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Ziggy Foster breaks through a hole on his way to the end zone on a 49-yard run during Saturday's 26-13 State Quarterfinal win over George West in Victoria. Jared Kaster, right, and Trent Popp, left, finish off their blocks to clear the hole. Foster had 306 yards and two scores on the afternoon to vault the Raiders to the State Semifinals for the second consecutive year. They will face Kirbyville in Humble at Turner Stadium on Friday at 7:30 p.m. See page B4 for a map to game.

Rice Faces Kirbyville Friday

The Rice Raiders (12-0) are set to take on district 22AA's Kirbyville Wildcats (12-0) following Rice's 26-13 Regional IV Championship victory over George West last Saturday afternoon in Victoria.

Kirbyville defeated Arp for the

Region III title 28-26.

"Kirbyville will better a lot better than any team we have played in the last two years," said Rice coach Brad Dumont.

"They are huge and have tremendous team speed," he added.

Kirbyville has amassed 4,612 yards through 12 games this season. They favor the run (2,910 yards), but are adept through the air (1,702) as well.

They average over 43 points

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Raiders On To Football Final Four With 26-13 Win

The Rice Raiders (12-0) have advanced to the State Semifinals for the second year in a row after a 26-13 win over the George West Longhorns (11-1) Saturday afternoon in Victoria.

Rice handed George West their first loss of the season with stellar defensive play and a crushing 306-yard performance by running back Ziggy Foster.

The Raiders will take on Kirbyville (12-0) in Humble at Turner Stadium on Friday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Foster's 306 rushing yards came on just 22 carries. He scored two touchdowns on runs of 49 and 96 yards.

"Our offensive line did a great job of blocking," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont on Foster's success. "He is a tremendous running back," he added.

The 96-yarder came midway through the final quarter after the defense forced a turnover on downs inside the five. The score more or less sealed the win by putting Rice ahead by 13.

"That was the turning point of the game, then Ziggy's run made the difference," said Dumont.

It was a slow passing day for

Myles Dumont, who completed only three of ten, but two went for touchdowns, including the go-ahead score with 3:29 left in the third period.

The Raiders defense played a strong game once again, holding a vaunted running offense to just 149 yards on the ground. The Longhorns had averaged 226 rushing yards per game, including nearly 400 yards in their previous game.

The Raiders also capitalized on a fumble recovery by scoring a touchdown late in the first half to go into the locker room trailing by a point despite having gained less than 40 yards to that point. Foster broke his 49-yard touchdown run to breathe some life into the Raiders offense on the third play after Damien Stevens and Chris Dorsey sandwiched the quarterback to force a fumble.

George West scored the game's first touchdown on their second possession on an 11-play, 57-yard drive in which they did not pass the ball.

They also converted a fourth and two on the drive before breaking a 22-yard run to the Rice 24.

Six plays later they punched

into the end zone from one-yard out.

They extra point was good, and the Raiders trailed 0-7 with 9:29 left in the half.

The defenses forced three and outs on the next three possessions.

After a Raider punt, the Longhorns had the ball at their own 36.

On third and one from the 45, they converted for a first down at the Raider 49.

On the next play, Dorsey and Stevens forced a fumble from the quarterback and Kevin Ellis recovered, giving Rice the ball at the Raider 44 with 1:26 left in the half.

The Raiders lined up in the gator formation with Dumont out wide and Foster in the shotgun. Foster took the snap and headed up field for six yards to the Longhorn 49.

After an incomplete pass, they went back to the gator formation.

Foster took the snap and headed toward the right side of the line. He got a couple of good blocks up front and broke a tackle

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NEWSBRIEFS

Attention all photographers!!!

We've finally settled on a name, The Live Oak Photographic Society (classy, eh?) will have its meeting Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Live Oak Art Center (LOAC) in Columbus. We're excited to be partnering with the LOAC for our meetings!! All persons interested in photography are invited to attend. This is open to pros, amateurs and folks who still have their cameras in the box!! :-). We will explore Q & A sessions, photo challenges and workshops on various aspects of photography. Both film and digital will be discussed. This month's PHOTO CHALLENGE is a "Freebie"...2-3 photos to show and discuss, any topic...and bring them to the meeting for discussion...use your creativity and imagination! Bring your camera! This will be the last meeting of the year, we will have a "potluck snack" to ring out the year. Bring snacks, beverages of your choice. We will be sharing the LOAC with the Columbus C of C so prepare to mingle! Go to www.ACriticalEye.org for more info.

