

Chelsea Ray concentrates on the ball during an at-bat in the Lady Raiders' game against Navasota.

## Lady Raiders Starting Second Round Of District

The Lady Raiders ended the first round of district play with a 1-4 record. The Raiders were originally scheduled to play Bellville on March 28, however because of rain it was pushed back a day. Bellville, the #4 ranked softball team in 3A, defeated the Raiders 7-1. Freshmen Chelsea Korenek pitched all seven innings for the Lady Raiders. The defense did an outstanding job keeping the game close. Mallory Dumont led the Lady Raiders at the plate going 2-3 with a double. The second round of district play began on Friday, March 31. The Lady

Raiders desperately needed a win to keep their playoff hopes alive and with Navasota defeating the raiders in the first round 11-1, a tough task was ahead for the Lady Raiders. Navasota jumped out to a two run lead in the first inning only to have the Lady Raiders score three in the bottom of the inning on a lead off walk by Morgan Dumont, a single by Kim Varley and a double by Mallory Dumont. Mallory later scored on a passed ball. The Raiders saw the lead slip away in the third with Navasota scoring three to take a 5-3 lead. The Rattlers scored another run in the sixth to get the win 6-3.

## Raiders Take First At Brookshire Relays

The Rice Raiders won the Brookshire Royal Relays on Thursday March 30 with a team total of 170 points. The team did an outstanding job in preparation for the District 20-3A track meet to be held April 11 and 12 in Bellville. Also on Friday evening two raiders ran at the Lamar Consolidated Relays. Luke Shimek placed second in the 110m high hurdles with a time of 14.28 and fourth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 39.70. Anthony Johnson ran the 3200 m run in 10:37.05 for a fifth place finish. Royal Relay results were as follows: 400m relay: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 45.09, Zaccheaus Foster, Dominique Weeks, Brian Williams, Duryel Stevenson; 800 relay: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:35.30, Foster, Stevenson, Sylvester Middleton, Jaylon

Pettus; 1600m relay: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3:41.55, Middleton, Pettus, Nicholas Salinas, Herman Garcia; 100m dash: Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11.15; Foster, 11.49; Weeks, 11.70; 200m dash: Pettus, 24.28; Middleton, 24.28; 400m dash: Kory Aldridge, 58.54; Fernando Cano, 60.23; 800m dash: Salinas, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:14; Garcia, 2:19; Tony Vasquez, 2:25; 1600m run: Luis Samaniego, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5:12; Vasquez, 5:29; Garreth Casper, 5:53; 2400m run: Samaniego, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:21; Casper, 13:18; 110 hurdles: Tanner Williams, 18.50; 300m hurdles: T. Williams, 46.23; Pettus, 4<sup>th</sup>, 48.46; long jump: Middleton, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 19'11"; Stevenson, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 19'01"; Foster, 18'03"; triple jump: Middleton, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 40'05"; Foster, 39'05"; shot put: Curtis Williams, 1<sup>st</sup>, 42'08"; Marcus Hernandez, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 42'07"; discus: Jacob Preather, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 122'09"; Brent Botard, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 118'08".

## Lady Raiders Relay Teams Finish Strong At Lamar Meet

The Varsity Lady Raider Track team competed in the Lamar Consolidated Track Meet at Terry High School (THS) last Friday and got the times they've been working towards. "This was the first meet we have been able to get all together for our relays," stated Coach Dumont. The 4 X 400m Relay (Hillary Johnson, Edricka Thomas, Ja'Keista Winfield, Cunneishia Foster) won Gold with a season best 4:06. The 4 X 200m Relay had a season best 1:44 and the 4 X 100m Relay also had its best time 49.03 finishing with the Silver Medals in both behind THS. Relay members of those two Relays are Ashley Stovall, Amber Cunningham, Thomas and Foster. In the individual events Desiree Toliver ran her best time of the season with a 16.06 in the 100m hurdles and placed sixth. Kashonda Tillman placed second in the discus 99'3" and third in the shot 34'2".

Foster won first in the triple jump 36'8. Micah Hoelscher won the pole vault with her personal best 9'6". Ashley Stovall placed second in the 100m dashes, a personal best 12.28. Hillary Johnson placed fifth in the 400m dash and Ja'Keista Winfield placed sixth in the 800m dash. Amber Cunningham placed sixth also in the triple jump 33'4". The Team finished third place overall scoring 99 points. "This was what we needed to get us going," added Dumont. This week the Raiders and the Lady Raiders have qualified six boys and seven girls for the Texas Relays in Austin on Friday April 7 and Saturday April 8. Running starts at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, with Finals on Saturday. All others that did not qualify will participate in La Grange Thursday. The District Meet is April 11 and 12 in Bellville. Prelims Tuesday and Finals on Wednesday.

## Raiders Fall To Bellville, Navasota On Diamond

The Rice Raider baseball team went 0-2 last week in district play with losses to Bellville 13-2 and Navasota 6-5 in a battle for a playoff spot in district 20-3A. After last week the Raiders now stand at fourth. Standings as of April 3 are: Columbus 4-0, Bellville 3-1, Navasota 2-2, Rice 2-2, Sealy 1-3 and Hempstead 0-4.

Rice started off last week with a win over Bellville on a Wednesday evening. The game was switched to Wednesday because of the rains that came through the area on Tuesday.

After a leadoff single by Ross Lobpries in the top of the first the Raiders left the lone runner stranded. The Raiders gave up three Bellville runs in the top of the first, four in the second, and six in the third. Errors and timely Bellville hitting plagued the Raiders almost the entire game. The two runs scored by the Raiders came in the third and fourth innings.

