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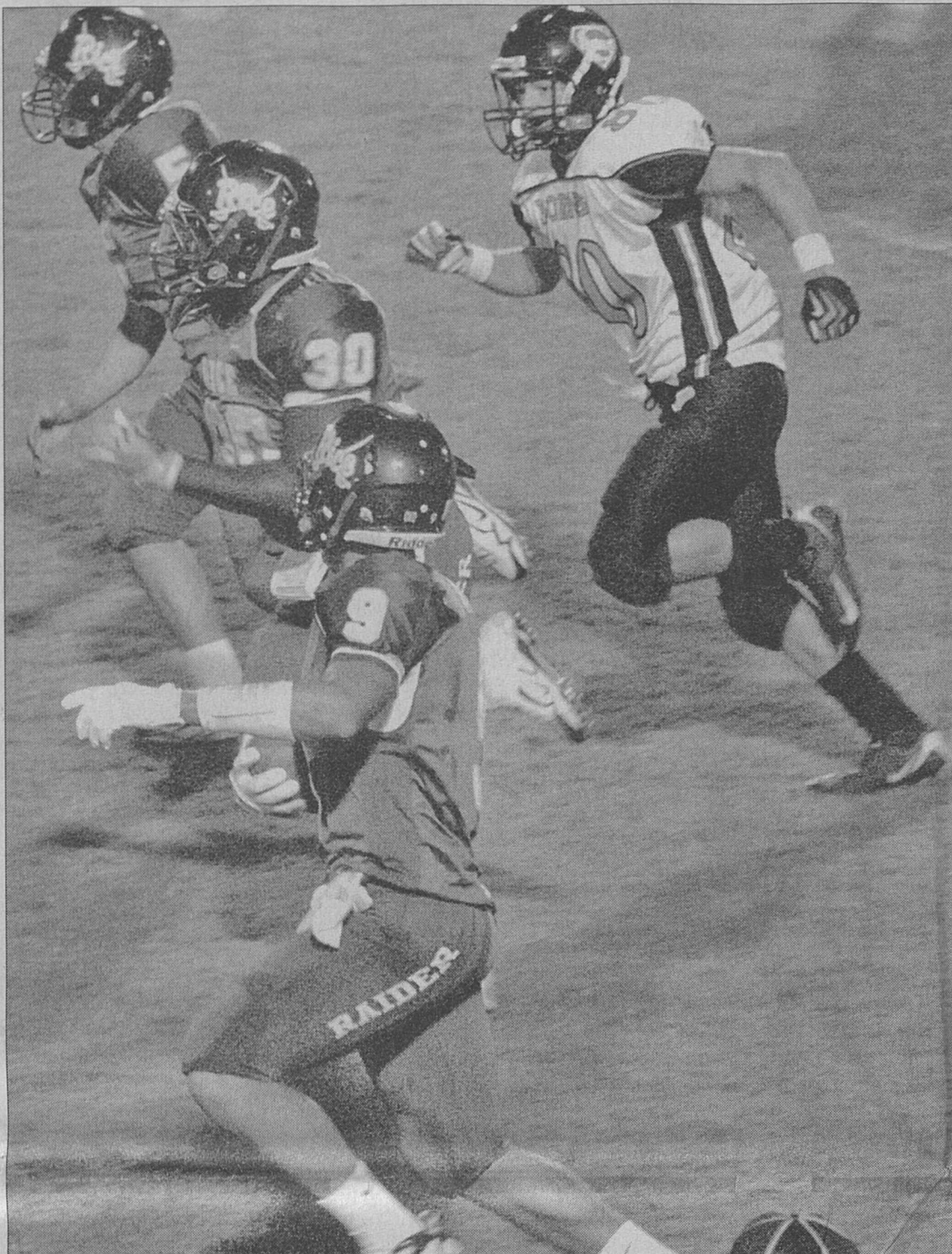
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Raiders Make The Playoffs For Tenth Consecutive Year 20-9 Win Over Schulenburg Punches Raider Dancecard



Mario Hull looks for one last block on his way to scoring on a 61-yard punt return. Hull filled in for quarterback Myles Dumont who was out resting a knee injury. The Raiders clinched a tenth consecutive playoff appearance with the win over Schulenburg. Pictured with Hull are Damien Stevens (30) and Brian Cardenas (5).