Pep Rally set for Friday

The pep rally is Friday at Rice High School at 12:19. The team's bus will parade thru Eagle Lake downtown square beginning at the museum and ending at FM102 at 2:15 pm on Friday on their way to Humble. All business employees, patrons, and all Raider fans are encouraged to step out to the sidewalk to cheerfully send the boys off for a State Semifinal Victory. Please come out and show your Raider spirit! Businesses wishing to show Raider spirit who would like their store front decorated can contact Johnna Besch @ jbesch@ricecisd.org or Clarice Dumont at cadumont@ricecisd.org.

Senior citizen's dance is Friday

A senior citizen's dance will be held Friday, Dec. 5 from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Center. Daniel and The Country Boys will provide the music. For more information call 979-234-2903.

WCBC fish fry Dec. 6

White Cloud Baptist Church (WCBC) will hold a fish fry benefiting the Malcom Thomas Scholarship Fund on Saturday, December 6. Call 979-234-5807 for more information.

PJ's rehearsals underway

PJ's is starting rehearsals for their latest production "The Princess and the Pea" on Sunday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m. at the Prairie Edge Museum. If you would still like to audition there are parts available. Auditions will be held before rehearsals at 3 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Thomas to be honored Sunday

We, the family and friends of Malcom Thomas, Sr., would like to invite the community to come out and fellowship with us on Sunday, December 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the park in Eagle Lake. This year is a small event, but the future years we are expecting to do great things to keep "The Legend" of Malcom Thomas, Sr., alive. So come out and have hot dogs, chips, punch and cookies and enjoy this day.

RMC Auxiliary selling tickets

Rice Medical Center (RMC) Auxiliary is having their Christmas fundraiser and selling tickets for a collectors edition of a Barbie doll in her Harley Davidson attire. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets. The Barbie doll is on display in the hospital gift shop. Tickets may be bought from any pink lady or you can call Barbara Pidgeon at 234-5571, ext 5236 and she will get the tickets to you. This is an ideal item to put on your Christmas list. Funds collected from fundraisers are used to aid the hospital in purchasing needed equipment and to purchase items for the gift shop.

Garwood library coffee is Dec. 9

The Garwood Veterans Memorial Library will hold their Christmas Coffee on Tuesday, December 9 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the library. The public is invited.

RMC Blood Drive Dec. 11

Rice Medical Center (RMC) will hold its quarterly "Commit for

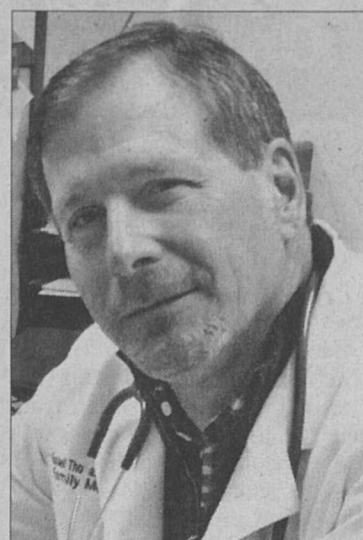
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Dr. Thomas Honored In Texas Monthly

Rice Medical Center's very own hometown Dr. R. Russell Thomas featured as Texas Super Doctor 2008 in Texas Monthly, December issue.

Over 38,000 medical professionals nominated one or more doctors for Super Doctor 2008. Also identified were Texas doctors who had achieved special recognition from their peers or had

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Dr. R. Russell Thomas



The Raiders get fired up before the second half of Saturday's 26-13 win.

Chamber Preparing For Parade

It's that time of year again and the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce is preparing for The Annual "Traditional Parade of Lights" procession to welcome St. Nick - and invites everyone to participate.

Our new Chamber office has

been open for one year now. We receive many phone calls and emails requesting information on hunting, lodging, dining, businesses, home rentals and more. We are very proud of our accomplishments over this past year. We have brochures detailing all of our

members and their businesses in the Chamber lobby for visitors of Eagle Lake. We also mail these to interested persons along with other brochures, cards, etc. provided to us by our members. We attended the annual Bass Pro

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The Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Department was called to a structure fire on Friday afternoon, November 28 at approximately 1:30 p.m. The fire was located at 4621 FM 102 South, County Road 79 in Matthews. When firemen arrived the unoccupied church building, formerly Mt. Zion Baptist Church, was totally engulfed in flames. The Garwood Volunteer Fire Department was also called out to assist with manpower and water.