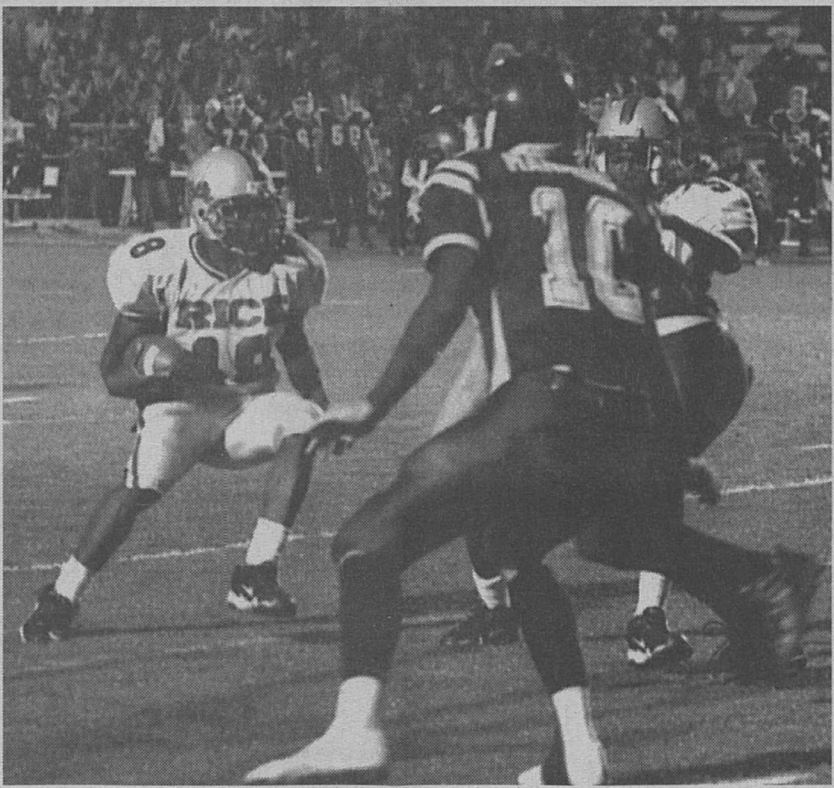
"Russia's decision will help build strong relationships that will help resolve future trade issues," said Harbich.

The Farm Bureau also recognized the efforts of the U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick and Chief Agriculture Negotiator Allen Johnson for their work in making this change possible.



It's a good thing harassment isn't illegal in football or Zach Perry, #24, would have been in a real fix after giving the Hallettsville quarterback so much trouble.

Below, Rice running back Michael Spears, #18, starts cuts back to the left to pick up a block from teammate Derland Sanford as Spears chalks up part of his 205 yards of rushing for the night.



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Nov. 13, 2003 Report

Animals on hand: cattle, 3184; one horse. **Sellers:** 429.

Packer cows: higher dressing utility & cutter cows, 46-56 per lbs.; lower dressing utility & cutter cows, 38-45 per lb.; thin cows, 28-37.

Packer bulls: heavyweight bulls 58-68; utility cutter bulls, 50-57¢. Head tested: 445.

Stocker/Feeder Calves/Yearlings

Steers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.25-1.45; 300-400 lbs., \$1.20-1.36; 400-500 lbs., \$1.08-1.18; 500-600 lbs., 95¢ - \$1.09; 600-700 lbs., 90-97¢; 700-800 lbs., 84-90¢.

Steers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.10-1.20; 300-400 lbs., \$1.10-1.18; 400-500 lbs., 95¢-\$1.05; 500-600 lbs., 83-92¢; 600-700 lbs., 80-86¢; 700-800 lbs., 76-82¢.

Heifers #1: 200-300 lbs., \$1.15-1.28; 300-400 lbs., \$1.10-1.18; 400-500 lbs., 98¢-\$1.08; 500-600 lbs., 90¢-\$1.00; 600-700 lbs., 83-92¢; 700-800 lbs., 82-88¢.

Heifers #2: 200-300 lbs., \$1.00-1.15; 300-400 lbs., 90¢-\$1.05; 400-500 lbs., 85-92¢; 500-600 lbs., 79-87¢; 600-700 lbs., 77-82¢; 700-800 lbs., 72-79¢.

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