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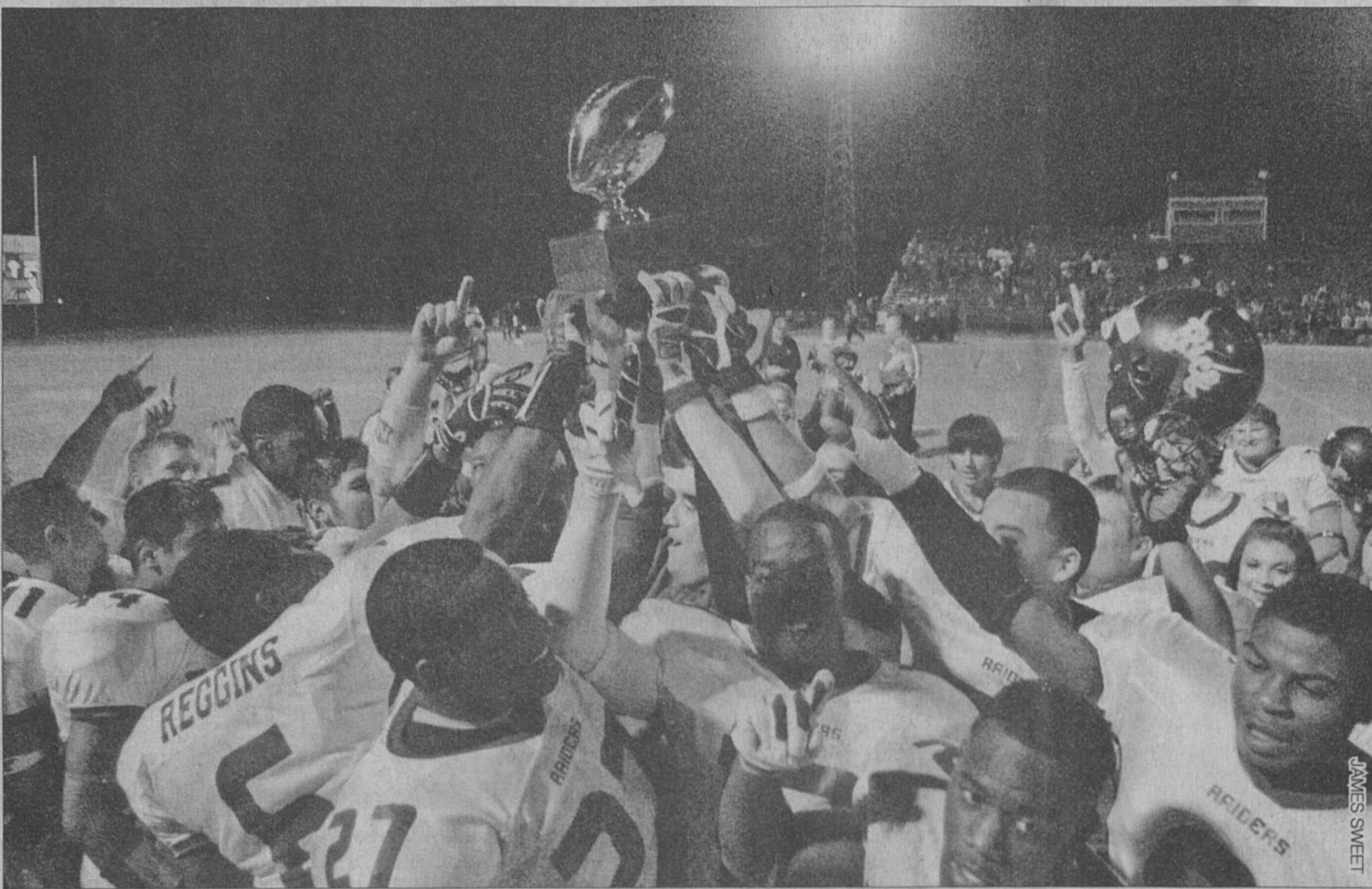
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Rice Raiders Make History With 9-0 Season



The Rice Raider Football team hoists the District 26AA Championship Trophy Friday night after beating Brazos in Wallis. The win also gave Rice a 9-0 regular season record, the first Raider team to ever go undefeated through a regular season. Rice faces Salado in the Bi-District round of the Class AA Division I Playoffs on Friday in Seguin at Matador Stadium. Kickoff is set for 7:30 p.m. A bonfire and pep-rally will be held Thursday night in Altair at 6 p.m.

The Rice Raiders capped off the first undefeated regular season in school history with a 29-14 win in Wallis against Brazos last Friday night.

Rice also grabbed the District Championship trophy for the second straight year Friday night.

"It is very special to be the first team to ever win an outright district championship and go undefeated," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

"It is real hard to do this day in time, because of so many equal teams," he added.

He credited the tough play of the Raider defense as a large contributor to the team's success but added that the season was a team effort.

"We set out this year to put defense first," he said.

The Raiders have given up a miniscule 89 points this season while holding opponents to an average of only 161 yards per game. The next best in district in those two categories was East Bernard who allowed 209 points and 282 yards per game.

