

SPORTS



Hempstead no match for the Raiders

Big game set for this week

The Rice Raiders overcame four turnovers with great defensive effort to put away the Hempstead Bobcats 44-6 Friday night at Raider Stadium.

The turnovers were the only negatives of the game as the Raiders ran their record to 7-1 on the season and 3-0 in District 20-3A.

A big plus for the game was the defense creating five big turnovers. Jay Thomas, Darkeith Pratt, and Deshaune Fuller all had interceptions and Ivan Rodriguez and Robert Salinas both came up with fumble recoveries.

The defense held the Bobcats to just five first downs and 151 yards of offense.

Leading the way once again in tackles was Joe Cooper with 12, Robert Scott, 10, Donovan King, nine; Rodriguez, seven and Salinas, six. They stopped the Hempstead attack all night long.

King also had two sacks and three tackles behind the line.

On the season the Raider defense is only giving up 162 yards per game and has allowed only 75 points in eight ball games.

The Raider offense was again led by a fine night of running by Charles Huffman who had 15 carries for 176 yards and four touchdowns.

Brian Williams also had a good night running the ball with six carries for 31 yards. He also accounted for one of the touchdowns with a 22-yard pass to Cooper for a score. Thomas also had a touchdown run and caught a pass.

The offensive line did a good job of opening holes for the team. Having very good nights on the line were Aaron Labay, Emerson Dawson, Curtis Williams and Jeremy Hill.

The Raiders are heading into the two most important weeks of the season as they prepare to make the state playoffs for the fifth straight year.

Coming up this week the Raiders renew their rivalry with the Sealy Tigers.

The Tigers are 5-3 on the year and will give the Raiders a tough battle. If the Raiders win this game they will be in the playoffs.

Sealy is the Dave Campbell magazine pre-district favorite. "Anytime you go to Sealy you start out one touchdown down before you start," stated Coach Dumont. "But this is a big game and I believe we are a big game team," he added.

Everyone needs to go to Sealy and cheer the Raiders on to the playoffs this Friday night at Tiger Stadium.

JV now 2-0 in district action

The Rice Raider JV football team improved to 4-2-1 and 2-0 in district with a win over the Hempstead Bobcats.

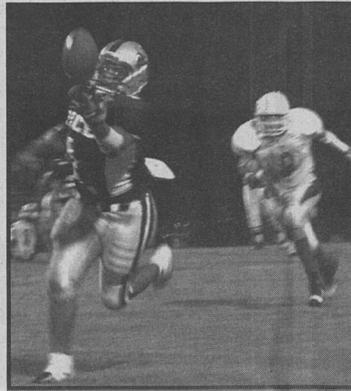
It was the Raider defense that set the tone early as defensive back Danny New stripped the ball away from a Hempstead receiver and took the ball for a 96-yard touchdown. Ross Lobpries added two more points on the conversion.

On the next Raider possession Dwight Dawson scored on a 60-yard pass from Taylor Cook, on the way to the end zone Dawson broke several tackles. The Raiders went into half time with a 14-13 lead.

The second half was all Rice. The Raiders intercepted two passes one by Danny New and the other by Taylor Cook and gave up one touchdown with 35 seconds left in the game. On the offensive side the Raiders put up two touchdowns on a five-yard run by Taylor Cook and a 25-yard run by Jasmine Hemphill.

The final score of the game was Rice 28 and Hempstead 19.

The Raiders will be taking on Sealy this week at Rice. Currently the Raider JV is tied for first with Navasota with two wins apiece.



The Raiders continue to reach for a play-off spot. This catch helped the Raiders gain another touchdown, last Friday night against the Hempstead Bobcats, to gain another win.

Headlight Photo by Dwight Hadley



James Cardenas is not only a great goalie but also scored a lot of the points for the Columbus Heat soccer team. James played his last game Monday Oct. 25. After the game the coaches handed out trophies to every player. James is the son of David and Stacy Cardenas of Alleyton and grandson of Lydia and Atilano "Tony" Cardenas Jr. of Eagle Lake and Sharon and John Alley Sr., and great-grandson of Elsie Kelley all of Alleyton. For his first year he played really well; not our words but the words of his coach, Liz Christen, pictured at the right. We're proud of you James!

Headlight Photo by Carol Cardenas

Organizational News

Colorado County 4-H Horse Club

The Colorado County 4-H Horse Club met Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. in the Colorado County Extension office.

Dale Rankin was present for the adults meeting while the Horse Club met down the hall.

Discussion included details of the current fundraisers - selling the yearly fruit as well as new fundraiser "Support Our Troop" magnets.

