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Raiders Win Season Opener In OT

The Rice Raiders started their 2008 campaign with an exciting overtime win over the Wharton Tigers on parents' night last Friday in Altair.

After finishing regulation in a 20-20 tie, the Raiders scored a touchdown on their first overtime possession on a 16-yard touchdown pass from sophomore quarterback Myles Dumont to Marquis Toliver.

The Tigers failed to score on their overtime possession and the Raiders took a 26-20 victory.

Junior Ziggy Foster carried the offensive load for the Raiders with 171 yards on 28 carries and a touchdown. He also caught a 44-yard touchdown pass in the contest.

Dumont finished the night with 9 of 13 passing for 121 yards and two scores. He also ran for a touchdown in the game.

The Raiders had 355 yards of offense while holding Wharton to just 31 rushing and 62 passing yards on the night.

The Raiders scored first in the game on a drive that started on their own 47-yard line.

On third and ten, Dumont hit Mario Hull for a 13-yard gain to the Tiger 40.

Foster carried the ball on the next play for another 12 yards to

Wharton's 28.

On the next play Dumont took the ball up the middle on a draw for a 28-yard score and Rice's first touchdown of the year with 11:51 to go in the first half. Dumont also made the extra point try.

The Tigers answered back on the next possession with a 55-yard scoring drive capped by a 36-yard touchdown pass.

With 9:40 left in the second quarter, the score was tied at 7.

Rice added on another touchdown at the very end of the half.

After getting the ball at midfield with just 43 seconds on the clock, the Raiders went to work.

Dumont connected on first down with Hull for six yards.

After a spike to stop the clock and an incomplete pass, it was fourth and four.

Dumont threw to Foster in the left flat, and it was off to the races 44-yards for a touchdown with just over five seconds on the clock.

The Raiders tried for a two-point conversion after a Wharton penalty, but was no good. Rice led 13-7 at the half.

Wharton scored next on a fumble return for a touchdown with 4:16 left in the third quarter. They missed the extra point making the score a 13-13 tie.

Rice answered back on the

next drive.

They started at the 35-yard line.

On second down Dumont threw to Toliver for a six-yard gain.

On the next play, Kevin Ellis carried the ball for a 17-yard pick-up to the Tiger 43.

Foster got the call on the next snap and carried the ball inside the five. He punched through for the touchdown on the next play. Dumont hit the extra point for a 20-13 lead with 1:40 left in the third stanza.

Wharton's next drive resulted in a punt and the Raiders got the ball back on the 29.

Foster broke free on a 32-yard ramble to the Tiger 39 on the first play.

Dumont then hit Hull for nine more. Foster Picked up the first down on fourth and one with an eight-yard carry to the 23.

Dominique Weeks carried for ten on the next play to the 13.

On the ensuing play, Dumont was flushed from the pocket and Wharton intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown.

They made the extra point to

tie the game at 20-20 with 8:50 to go.

Rice got the ball on the 33 to start the next drive, but fumbled giving the Tigers the ball at the 36.

The Raider defense came up with a huge stop forcing a turnover on downs just four plays later.

Rice got the ball back with 5:58 on the clock, but fumbled the ball two plays later.

The Raider defense stepped it up again, and forced a three-and-out after J. J. Reggins broke up a third-and-nine pass attempt.

Rice also went three-and-out on their next possession, punting to the Rice 45.

The defense stood strong again. On first down, Tanner Williams and Francisco Vasquez brought down Wharton's quarterback for a seven-yard loss.

Wharton turned the ball over on downs three plays later and Rice got the ball back with 12 seconds left on the clock.

Time expired after a rushing attempt and the game went to overtime.

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Marquis Toliver hauls in the game-winning touchdown Friday night.

NEWSBRIEFS

Free, reduced meal packets available

Free and reduced meal applications for 2008 - 2009 school year are now available. Please contact your child's appropriate campus for more information or stop by and pick one up.

