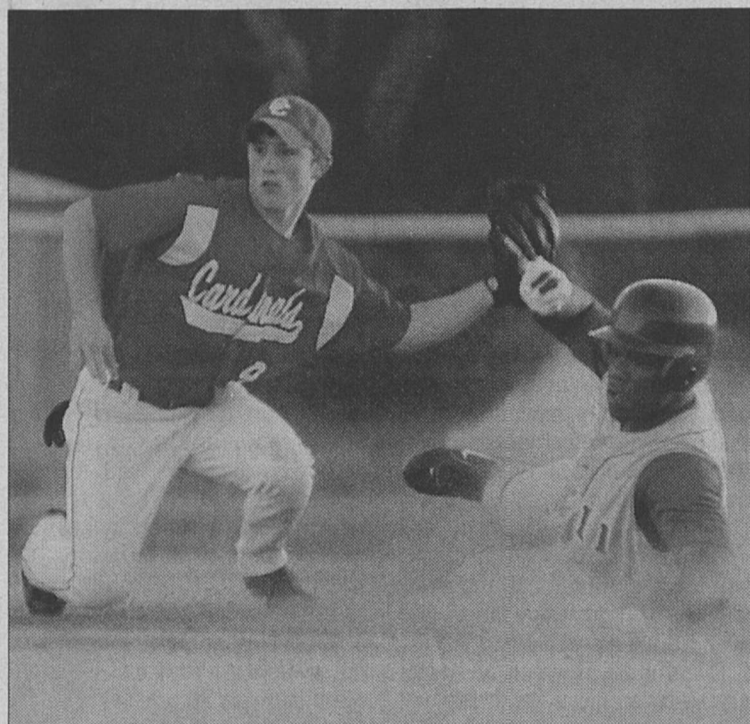


Eddie Elizondo dives for the bag during Rice's game against Columbus Monday.



Brian Williams looks for the call after a slide on Monday night against Columbus.

Raider Baseball Gearing Up For New Season

The Rice Raiders opened the season on Monday, February 19 vs. Columbus. The Raiders look to rebound from last year dropping two one-run games to Navasota that cost them the playoffs in a tough 3-A district that included Columbus, Bellville, Navasota, Hempstead, Sealy and Rice Consolidated.

In 2007 the Raiders are in the same realignment as football, which for baseball does not bode well. The Inside Prep Baseball Magazine Preseason Poll for 2007 has 3 teams out of District 28-AA in it.

Weimar sits at #3 and went to the Regional Semifinals in 2006 with a record of 20-8. Weimar returns eight starters and the top returning starters are: Kelby Grohmann, EJ Jones, Hank Janicka, Jay Helmcamp and Drew Quinney.

Schulenburg sits at #12 and went to the Regional Finals and

were one game away from the state tournament in 2006 with a record of 27-7. Schulenburg returns four starters including: Jason Cummins, Dylan Langhammer, Clayton Besetzny and Beau Daniels. Hallettsville sits at #15 and was in the Regional Semifinals in 3A in 2006 with a record of 24-10.

Hallettsville returns five starters including: Justin Barnes, Jared Barnes, Andy Seay, Ryan Dorsey, and Jon De La Rosa. The district should be an exciting race.

The Raiders return 5 starters from a 2006 team that went 12-14. The Raiders return seniors Ross Lobpries (SS and P), Taylor Cook (1B and P), Matt Sosa (2B and P), Trent Popp (C and P) and Kurt Stern (DH and OF). The Raiders also look to get quality play out of senior Brian Williams and senior Eddie Elizondo. The Raiders are strong up the middle with Popp, Cook, Lobpries, Sosa and Wil-

liams in CF. The battery of Popp and Cook should be one of the top batteries in the district. The Raiders also look to fill some holes in the outfield losing all three starters from last year's team.

The Raiders opened the sea-

son on Monday vs. Columbus losing 6-2 and goes to the Columbus Tournament on February 22, 23, and 24. Bracket is included in the paper.

