

Go Raiders! Cage The Tigers!



The Rice Raiders celebrated Parents' Night before their home opener last Friday night. (Headlight photo by James Sweet)



Jarrod Hemphill (#4) and teammates help bring down a Luling ball carrier during Rice's win on Friday. (Headlight photo by James Sweet)

Raiders Open 2006 Season With Shutout Victory Over Luling

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sive attack with a 199-yard rushing performance on 22 carries. Foster found the endzone three times in the shutout victory.

"For a sophomore, Ziggy had an outstanding game in his debut as our main running back," said Dumont.

"He ran hard and is hard to bring down with his compact and explosive frame," he added.

Junior Taylor Cook was under center for the Raiders and finished the game 11 of 21 with 113 yards and a touchdown.

The Raiders amassed 332 total yards rushing in the opening contest while holding their opponent to just 129 total yards.

"Anytime you get a shutout, you've done something right," said Dumont about his defense's performance.

The Raiders recovered a fumble and grabbed two interceptions on the night.

The Raiders' first possession came after recovering a surprise onside kick on the opening kickoff.

The Raiders started on the Luling 46.

After a false start penalty and a short Foster run, Cook completed a couple of passes

bringing up third and short at the 38 yard line.

Ross Lobpries took a direct snap from the center and carried the ball for an 18-yard gain to the 20 yard line.

Another false start pushed the Raiders back another five yards making it first and 15.

Foster carried the ball for seven yards and then Cook completed a 10-yard pass to Darkeith Pratt to make it first and goal from the 8 yard line.

On first down, Foster carried for three yards to the five and the Raiders committed another false start on second down making it second and goal from the 10.

Cook threw incomplete on second down and then carried the ball for 6 yards to the 4-yard line bringing up fourth and goal.

The Raiders decided to go for it, but came up short and turned the ball over at the one yard line.

Three plays later, Luling fumbled the ball and was forced to fall on it in the endzone for a Raider safety with 5:21 left in the first quarter.

Rice got the ball back on their own 45 following the free kick.

Foster broke loose for a 30-yard carry on first down making it to the Luling 25.

He got the ball again for another five yards to the 20.

The drive stalled out after another false start and an incomplete and the Raiders missed a 39-yard field goal giving the ball back to Luling.

Luling put together a good drive making it down to the Raider 28. But, on third and seven, Lobpries picked off a pass from Johnathan Stevens and returned the ball to the Rice 40.

Another false start threatened to kill the Raider drive, but Foster broke loose on fourth and two for an 18-yard gain to the Luling 34.

From there, the Raiders rolled

with a five yard completion to Marques Toliver and two Foster carries for five yards each.

On second and five from the 19, Cook hit Toliver for a 15-yard gain and a first down at the 4 yard line.

Foster then punched it in for a touchdown making the score 9-0, following an extra point by Luis Samaniego with 4:07 remaining in the first half.

Luling went three and out on their next possession and was forced to punt the ball back to the Raiders with 1:44 on the clock.

Foster made an 18-yard carry to get to the Rice 45 and then almost broke loose on the last play of the half, but was stopped after a 20 yard gain.

The Raiders got the ball on their own 34 to open the second half and put together a six-minute scoring drive.

They moved it eight yards

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