Booster club selling shirts

The Rice Booster Club is selling football spirit shirts with the roster imprinted on the back. Shirts sell for \$10 each with 2X and 3X at \$12 each. Pre-orders are being accepted until Friday, Sept. 5. To reserve your shirt, you can email Clarice Dumont at cadumont@elc.net or go by any school office to pick up an order form.

Yearbooks are in

The Rice High School yearbooks have arrived. Books can be picked up in room 1 between 7:45 - 8:00 am, 11:20 am - 1:20 pm, and 2:15 - 3:30 pm. Any balance due must be paid in full before the book will be released. There are several extra books for sale at a price of \$45. For additional information contact Melody Grigar at mgrigar@ricecisd.org.

Narcotics anonymous meetings

If you have a drug or alcohol problem or think you might have one and you want to stop, then Narcotics Anonymous is the solution! Meetings are held every Wednesday night from 8 to 9 p.m. in Columbus. For more information and location, please call 713-858-5162.

Senior citizen dance is Friday

A senior citizen's dance will be held on Friday, Sept. 5 at the Eagle Lake Community Center from 8 to 11 p.m. Larry and Kactus Country will provide the music. For more information call 979-234-2903.

GRSBC To sell fish plates Saturday

The Greater Rising Star Baptist Church (GRSBC) usher department will be selling fish plates on Saturday, September 6 starting at 11 a.m. Plates are \$7 and will consist of fried fish, potato salad, green beans, bread, cake, & drink. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dance in Sealy Saturday

The Sealy Dance Club will host a public dance, Saturday, Sept. 6 at the American Legion Hall in Sealy from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Music will be provided by The Country Knights. Theme for the dance is "Fiesta Days." Feel free to wear Spanish attire, hats, ruffles, etc. Free cake, coffee, sandwiches, chips, dips, and door prizes. Admission is \$7 per person. Doors open at 6. For more information call 979-885-3489.

Top Cat Dance Club to hold dance Sept. 7

The Top Cat Dance Club will sponsor a public dance Sunday, Sept. 7, at the Fireman's Hall in Industry, from 3 to 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 2 p.m. Music will be provided by the Music Masters. The Top Cat Dance Club is a non-profit club committed to providing first-class live bands that play polkas, waltzes, and country/western music. The public is invited. The club's membership drive is underway, and walk-in guests are always welcome. Plan to attend and enjoy an afternoon of dancing, fellowship and fun. For more information call 979-234-3045.

WCMBC To celebrate anniversary Sept. 7

White Cloud Missionary Baptist Church (WCMBC) will celebrate their 94th church anniversary, homecoming, family and friends day on Sunday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Dinner will be served in the Dr. Obie Rhodes Fellowship Hall.

PBC 40th anniversary celebration Sept. 14

The pastor, officers and members of Providence Baptist Church (PBC) invite you to worship with them in their 40th church anniversary and homecoming service, Sunday, September 14 at 3 p.m. Rev. Joseph Hargrove, pastor of New Greater Smith Chapel Baptist Church Columbus will be the guest speaker. Rev. Coby Shorter, Jr. pastor.