Come and support the Raiders! Spring is in the air!

Raider Basketball Ends Regular Season With Win

The Raider boy's varsity team defeated the Edna Cowboys by a score of 55-47 on Tuesday, Feb. 13.

Score by quarters: Rice: 13, 8, 15, 19; Edna: 11, 11, 7, 18.

Marquis Toliver was in double digits with 19 points; followed by

Taylor Cook with 13; and Sylvester Middleton with 10 points. Paul Francis and Duryel Stevenson each scored four points.

Cook was leading rebounder with 21 and Toliver pulled down 20.

Boys Powerlifting Takes First At Raider Meet

Boys: 123 lb. Weight Class - Josh Williams, 3rd place - 725 lb. Total; 132 lb. Weight Class - Travis Kaley - 4th place - 820 lb. Total; 148 lb. Weight Class - Sergio Rodriguez - 2nd place - 1050 lb. Total; 165 lb. Weight Class - Ziggy Foster - 5th place - 1090 lb. Total; 181 lb. Weight Class - Pablo Suarez - 1st place - 1230 lb. Total;

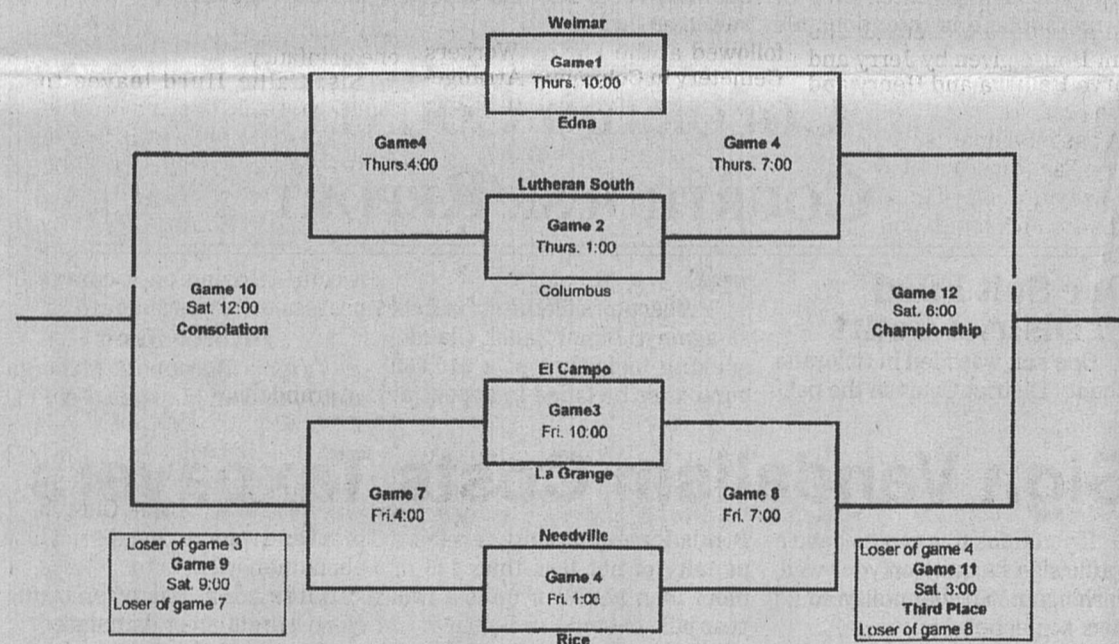
198 lb. Weight Class - Raul Esquivel - 5th place - 1250 lb. Total; 220 lb. Weight Class - Brian Williams - 3rd place - 1210 lb. Total; 242 lb. Weight Class - Jacob Preather - 3rd place - 1305 lb. Total; 275 lb. Weight Class - Trent Popp - 3rd place - 1110 lb. Total; SHW Weight Class - Amador Elizondo - 1st place - 1390 lb. Total.