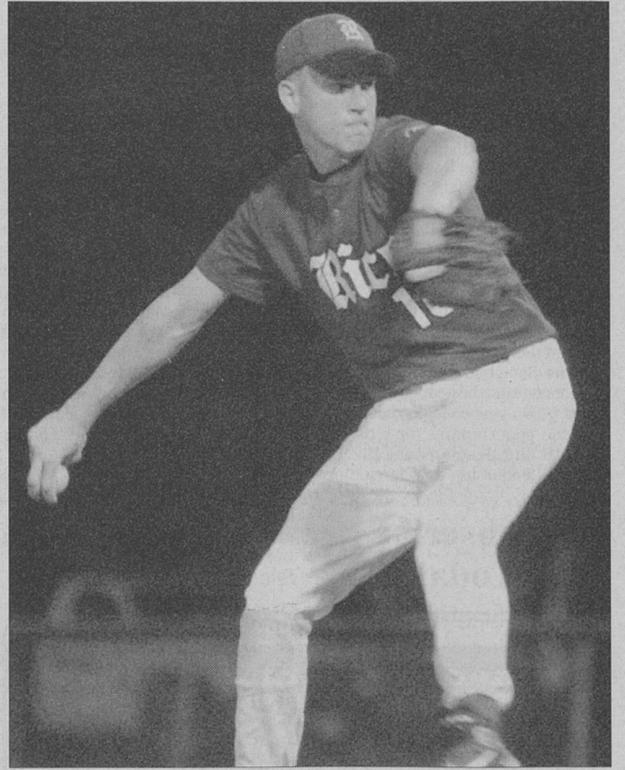
In the third, Dane Krenek lead off with a walk, stole second and was driven in on a single by Lance Morales. Morales' RBI total is now 21 and is the team leader for the year in that category. The other run came in the fourth on a single by Kurt Stern. Stern then reached third on another Krenek walk and Matt Sosa was hit by a pitch. Ross Lobpries grounded into a 4-6-3 double play which plated

Stern. The Raiders then went quietly in the fifth and the game was over by the ten run mercy rule after four and one half innings.

Taylor Cook was on the mound for the Raiders versus Tanner Shiflett against the Navasota Rattlers. The Raiders came out on the short end 6-5.

After the Rattlers went 1,2,3 in the first the Raiders opened up what looked to be an offensive outbreak. Ross Lobpries lead off the bottom of the first for the Raiders with his third homerun of the year. Michael Morales followed with a double and was plated on a sacrifice fly by Taylor Cook to make the score 2-0 in favor of the Raiders. The Raiders gave back a run in the second on error and a single. In the Rattler top of the fourth, the Rattlers plated four runs on only two hits and three Raider errors. The Raiders battled back in the fifth when Zach Perry scored on a Michael Morales single. In the Raiders sixth, the Raiders scored two runs on one hit and one Rattler error to tie the score at 5-5 going into the seventh. Navasota scored one run in the top of the seventh on three hits and no Raider errors. The bottom of the seventh for the home team was quiet as they couldn't get anything going. Taylor Cook had a well pitched game going the distance giving up eight hits, six runs and only one was earned. Leading hitters for the Raiders were: Ross Lobpries 1 for 4, HR(3), RBI; Michael Morales 3 for 3, double, RBI; Taylor Cook 2 for 3, 2 RBI.

The Raiders travel to Hempstead on Friday to start the second round. Game times are 7 in Columbus and 3:30 in Hempstead.



Taylor Cook delivers a pitch against Navasota last Friday night.

## Seventh, Eighth Grade Track Reults

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls participated in the District Track meet held in Columbus Thursday, March 30.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls placed fourth overall with a team total points of 80-1/2.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, team total points 115.

Results were as follows:

7<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 2400m run: Kayla Llanes, 4<sup>th</sup>, 11:16.03; high jump: Jaquita Woods, 5<sup>th</sup>, 3'11"; long jump: Woods, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12'11"; Tara Tesch, 6<sup>th</sup>, 11'11"; shot put: Dynasty Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Brooke Popp, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1600m run: Llanes, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:33.20; discus: Popp, 1<sup>st</sup>; Erica McConnell, 6<sup>th</sup>; hurdles: Woods, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 17.76; 4x100m relay: Kaitlyn Clark, Popp, Brandy Brewer, Johnson, 4<sup>th</sup>, 57.48; 200m dash: Machelsea Thomas, 1<sup>st</sup>, 27.25; Johnson, 6<sup>th</sup>, 30.24; 4x200m relay: Johnson, Popp, Woods, Thomas, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1:57.80.

8<sup>th</sup> grade girls: 2400m run: Kayli Kalina, 5<sup>th</sup>, 11:37.70; high jump: Brittani Bartlett, 5<sup>th</sup>, 4'4"; long jump: Rebecca Dota, 1<sup>st</sup>, 13'11"; Kristyna Lobpries, 6<sup>th</sup>, 13'2"; triple jump: Annicia Williams, 6<sup>th</sup>, 29'4-1/2"; shot put: Brittany Parker, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 33'6-3/4"; Lauren Shimek, 4<sup>th</sup>, 31'6-1/4"; discus: Jessica Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 84'0"; Amber Huvar, 4<sup>th</sup>, 79'8-1/2"; hurdles: Hill, 1<sup>st</sup>, 18.30; Stefani Gertson, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 18.36; 4x100m relay: Marnikwa Woods, Dota, Amanda Serio, Williams, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 55.09; 400m dash: Lobpries, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 70.88; 200m dash: Clarencia Weeks, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 28.52; Williams, 6<sup>th</sup>, 29.34; 100m dash: Weeks, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 13.13; 4x400m relay: Woods, Dota, Lobpries, Bartlett, Rachel Korenek (alternate), 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:34.0; 4x200m relay: Woods, Dota, Serio, Williams, 5<sup>th</sup>, 1:57.36.

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