The Rice Raiders wrapped up a trip to the playoffs for the tenth consecutive year with a 20-9 win over Schulenburg in Altair last Friday night.

Rice will play in the Class AA Division II playoffs this year because Hempstead will also make the playoffs and they are the larger school. The largest school from each district that makes the playoffs plays in Division I. In the previous two seasons, Rice has played in the Division I playoffs.

"The stability off our staff and younger kids wanting to continue the success," is what Rice Coach Brad Dumont says is behind the incredible 10-year playoff streak.

"Our junior varsity is undefeated," he added.

The win over Schulenburg was made more difficult by the fact that quarterback Myles Dumont was sidelined with a knee injury and was not suited out.

In his place, standout receiver Mario Hull took the snaps on Friday.

Arguably the best athlete on the team, Hull was able to get the job done for the Raiders.

"Mario did what was asked; to manage the game and not have turnovers," said Dumont.

"We put it in the hands of our strength, our defense, and kicking game and it paid off," he added.

"We have been able to have people step up when we have an injury," he said.

He threw for two touchdowns and a modest 69 yards, but he also rushed for 82 yards and added a 62-yard punt return for a touchdown.

Hull added an interception during the game in which he

played nearly every play on both sides of the ball.

The interception makes him the district leader in that department with four picks on the year.

The touchdown passes went to Tim Morales and Chris Dorsey.

Terrance Shorter and Kevin Ellis added 97 rushing yards to the Raider ground attack, with 43 and 54, respectively.

Rice held Schulenburg to just 62 rushing yards, where they had averaged 160 per contest prior.

The defense also held Schulenburg to just three field goals on the night.

"Our Defense did an outstanding job. We knew they would try to pound us, but that didn't work, so they tried to throw. When we can get people to throw, we feel like that plays into our hands with our pass rush and defense," said Dumont.

Schulenburg got the ball to

start the game, and after a seven-yard pass on the first play, went to the ground game.

They picked up a first down on the next play with a four yard carry, but Dorsey forced a fumble that was recovered by Shorter four plays later and gave Rice the ball at about midfield.

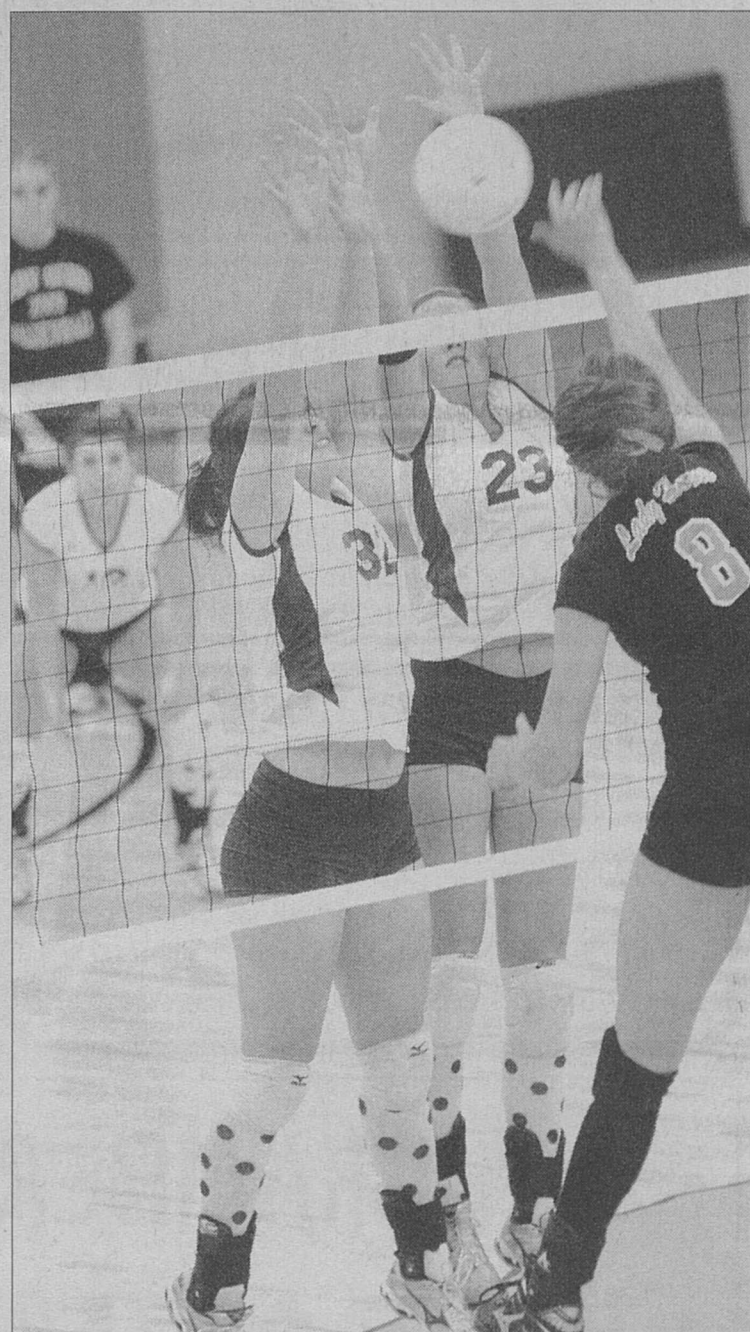
On the Raiders' first play Hull threw the ball to J. J. Reggins for what looked to be a 51-yard Raider score, but a holding penalty brought it back.