The Raider offense was third best in district this year in yardage with an average of 337 yards per game. They scored 271 points, which was second best to East Bernard's 328.

Senior Ziggy Foster finished the regular season with top rushing honors. He racked up 1,286 yards and 15 touchdowns on the year. He also had 230 receiving yards and 4 touchdowns.

Sophomore quarterback Myles Dumont was second in district in yards with 1,335. He had the best completion percentage at 58 percent and also had the most touchdowns with 19, while throwing only three interceptions.

Senior Marques Toliver and Junior Mario Hull were first and second in district in the receiving department with 506 and 447 yards respectively. Toliver had 10 touchdowns and Hull had 4.

Junior Damien Stevens had 64 tackles to lead the Raiders on defense. Senior Tanner Williams added 50 more and Junior Chris Dorsey had 40.

Against Brazos, Foster had 178 yards and two scores.

Dumont was 8 of 16 for 91 yards and two touchdowns.

Toliver and Hull each had one score in the contest.

The defense held Brazos to only 11 rushing yards on the night and 146 passing yards, though 71 of them came on the first play of the game, a halfback pass for a touchdown.

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Rice Faces Salado In Bi-District

The Rice Raiders take on the Salado Eagles in the Bi-District round of the playoffs.

The game is set for 7:30 p.m. in Seguin at Matador Stadium. Salado is 7-3 on the season

with a district record of 5-1.

"Salado is a very big and physical type team," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

He said that they are reminiscent of the Hutto and Bellville teams that Rice has faced in past playoffs.

"They run the ball very well and play tough, sound defense," said Dumont.

Salado favors the run and is led by Tyler Wright and Logan Foster who combined for 960 yards on the season and 10 touchdowns.

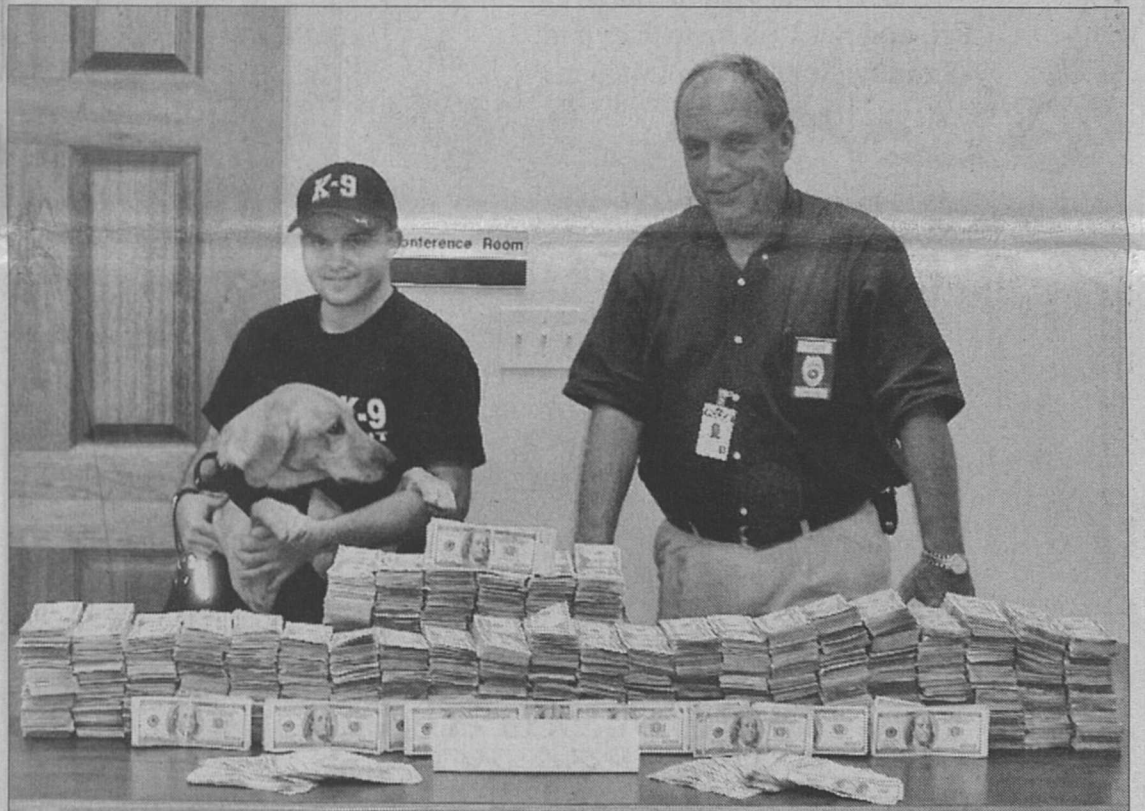
The Raiders are currently ranked No. 3 in the Texas Football/State Farm Rankings and have been listed in the top ten all year.

Rice will look for Senior Ziggy Foster and Sophomore Myles Dumont to continue their solid play into the playoffs.

Foster rushed for over 1,200 yards on the year and scored 15 touchdowns.

Dumont threw for more than 1,300 yards and 19 touchdowns while throwing only three interceptions.