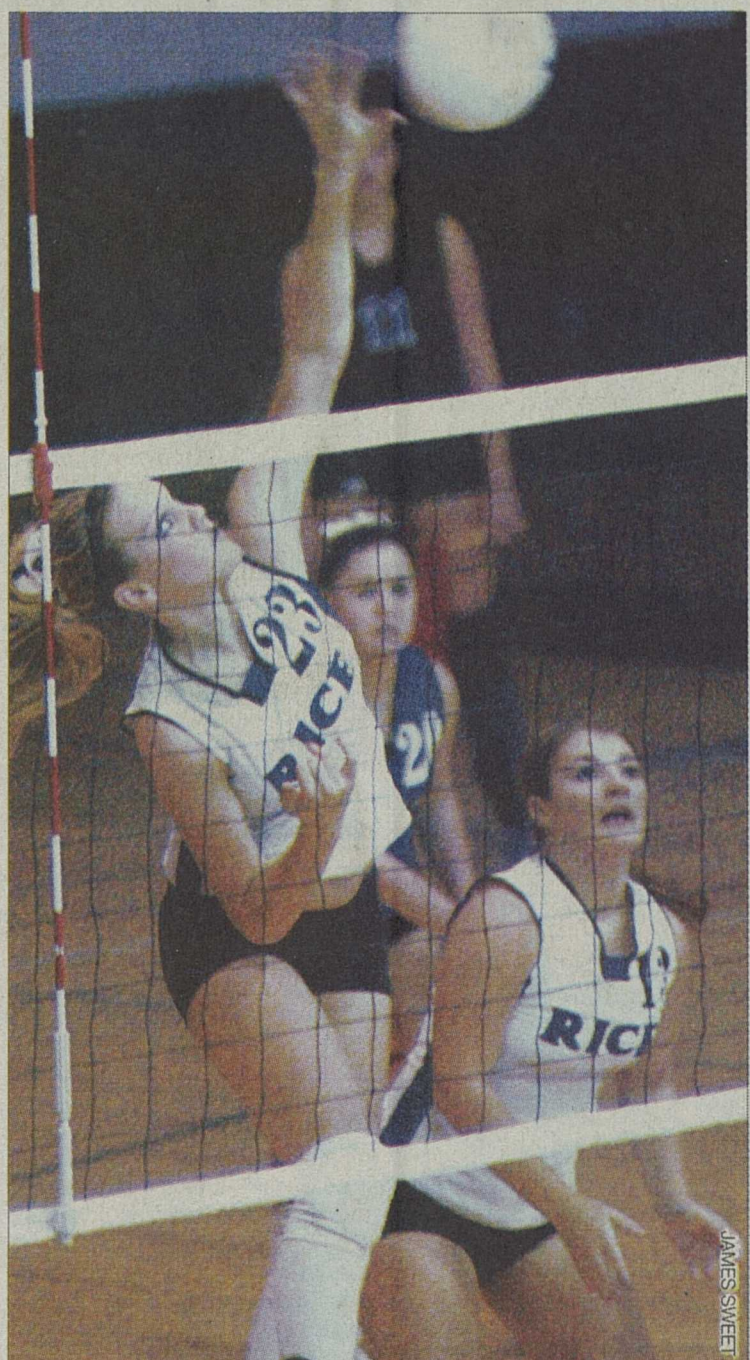
Fair parade entry forms available

Entry forms for the 30th Annual Colorado County Fair Parade slated for Saturday, September 13, are now available. The parade will take place in downtown Columbus starting at 10 a.m. Theme for this year's parade is "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," acknowledging the fair's 30th anniversary. Entry forms are available at Potter's Western Store in Columbus or the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau located in the Stafford Opera House, 425 Spring Street in Columbus. For more information call parade chairman Rim Dyer at the CCVB

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Ziggy Foster breaks a tackle for extra yards on Friday night.



Lauren Shimek hits the ball while Brooke Popp covers her during a game against Wharton Friday.

Former City Manager Laid To Rest

Former Eagle Lake City Manager Ronald W. Holland was laid to rest last Friday afternoon.

He passed away Tuesday, August 26 following a battle with cancer.

Holland served as city manager here from 1993 until his retirement early in the summer.

See Page 4 for obituary.



Ronald W. Holland



Pictured above are some of the items that the Eagle Lake Study Club will have up for grabs at their annual auction.

Study Club Auction Slated For September 20

Exciting new items are listed for the upcoming Study Club Auction held at the Eagle Lake Community Center on Saturday, September 20.

It all begins at 5 p.m. with a fried chicken dinner sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce,

catered by Austin's BBQ and Catering.

Look for special items on the silent auction tables from 5 until 6:45 p.m. Buy your sweet treats at the bakery tables.

Then at 7 p.m. the main auc-

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