Another 15-yard penalty pushed Rice back even farther, and they were forced to punt after not picking up the first down.

Schulenburg got the ball at the 25, and the Raider defense allowed only a couple of yards, forcing the Shorthorns to punt again.

Hull fielded the short, line-drive punt at the 39 and headed to the right, where he had a host

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Lauren Shimek (23) and Kaycie Rathburn (32) go for a block against Schulenburg last Friday night.

NEWSBRIEFS

Farmer's market open Thursdays

The Eagle Lake farmers' market is open on Thursdays at the community center pavilion from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Come share your locally grown food with your neighbors. Just show up and set up under the pavilion roof. You are welcome if you have a lot to sell, or just a little. Come to the market to buy fresh vegetables and other goodies. rwspal@elc.net or call 979.243.4261.

White Cloud anniversary October 29

You are invited to come out and help celebrate 43 years of dedicated service with White Cloud Baptist Church Dr. Obie and first lady Rhodes appreciation. Pre-Anniversary Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. with speaker Pastor Kenneth Wicks, Friday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. with speaker Lawrence Robertson. Anniversary will be held Sunday, November 1 at 3 p.m. with speaker Bishop Guy Washington.

White Cloud fish fry Oct. 30

White Cloud Baptist Church is having a fish fry on October 30 at 1493 Old Altair Rd Eagle Lake. For delivery call 979-234-3800

Chamber to hold Haunted House

The Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce invites you to the iChambers House of Terror!! Enter if you dare! Doors creek open on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 6 to 10 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person. Halloween costume and screaming contest starts at 4 p.m. There will also be a pumpkin contest (carved/decorated). Pumpkins are due by Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. For more information call 979-234-2780 or visit www.visiteaglelake.com for more detailed information.

Calling All 21st Century Raiders

Rice High School is inviting all Raider football players from 2000 through the present to be recognized at Rice Homecoming 2009 on November 6 against Brazos. The Raiders have made the playoffs ten consecutive years and want to give everyone that was part of this tremendous run their due. Rice Coach Brad Dumont asks that anyone who plans on attending call him at 979-234-3531 or email him at bdumont@ricecisd.org so that they may be properly recognized

Putting championship set for Oct. 31

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club will sponsor their first Annual Goose Hunting Capital of the World Putting Championship Saturday, Oct. 31. Entry fee is a \$20 donation. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Scholarship Fund. The 9-hole event gets underway at 9 a.m. with the lowest score winning. Early sign up is greatly appreciated. Sign-up deadline is 8:45 a.m. (10/31/09). For more information call Jane at 979-234-5981 or John at 234-3525 or sign up at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eaglelakeroary>. Open to anyone. Limited to first 66 putters to sign up.

