



The Raider faithful celebrate the game winning score.



The Raiders get a pep talk during their game on Friday night.

Rice Raiders Knock Off Lago Vista With Fourth Quarter Comeback

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dirt a few plays later from the four-yard line. The extra point made it 14-7 with a few seconds left in the opening stanza.

The Raiders answered back in a hurry.

Their next drive started at the Viking 44 and ended when Foster broke loose on a 56-yard touchdown romp.

Samaniego made the point after for a 14-14 game with two seconds left in the first quarter.

Lago Vista answered right back with a three play, 62-yard drive to regain the lead. A 58-yard run set up the touchdown. With 10:54 left in the first half, the score was 21-14.

The Raiders started their next possession at the 37, and pushed the ball to midfield with a pass to Sylvester Middleton.

The drive stalled out though, and the Raiders were forced to punt the ball away.

Lago Vista then went on a 12-play drive covering 81 yards. They ran the ball on every play, with the exception of one incomplete pass.

They scored on fourth and two from the five-yard line.

With 1:59 left in the half, the score was 28-14 in favor of Lago Vista.

The Raiders went three and out with their next possession.

Lago Vista got the ball back with just under a minute left, and drove down to the Raider 40. They

attempted a 57-yard field goal to end the half, but it fell just short and wide.

Rice got the ball to open the second half and marched down the field on a 14-play drive.

Foster carried for five, ten, then six yards, followed by Cook for 10 and a first down to the Viking 38.

After no gain and an incomplete pass, Foster picked up nine on third down.

The Raiders went for it, and Cook picked up the first down on a six-yard quarterback sneak to the 23.

After a six-yard loss, Foster picked up two, then Cook ran for 10 more, bringing up fourth and four.

Rice again opted to go for it and Cook threw complete to Hull for eight yards, setting up first and goal.

Foster did the rest of the job with runs of five then four for the touchdown.

Samaniego made the extra point and the Raiders were back within a touchdown, 28-21 with 5:26 left in the third.

The Vikings got the ball back at the 38, and marched down the field in six plays, all runs, to score another touchdown.

Lago Vista botched the snap on the extra point and it failed, making the score 34-21 with 3:05 left in the third.

Rice took over at the 28 for their next possession and pushed to the 41.

The Raiders again went for it on fourth down, but a pass that looked to be complete for the first was ruled an incompleteness, giving the Vikings the ball.

Lago Vista got the ball at the Raider 31 after an unsportsmanlike penalty after the previous play.

They ran the ball three times to go up by 19 points, 40-21 with 11:57 left in the game. A two-point try failed after the touchdown.

Rice came out swinging on their next possession and a reverse by Duryel Stevenson picked up 22 yards to the Viking 47.

Foster then got loose for another large gain, 26 yards to the 21.

Cook carried for eight on the next play, then Foster for four more and a first down at the nine.

After a loss on the next play, Cook hit Hull with a 15-yard score. A two point try was no good, making the score 40-27, with 9:38 to play.

The Raiders tried an onside kick, but were unable to recover.

Lago Vista got the ball at the 47.

After a five-yard Raider penalty, the Vikings pushed the ball to the 43, where they had a first down.

The Raider defense dug in and came up with three stops for short yardage including a stop for one yard by Chito Vasquez on third and seven.

Lago Vista went for on fourth down, and tried their second pass of the game on play action, but it fell incomplete, giving Rice the ball at the 39 with just over eight minutes left.

The Raiders brought out the reverse again on the first play, this time for a 12-yard gain to midfield.

A defensive holding penalty moved the ball to the Viking 39 on the next play.

After a short run, a false start pushed Rice back to the 44, where it was second and 15.

Foster carried for two yards, followed by an incomplete pass, making it fourth and 13.

Rice opted to go for it and Lago Vista committed a pass interference penalty on the play, giving the Raiders new life at the 27.

On the next play Cook hit Stevenson on a pass to the one-yard line.

Cook pushed in on the sneak for the touchdown.

Samaniego connected on the extra point, and the Viking lead was down to 40-34 with 6:14 on the clock.

The Raiders lined up and tried the onside kick. Samaniego dribbled the ball toward the left side

through the first line of Vikings. Jasmine Hemphill got through and dove on the ball for the Raiders at the 24. Damien Stevens and Kevin Ellis were right there as well.

Rice was stopped for a loss on the first play back to the 26.

After no gain on the next play, a pass attempt fell incomplete, making it fourth and 12.

The Raiders lined up to go for it once again.

Cook dropped back and delivered a perfect rainbow to a streaking Hull in the left corner of the end zone. Hull secured the catch and the Raiders had tied the game after having been behind 19 points only seven minutes earlier on the game clock.

Samaniego came on and put the extra point right through to give the Raiders their first lead of the contest 41-40 with 4:40 left in the game.

Samaniego kicked the ball deep on the ensuing kickoff and the Raiders stopped the return at the 16.

The Vikings, though short on time, stuck to the running game and picked up 16 yards on the first play to the 32.

They then ran for one, then nine out to the 42.

A 19-yard carry followed to the Raider 35.

After an eight-yard run, a Raider offside penalty gave them

a first down at the 22.

Carlos Sosa made a big stop on the next play for a two-yard loss.

Next, they ran for five, then six yards, making it fourth and one at the 13 with just over one minute left.

The Vikings lined up to go for it, but a false start backed them up five yards.

Lago Vista then opted to try the 35-yard field goal to give them a two-point lead.

The Raiders called a timeout to give the kicker a little time to think about it.

The snap and hold were good, but the kick was scooped into a slight breeze and came up just short and to the right.

Rice took over at the 18. After a kneel, Lago Vista used their second timeout.

Foster carried the ball on the next play and picked up 34 yards to seal the win for the Raiders.

Defensive standouts for the Raiders were:

Damian Stevens 11 total tackles, 3 solo;

Chito Vasquez 8 total tackles, 5 solo, 3 for a loss;

Tanner Williams 10 total tackles, 4 solo;

Adam Shimek 7 total tackles, 3 solo;

Carlos Sosa 6 total tackles, 5 solo, 1 for a loss;

Chris Dorsey 6 total tackles, 2 solo.

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