"We will have to have our best game to advance," said Coach Dumont.



Eagle Lake Police Officer John Williams, left, and LuLu are picture with Weimar Police Chief Bill Livingston. LuLu and Williams assisted the Weimar Police Department in an operation that netted a \$742,320 cash seizure from a bus headed west on I-10 near Weimar on November 4.

LuLu The Dog Helps Weimar Police Make \$740,000 Cash Seizure

Weimar Police officers, acting on a tip, seized \$742,320 in cash on Tuesday, Nov. 4, after stopping a blue tour bus on Interstate 10.

The cash is believed to be derived from criminal activity, such

as drug trafficking, law enforcement officials said.

County Attorney Ken Sparks said he believes it is the largest cash seizure of its kind ever in Colorado County.

The westbound bus was stopped about 1 p.m. just inside the Fayette County line.

Sparks said that police had received a tip earlier that a bus

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NEWSBRIEFS

Raider Playoff T-shirts arrive this week

Playoff t-shirts arrive this week! Anyone who placed a presale order through the Booster Club will receive theirs Thursday through the schools or at the evening pep rally. A small number of extra shirts were ordered and will be available at Johnny's Sport Shop or by contacting Clarice Dumont at cadumont@riceisd.org. These will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. The cost of shirts is \$10 and \$12 (2X & 3X).

Bonfire, pep rally is tonight

A district championship bonfire and pep rally will be held on the visitor's side of Raider Stadium Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. Hotdogs, childdogs, nachos and desserts will be served to all in attendance. This will be the chance to send the players off with lots of cheer. The Raiders are scheduled to play the Salado Eagles Friday night, 7:30 p.m. at Matador Stadium in Seguin. Please come out and show your support to the Mighty Rice Raiders!

Nature Club meeting Nov. 13

Tom Waddell Outdoor Nature Club will hold their next meeting on Thursday, November 13 at 4 p.m. at the Jimmy Thomas duck house. Members and guests will enjoy an evening watching birds and geese in Eagle Lake. Call for additional information: Mary Ann Kaluza at 234-2619 or 234-3712.

Treasure Island performance set for Nov. 16

On Sunday Nov. 16 the Rice High School (RHS) theatre will be performing its version of "Treasure Island" in the RHS commons. A group of treacherous pirates fight for their claim of Captain Flint's legendary lost treasure. This play is an action-packed adventure, where treasure rules the tides and trust is lost at sea. A fundraiser dinner of hamburgers and sides will be served at 6 p.m. Meal tickets must be purchased in advance for \$7. Contact Drama Club students or Brennan Jobe at bjobe@riceisd.org for meal ticket reservations. The play will start at 7 p.m. and admission is free for those who do not want to eat. Come support the RHS Drama Club and enjoy our first production of the year!

Plaza to hold open auditions

The Plaza Theatre on the Square will hold open auditions for the Howard Ashman-Alan Menken musical Little Shop of Horrors November 16 and 18 at 6 p.m. at the theater. For more information and character descriptions, please visit www.whartonplazatheatre.org. Performances are February 13-March 1.

Project graduation meeting is Nov. 17

A Rice Project Graduation meeting will be held Monday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Rice High School commons. All interested parents and seniors are asked to attend.

Diabetic support group meeting set

A diabetic support group meeting will be held every third Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at Methodist Fellowship Hall, 200 W. Prairie Street. ALL diabetics and their friends are welcome. The meeting will be held by and for diabetics as a means of support. The meeting will not offer medical treatment and is not affiliated with the Methodist Church. For more information call 234-2853.

Thanksgiving service Nov. 23

The Eagle Lake Community Thanksgiving service will be held at 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23 at First Baptist Church, 527 North Lake in Eagle Lake. The program is being planned by Revs. Kevin Collison of First Baptist and Janice Kerlee of Lissie United Methodist. The community is warmly invited to attend. For more information contact Alliance President Rev. Steve Whitfield 234-3437, Host Kevin Collison 234-2571, or any member of the ministerial alliance. An offering to support the community food pantry will be received. Attendees are also encouraged to bring canned or other non-perishables to restock the pantry.

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County Oks \$2.5 Million For Roof Work

Colorado County commissioners, meeting Monday, awarded a contract for repair and restoration of the courthouse roof and dome to Drymalla Construction Co. for \$2,576,541.

The action came after the commissioners discussed several options to lower costs slightly.

A total of 335 days is scheduled for completion of the contract.

Drymalla was the only bidder on the project, and the bid amount was considerably above the \$1.8 million originally estimated.

In other action, commissioners:

–Approved a contract with Half Associates for additional mapping of a 21-mile portion of the Colorado River not covered on new floodplain maps.

The cost to the county will be \$41,630. Commissioners were told that the revised maps should be good for about 15 years.

The revised maps will more accurately record elevations used to determine flood prone areas. In those areas, flood insurance is available, and there are usually building restrictions.

–Approved appointing a com-

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Pictured above are VFW members August Servantes, Billy Salazar, Joe Duncan and Len Matula during a drawing held Tuesday, November 11 during a Veteran's Day Ceremony held at City Hall.