Ceremony to honor vets is Oct. 31

John A. Wharton, 8th Texas Cavalry camp of Son's of Confederate Veterans will hold a ceremony for Confederate Veterans buried at Lakeside Cemetery on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 1 p.m. The event is open to the public. If anyone has an ancestor buried there, who served in the Confederate Army or Navy, we would love to hear from you. Call 979-578-3531.

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Rice Going For Third Straight District Title

The Rice Raiders (6-1, 4-0) travel to Hempstead (6-2, 4-0) on Friday for a battle for the District 26AA Title.

Rice will likely have to go for their third consecutive district title without starting quarterback Myles Dumont who missed the last game with a knee injury and will likely be rested in the final week against Brazos as well.

"Myles will be a game time decision. It is more important right now to have him healthy week 11 [start of playoffs]," said Rice Coach Brad Dumont.

"He is a tough young man, but we will make the right decision for him and the team," he added.

Receiver Mario Hull stepped

in for Dumont last week and led the Raiders to win over Schulenburg that clinched a tenth consecutive playoff appearance for the Raiders.

Given the circumstances, he turned in a great performance. He threw for two touchdowns, returned a punt 61-yards for a score, had an interception to stop a late Shorthorn threat and ran for nearly 90 yards on the night.

Hempstead comes into the game off a 41-25 win over Hallettsville, in which Hallettsville scored the first 18 points of the game.

District leading running back Ronald Turner had 214 yards in

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Constitutional Amendment Information

The election will be on Tuesday, Nov. 3, with voting from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. See below for polling locations.

Following is a breakdown of each amendment that is on the ballot.

Proposition 1: City and County Bond Authority to Purchase Land

around a Military Base.

The Ballot will Read: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the financing, including through tax increment financing, of the acquisition by municipalities and counties of buffer areas or open spaces adjacent to a military installation for the prevention of

encroachment or for the construction of roadways, utilities, or other infrastructure to protect or promote the mission of the military installation."

Summary: Proposition 1 would allow cities and counties to issue bonds to purchase land around a military base. It would also allow

the city or county to raise real or personal property taxes to repay those bonds. The purchased land could be used to create a buffer zone, or to build infrastructure that will protect or promote the mission of the military installation.

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Polling Places Given For November 3 Election

Early voting in Colorado for the Nov. 3 constitutional amendment election started on Monday, Oct. 19, and continues through, Friday, Oct. 30.

Early voting will be held between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the County Clerk's Office at the Colorado County Courthouse.

On Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, voting will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Following is a list of polling places for Nov. 3.

--Pct. 101, Columbus-Glidden, at Colorado County Services Facility, 305 Radio Lane, Columbus.

--Pct. 102, Rock Island-Sheridan, Rock Island Community Cen-

ter, 2710 Niles St., Rock Island.

--Pct. 103, Garwood-Nada, Lehrner Interest, 7836 Highway 71, Garwood.

--Pct. 201, Oakland-Weimar, Weimar City Hall, 106 E. Main, Weimar.

--Pct. 302, Brushy-Frelsburg, Diamond Center, St. Peter & Paul

Catholic Church.

--Pct. 304, Bernardo-Mentz, Bernardo Fire Station, 2845 FM 949, Bernardo.

--Pct. 305, Alleyton-North Columbus-Buescher-Shaws Bend, Agriculture Building, 316 Spring Street, Columbus.

--Pct. 402, Eagle Lake-Altair,

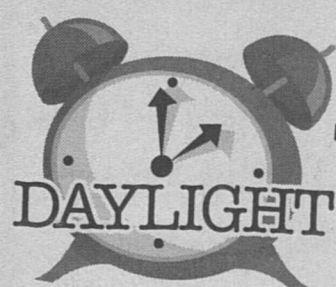
Eagle Lake Community Center,

100 N. Walnut, Eagle Lake.

The following Colorado County polling precincts have been consolidated and will be voting at different locations for this election only.

Pct. 202 Sheridan will vote at

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