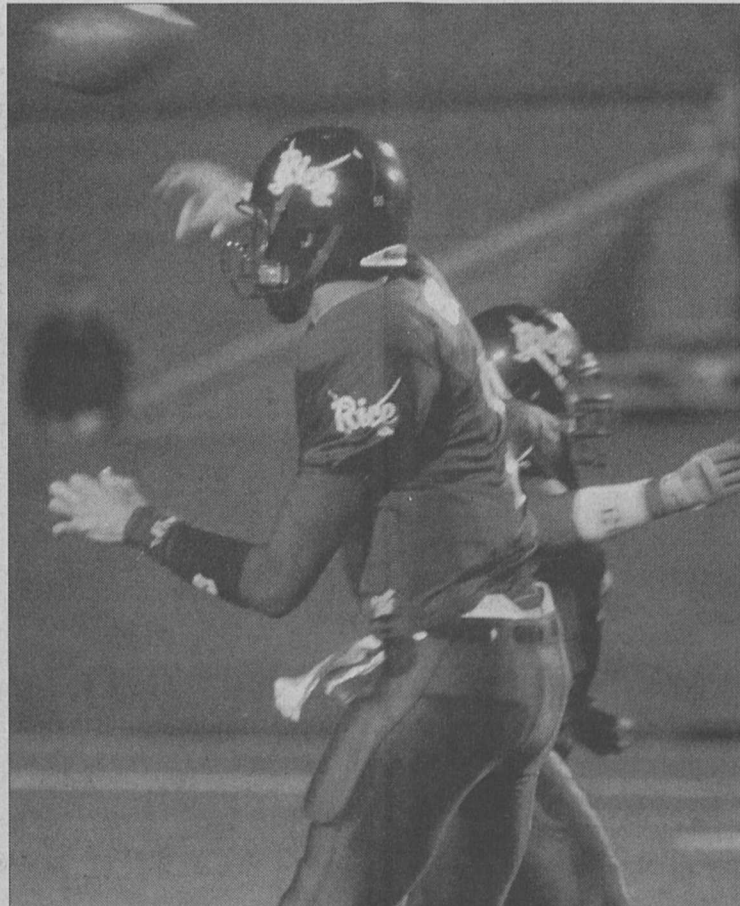




Chris Dorsey make a tackle on Friday night.



Taylor Cook lets a pass fly on Friday night.



Dewey Pettus runs with the ball during the game on Friday.

## Rice Raiders Beat Brazos To Move On To Area Round Of Playoffs

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loose for a 55-yard touchdown run.

Samaniego made the extra point and the Raiders led 7-6 with 6:54 left in the quarter.

Brazos started on the 31 for their next drive.

They ran the ball six consecutive times to the Raider 28. They then completed a pass for four yards for a first down at the 17.

Brazos ran the ball three more times, the last for a five-yard touchdown.

A two-point try was no good, and Brazos led 12-7 with 2:54 left in the quarter.

The Raiders got the ball on the 33, but fumbled on the second play, giving Brazos the ball at 40.

Brazos threw for nine yards on first down, then ran for 14 and a first down at the 17.

Chris Dorsey stuffed a reverse on the next play pushing Brazos back seven yards.

On the next play, they broke a 23-yard run to the one-yard line.

They punched it in for a touchdown on the next play. The extra point was good and Brazos led

19-7 with 34 seconds left in the quarter.

Rice fumbled the ball on the ensuing kickoff and Brazos went back to work at the 45.

After just three plays, Brazos turned the ball back over to the Raiders, but Rice returned the favor three plays later with an interception at the 13.

Brazos drove to the Raider 30 with a big pass play and a run, but the Raiders grabbed another fumble and took over at the 44.

Foster carried for five yards, then Cook hit Mario Hull for a 15-yard pickup.

After another short Foster carry and an incomplete pass Cook found Arrison wide open on the right side of the field for a 34-yard touchdown. The extra point was good, and with 3:41 to play in the half, Rice was behind 19-14.

Brazos drove to the Raider 23 on their next possession, but a holding penalty and a ten-yard sack by Tanner Williams and Jasmine Hemphill pushed them back to the 40.

Brazos tried a fake punt on

fourth and 23, but the Raiders stopped them short of the first down.

Time ran out in the first half with Rice trailing by five, 19-14.

Rice got the ball to start the second half, but was forced to punt after the drive stalled at the 47.

The punt was down at the four-yard line and the Raider defense stonewalled them, not allowing a first down.

Brazos punted and Rice took over at the Brazos 42.

The Raiders were unable to gain a first down and were set to go for it on fourth and six, but Cook punted from the shotgun formation and pinned Brazos against the end zone again, this time at the 2.

Trying to get out of the end zone, Brazos fumbled and Chito Vasquez recovered for the Raiders at the one-yard line.

The Raiders tried a quarterback sneak from the one, but a fumble gave the ball back to Brazos with a touchback. It appeared from the stands that forward progress had been stopped before the

ball came out, but no whistle was heard and the ball was recovered by Brazos.

Brazos then went on a nine-play drive to the Rice 30, but the Raider defense came up huge again, stopping Brazos. They went for a first down on fourth and 10, but only gained eight yards on a pass play.

The quarter came to a close and the score remained 19-14 in favor of Brazos.

Rice took over at the 22, and Foster carried for five, then one yard to the 28 where it was third and four.

Foster got the ball again on third down, and picked up the first down before breaking free for a 72-yard ramble to give Rice the lead. Cook ran the ball in for a two point conversion making the score 22-19 with 11:02 left in the game. Rice had been behind since the 2:54 mark in the first quarter.

Brazos pushed the ball to midfield with their next possession, but fumbled the ball again, giving Rice the ball at the 42.

Foster ran twice for three,

then two, and after an incomplete pass, Rice went for it on fourth and five.

Cook found Duryel Stevenson open for a 32-yard gain to the five, setting up first and goal.

The Raiders were flagged for illegal substitution and were pushed back to the 10.

Foster carried three straight times to pay dirt to put the Raiders ahead by two scores.

Samaniego made the extra point and Rice had a 10-point lead, 29-19, with 6:24 left in the game.

Brazos got the ball back at the 29 and held it for 12 plays. After driving to the 12 for a first down, Brazos completed a pass for nine yards.

The Raider defense stood strong and got a five-yard loss on the next play. After an incomplete pass, Brazos tried a field goal, but it was low and wide.

Brazos used over three and a half minutes, and came up empty handed.

The Raiders kept the ball on the ground to drain the clock,

but did have to punt with under a minute left.

Kevin Ellis picked off a Brazos pass and the Raiders took a knee to run the last seconds off the clock.

The Raider defense held Brazos scoreless in the last three quarters, allowing Rice to make their come from behind victory.

Defensive standouts for the Raiders were:

Adam Shimek 7 total tackles, 3 for a loss, 2 forced fumbles;

Carlos Sosa 7 total tackles, forced fumble;

Chris Dorsey 7 total tackles, 4 solo, 2 for a loss;

Jasmine Hemphill 4 total tackles, 1 for a loss, 3 forced fumbles;

Damien Stevens 10 total tackles, 5 solo;

Tanner Williams 9 total tackles, 3 solo, forced fumble, fumble recovery;

Dominique Weeks 7 total tackles;

Kevin Ellis 6 total tackles, fumble recovery, interception.

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