



The crowd cheers for a Raider touchdown during Saturday's win over Navarro.

Raiders Stuff Navarro 31-21 For State Quarterfinal Berth

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first downs.

Damian Stevens was a monster on defense with 13 tackles including five solo and he also forced two fumbles in the game.

The Raiders got out of the gate early after forcing a fumble on Navarro's second play of the game. Carlos Sosa recovered at the Panther 26 and Rice went to work.

Foster carried for five on the first play.

After two more plays for no gain, it was fourth and five.

Rice went for it, and Dumont found Hull open for a seven-yard gain and a big Raider first down.

Foster ran for ten on the next play to the four.

Two plays later he broke into the end zone for the first Raider score.

Cristian Samaniego made the extra point for a 7-0 Raider lead with 8:22 left in the first quarter.

Navarro answered back on their next drive. After starting at their own 31, they ran the ball six straight times using a triple option style offense. The final run was a 44-yard ramble through the middle for a touchdown.

Their extra point was good and the score was tied with 5:26 left in the opening quarter.

Rice started their next possession at the 34.

Foster broke off nine on the

first play.

He picked up the first down two plays later with a one-yard carry.

Dumont then hit Toliver for a nine-yard gain to the Navarro 46.

On third and one, Foster again picked up the first down.

Rice then went to the Gator formation with Foster taking a direct snap in the shotgun and heading up field.

They operated out of this formation for three plays, with Foster gaining four, 16 and three yards to the 22.

On the next play, Dumont lobbed a pass toward the right corner of the end zone and Toliver made a great catch over two defenders for a touchdown.

The extra point missed, and the score was 13-7 with 1:19 left in the quarter.

Navarro moved the ball into Raider territory on their next drive, but the Raider defense forced another fumble and Cody Lantelme recovered for Rice at the 39.

The Raiders made Navarro pay again.

Foster ran for three followed by a pass to Hull for six.

Foster then ran for eight more for a first down at the Navarro 46.

He picked up 12 more on the next play to the 34.

Three plays later, however, Rice faced a fourth and eight.

They again opted to go for it and Dumont connected with Reggins who was behind his defender and dashed for a 32-yard score.

A two-point try failed and the score was 19-7 with 5:59 left in the half.

Navarro looked poised to try and get a score before halftime, but Dewey Pettus picked off a pass at the 34 and returned it to the Raider 40.

Rice got the ball and pushed to the Navarro 40 following a 13-yard pass to Toliver on fourth and three.

After some penalties, the Raiders faced a fourth and 20 from midfield with less than a minute left in the half.

They decided to go for it, rather than risk a punt into a somewhat gusty wind.

Dumont dropped back to throw, but was under pressure and went down around the Raider 45. There appeared to be a late hit on the play after Dumont was down, but no flag was thrown.

A penalty was then called on the Raider sideline, which gave Navarro the ball at the Rice 29.

They picked up 17 yards to the 12 on a pass on the first play.

Two plays later they made a throw for the end zone, but Reggins swatted the ball away preventing a score. After Navarro picked up a first down on the next play, the Rice defense knocked the ball loose on a run attempt and Reggins came up with a recovery at the three yard line, preventing a touchdown that could have made it a five-point game.

Rice ran the remaining few seconds off the clock to go into halftime ahead 19-7.

Rice received the kick to start the second half, but a fumble on the return was recovered by Navarro at the Raider 31.

They ran the ball nine straight times to capitalize on the turnover and score a touchdown. The extra point was good and the score was 19-14 with 7:03 left in the third quarter.

Rice was forced three and out on the next possession and

Navarro took over at the Raider 35.

The Raiders returned the favor by forcing Navarro to punt after just three plays.

Rice got the ball at their own 11 to start their next drive.

On the first play Foster gained three yards, then broke away for 25 on the next play. Three plays later, Dumont threw to Hull for a 13-yard pickup on third and 11.

Foster then got nine more, followed by a 19-yard pass to Toliver to the Navarro 21.

Three more runs got the Raiders a first and goal at the 10.

Two plays later a pass was deflected and picked off at the one-yard line.

The Raider defense shut down Navarro for the second straight time, forcing them to go three and out.

Rice got the ball back at the 39.

Rice ran the ball five straight times, including Foster runs of eight and then 11 for the touchdown. Tanner Williams also had carries of nine and two, and Dumont ran once for seven on the scoring drive.

A two-point try was no good, and Rice led 25-14 with 4:52 left in the game.

Navarro got the ball on their own 41 to start their next drive.

They pushed to the Raider 44

on passes of two and 13 yards.

They tried another pass, this time a wide receiver screen. The pass was actually a lateral, because it did not go forward. It was tipped by the receiver and fell to the ground. After a few seconds of thinking the play was over, Carlos Sosa picked the ball up for a Raider fumble recovery.

Two plays later, Dumont threw to Reggins down the middle. He slipped through a tackle attempt by three defenders and sprinted to the end zone for a 56-yard touchdown.

A two-point try failed, and the score was 31-14 with 3:37 left in the game.

Navarro drove down the field and scored with 2:38 left to make the score 31-21, but their outside kick attempt went out of bounds.

The Raiders got the ball and after a 14-yard run by Foster on third and ten, they were able to run out the rest of the clock for the victory.

Defensive standouts for the Raiders were:

Damian Stevens, 13 tackles, 5 solo, 2 forced fumbles; Cody Lantelme, 10 total tackles, 3 solo, fumble recovery; Kevin Ellis, 8 total tackles, 1 solo; Tanner Williams, 7 total tackles; Erik Gold, 6 total tackles, 1 solo; Carlos Sosa, 3 total tackles, 1 solo, 2 fumble recoveries.

Team Stats Rice versus Navarro		
	Rice	Navarro
Score	31	21
First Downs	20	14
Total Yards	377	209
Rushes-Yards	45-186	37-153
Passing Yards	191	56
Comp-Att-Int	11-18-1	6-9-1
Punts-Yards	1-21	2-76
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	4-4
Penalties-Yards	9-64	2-15

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