Team Standings - Rice Boys Placed 1st With A Total of 38 Points.

Girls: 123 lb. Weight Class - Courtney Sklar - 2nd place - 645 lb. Total; 132 lb. Weight Class - Krystina Lobpries - 3rd place - 600 lb. Total.

Team Standings - Rice Girls Placed 6th Overall With A Total of 14 Points.

Columbus Baseball Tournament Bracket



Raider JV Boys End Season

The JV Raider boys team lost to the Edna Cowboys on Tuesday, Feb. 13 by the score of 43-68.

Score by quarters: Rice: 9, 9, 13, 12; Edna: 17, 18, 15, 18.

Leading scorer was Carlos Sosa, 14; Mario Hull, 11; LL Miller and Ricky Quintana with five each; and Jesus Leal added four points.

The JV team holds a district record of 3-11 and season record of 3-15.

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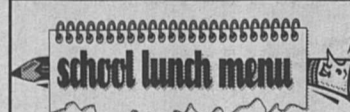
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Lady Raider 2007 Millball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	GRADE	SITE	TIME
2-22-23-24	Rice Tournament	V	RICE	TBA
2-27	Weimar***	JV/V	RICE	5/7:00
3-1/3-3	Schulenburg Tournament	V	Schulenburg	TBA
3-6	Edna***	JV/V	Edna	5/7:00
3-9	Rosenberg Terry	JV/V	Terry	5:30/7
3-10	St. Paul Tournament	JV	Shiner	TBA
3-13	Tidehaven***	JV/V	RICE	5/7:00
3-16	Schulenburg***	JV/V	RICE	5/7:00
3-20	Hallettsville***	JV/V	Hallettsville	5/7:00
3-23	Ganado***	JV/V	RICE	5/7:00
3-27	Industrial***	JV/V	Industrial	5/7:00
3-30	Weimar***	V	Weimar	8:00
4-3	Edna***##	JV/V	RICE	5/7:00
4-5	Tidehaven***	JV/V	Tidehaven	5/7:00
4-10	Schulenburg***	JV/V	Schulenburg	5/7:00
4-13	Hallettsville***	JV/V	RICE	5/7:00
4-16	Ganado**	V	Ganado	6:00
4-20	Industrial***	JV/V	RICE	5/7:00

***Denotes District Game
##Denotes Parents Night



Rice School Lunch Menu

Feb. 26-Mar.2 Breakfast

Mon.-Morning Breakfast
Tue.-Honeybun, Sausage Link or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Wed.-Biscuit, Egg Sausage Patty or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Thu.-PB&J Uncrustable or Cereal, Juice, Milk
Fri.-Cereal, Yogurt, Juice Milk

Lunch

Mon.-Peperoni Pizza, Salad, Steamed Broccoli Fresh Fruit, Milk; HS Alt: Sausage on Bun
Tue.-Steak Fingers, Rice s/ gravy, Blackeye Pea Salad Corn, Strawberries, Milk HS Alt: Mini Corndogs
Wed.-Hot Dog, Chili and/or Cheese, Fries, Pickle Spear Fresh Fruit, Milk, HS Alt: Burrito
Thu.-not available
Fri.-not available

School Days

Rice School Calendar Feb. 26- Mar. 2

Mon.- Beginning of 5th Six Weeks
Tue.- 4:30 p JV, V Baseball vs. Louise Here
5:00 p JV/V Softball vs. Weimar Here
Wed.-
Thu.- Progress Monitoring for all students
Boys & Girls Track Meet @ Flatonia
V Softball Tournament @ Schulenburg (TBA)
March 1st-3rd
JV Baseball Tournament @ Columbus (TBA)
March 1st-3rd
V Rice Booster Club Baseball Tournament (TBA) March 1st-3rd
Fri.- REPORT CARDS
GK Training (1st Grade) 1/1 day p.m.

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