Also discussed were the upcoming field trips. Monday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. the public was invited to attend the Equine Message Therapy demonstra-

tion by licensed Equine Therapist Joanne Golden at the Colorado County Fair Grounds.

The next field trip will be to Bellville at the Byler Equine Facility to learn about horse water therapy. The Club is also planning on having more activities as the year progresses. The next meeting will be held Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in the Colorado County Extension office.

For more information please contact Manager Tara Hall at 979-758-3346 or Assistant Manager Jeri Jobe at 979-732-8044. Hope to see you there.

News from Pastor Ken

Recently this newcomer to the area had the opportunity to spend an afternoon at "The Lighthouse" in Eagle Lake, where young people ages 10-17 come for after school friendship, games, food, and Christian adult guidance.

I was surprised to learn that on a typical Tuesday-Thursday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., as many as 60 of our community's young people are present.

This is a huge turnout for such a small and dedicated volunteer staff, which lacks, or is overlooked by the community at large in turns of support.

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Rice CISD School Board Meets

Rice CISD Board of Trustees heard a presentation on student drug testing procedures, awarded property and casualty insurance bids and recognized a faculty member for outstanding accomplishments among other business at the monthly meeting on Oct. 18. Trustees in attendance were Tanya Wiese, Betty Schiurring, Carolyn Baird, Laurel Milentz, Jack Vawter and Vivian Spanihel.

Kent Bowerman, Weimar ISD Superintendent, and Jon Wunderlich, Weimar Athletic Director, were present to explain the steps that need to be taken to establish a student drug testing policy.

Weimar has recently implemented such a policy. School districts are not allowed to drug test the general school population, however, courts currently allow schools to drug test UIL participants. At this point, Rice trustees are only investigating the procedures and policies that must be in place before

such a program can be implemented.

Superintendent Michael Lanier presented Mrs. Ruth Rouse, a teacher at Sheridan Elementary, the Texas Association for Gifted and Talented Region III 2004 Risting Star Teacher Award. The board and Mr. Lanier offered her their thanks and congratulations for her outstanding accomplishment.

Jack Dwyer from Barnard Donegan Insurance presented the property and casualty insurance bids to the board. Vawter made the motion to accept the quote from TAPS (Texas Association of Public Schools) Property and Liability Fund as recommended by Assistant Superintendent Bill Hefner. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Superintendent Lanier reported to the board on the progress of the Long-Range Planning Committee. The committee has been expanded from 8 to approximately 40 community members. Discussions have included curriculum and facilities considerations. Dr. Oates with Texas School Planning, Inc. is working with the committee in an advisory capacity in coordinating curriculum and facilities changes.

So far, discussion has centered on expanding the vocational curriculum and adding dual credit courses. Suggestions for vocational courses include a building trade course touching on all aspects of construction, including heating/air conditioning and electrical, and a health services course to introduce students to medical technician careers.

Lanier and Hefner explained the need for reviewing district boundaries for clarification and to improve transportation efficiency.

Other action included approval of: Student Attendance Accounting Procedures and Leave Procedures Manual; 2004-2005 Correctional Services Corporation Transportation Agreement; Minutes of September 13, 2004 meeting; Monthly Financial Reports; Budget Amendments

Under personnel the board added the following names to the substitute list: Bill Beason, Sonya Clayton, Pamela Davis, Dean Klump, Delories Mason, and Bradley Vallet.

Prior to the regular meeting a special meeting was held to receive the report on the district from FIRST (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas). Hefner announced that Rice CISD received a Superior Achievement Rating, the highest rating that can be given.

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Treatments For This Platelet Disorder

A blood condition known as *idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura* (ITP) is an autoimmune disease. Specifically among those affected, the body produces defensive antibodies that act against the person's own platelets in the blood. As a result, the platelet count drops to extremely low levels (medical term for this is *thrombocytopenia*). The main symptoms of ITP include excessive bleeding and bruising. Tiny red dots often appear in the skin, gums may bleed, and blood may appear in the urine or stool. Bleeding is harder to stop as the number of platelets continues to drop. Chronic ITP is most common in women aged 20-50.

Although treatment of bleeding emergencies and platelet transfusions are considered the main therapies, several drugs are also effectively used to treat ITP. Because antibody production is the cause of ITP, treatment with steroids such as *dexamethasone* can help. Intravenous use of *immune globulin* (IVIG) can interrupt the antibodies from destroying more platelets. People for whom steroids don't work, immunosuppressive drugs like *azathioprine* (Imuran) or *cyclophosphamide* (Cytoxan) can also suppress these antibodies. Although the reason it works is unclear, the drug *avlosulfon* (Dapsone) also has been shown to be effective.