

Rice Raider Baseball Starts District With Two Straight Wins

The Rice Raider Varsity Baseball team opened up district play last week and won both contests over Hempstead and Sealy. The Raiders are tied for first with Columbus, 2-0, and Bellville, 2-0. Navasota, Sealy and

Hempstead are all 0-2.

Rice started off district play last Tuesday at home versus Hempstead. The game was supposed to be played in Hempstead but because of field conditions in Hempstead the game

was moved to Altair. The Raider offensive barrage had a total of 12 hits and scored three in the first inning, seven in the second, and 6 in the fourth in route to a 16-1 victory based on the ten run mercy rule after four and one half innings. Leading hitters were: Ross Lopriese 1 for 3, RBI; Michael Morales 1 for 2, 3R, 2 RBI; Lance Morales 4 for 4, 3R, 5 RBI, 3 doubles; Trent Popp 2 for 4, RBI; Taylor Cook 1 for 1, 2B; Matt Sosa 2 for 3, RBI, double.

L. Morales went the distance on the mound collecting his second victory of the year. Morales pitched a smooth five innings, struck out eight, and gave up only four hits.

Rice then played Sealy on Saturday night and came away with a 6-2 victory over the Tigers. Good pitching and timely hitting helped the Raiders come away with their second victory in as many contests in the district 20-3A race.

Rice surrendered a lone run in the first on a judgmental call by the base umpire after their were two outs and runners on first and second. In the Raider second inning, Perry and Sosa walked and were moved over on a Krenel sacrifice bunt. Lopriese drove Perry home on a sac fly and L. Morales drove home Sosa to make the score 2-1 after two innings of play in the fourth the Raiders struck again with two runs on a leadoff double by Lopriese and a single from M. Morales scored Lopriese.

Popp then doubled off the right field wall to drive in Morales to make the score 4-1 after four innings of play. The Raiders collected two insurance runs in the sixth after a Jeremy Hill double and a Cook single. Both were plated by two Sealy passed balls.

The Raiders then gave another Sealy run in the top of the seventh on an error and one hit to make the final 6-2 Raiders.

On the mound for the Raiders was



The Rice Raider team celebrates at home plate after Jeremy Hill, somewhere in the crowd, hit a home run last Tuesday night against Hempstead.

Cook who through a complete game and struck out seven. Cook surrendered two runs (both unearned) and only walked two.

Rice was set to face Bellville in a tough district match up on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. Hempstead travels to Columbus and Navasota travels to Sealy. Next home action for the Raiders will be Friday, March 31 when Rice hosts Navasota in Altair at 7 p.m. Come and support the Raiders on their journey to the playoffs!!



Michael Morales slides into second base for a steal against Hempstead.

Blinn To Host College Information Session

Blinn College will host an informational event April 8 on its Sealy campus for anyone making plans to attend a college, university or trade school.

Called "Get aHEAD" (higher education awareness day), the come-and-go event will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the Blinn campus at 3701 Outlet Center Dr. in the Sealy Mall.

Parents of high-school-age students are also invited to attend this free event.

General information pertaining to admissions requirements and enrollment services, financial aid and scholarship opportunities, testing requirements, and college and career opportunities, including academic and technical education programs, will be presented by Blinn personnel.

"The information is general, not geared toward any particular college or university," said Scott Baehren, campus director. "The event is designed for anyone planning to attend college - non-traditional-age students and as well as high school-age students."

"We want to equip them with the information they need when they begin the enrollment process."

Pre-application forms for financial aid will be available.

For more information on the event, call the college at 979-209-7607 or visit the campus.

Lady Raiders Participate In Columbus Cardinal Relay

The Rice Raider 7th and 8th grade girls participated in the Columbus Jr. High track meet recently. These are the results:

7th grade girls: 2400m Run: Kayla Llanes, 6th, 11:48.29; Shot Put: Dynasty Johnson, 2nd, 33'-3/8"; Erica McConell, 5th, 27'-2/3";

1600m Run: Llanes, 5th; Discus: Brooke Popp, 1st, 87'2"; Hurdles: Jaquita Woods, 2nd, 19.56; 4x100m Relay: Kaitlyn Clark, Johnson, Popp, Brandy Brewer, 3rd, 58.21;

200m Dash: Johnson, 3rd; 100m Dash: Macchese Thomas, 2nd, 13.60; 4x400m Relay: Popp, Brewer, Clark, Woods, 3rd, 4:48;

8th grade girls: 2400m Run: Kayli Kalina, 5th, 11:30.53; High Jump: Brittany Bartlett, 3rd, 4'6";

Long Jump: Rebecca Dotta, 1st, 2nd, 1:59.19.

4-H Members Participate In Shooting Sports Events

4-H members from the Columbus Area Shooting Sports Club have been active during the month of March participating in area and state shooting sports events. Youth from throughout the county are participating in archery, rifle, air pistol and shotgun projects.

Cody Henneke attended the Nueces County Whiz Bang competition on March 4. Henneke placed 2nd in trap shooting scoring 46 out of a possible 50.

The shotgun project is a new project getting underway in Colorado County. Any county youth interested in participating can contact Dwain Henneke at 733-4201.

Simone Petrosky represented Colorado County at the State Indoor Archery meet in Graham, Texas on March 18 and placed 1st in the Senior I division of Recurve. Petrosky has been notified that she has been chosen to be a member of the Texas Shooting



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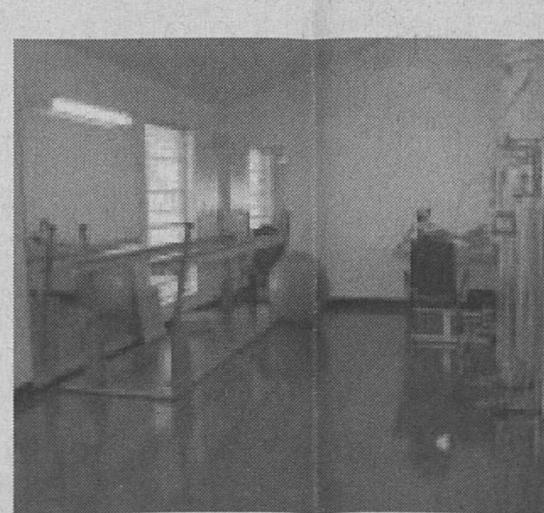
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