

RIDER SPORTS NEWS - ISSUE #232

Varsity Football

November 2, 2007

The Roughriders bid to upset the Sunray Bobcats came up on the short end as the Bobcats clinched a playoff spot in District 1-1A.

Sunray would open up the scoring in the first quarter as Darren Bumpus scored on runs of 6 and 2 yards. Boys Ranch would cut into Sunray's lead as Mason Bond scored on a 1-yard run in the second quarter. Sunray scored again in the second quarter on Colton Wilson's 1-yard run. As time was running out the Riders were marching down the field looking to put points on the board but a fumble recovered by Sunray's defense stopped the drive. With little time left the Bobcats found the end zone to take a 28 – 7 lead into the locker room.

Sunray's Mark Gonzalez would open up the third quarter with a 44-yard touchdown run and Darren Bumpus added a late score to give the Bobcats a commanding lead. The Roughriders would not be denied another score as Mason Bond connected with Sam Coombs for a 36-yard touchdown. This would be the only score in the fourth quarter for either team.

This loss to Sunray would end all hopes of the Roughriders making the playoffs. They will finish the season with White Deer at home on November 9th. This game will be dedicated to the Seniors as they finish their football season. We look forward to a big rowdy crowd as the season comes to an end.

– Coach Lozano

Jr. High Football

8th Grade Team vs Sunray Thu., 11/1

Several Rider defenders tackled the Bobcat punter in the end zone with only 1:25 left in the contest as the Jr. Riders stunned the (formerly) undefeated Sunray team with an 8-8 tie.

This was a major upset as this group of Sunray kids had never lost a game as 7th graders and as 8th graders. The Riders played punishing defense and ball-control offense to force the tie.

Defensively, **Alton Killian** led the way with 10 tackles, 2 sacks, and a forced fumble. **Jacob Burnett** had 9 tackles and recovered a fumble. **Rigo Zepeda** had 9 tackles and numerous assists. **Kyle Sutherland** had 6 stops, **Jaime Garcia** had 5 tackles, a sack and forced a fumble. Robert O'Connor, Monty Bell, Mike Cooper, Josh Gregory, Kenneth, and Kyle

Offensively, **Geraldo Padilla** led the way with 42 yards on 10 carries. **Kenneth Daniels** had an 8 yard run, a 23 yard reception, and a spectacular 64 yard punt return for a TD.

The Riders are now 3-0-1 in district (5-2-1 overall) and can win a share of 1st place in the District with a win at White Deer next week. Kick-off is scheduled for 5:00 pm.

-Coach Curtis

-Coach Hebert

JV Football

No report submitted.

Varsity Boys X-Country

Regional Meet - Mae Simmons Park -Lubbock, Texas

November 3, 2007 - "Tears, hugs, and Anthony Chavez were the first three things seen at the finish line." This was the quote in the Amarillo Globe Newspaper the day after your Roughriders won another Regional title! This was our 14th title since 1981! This was our third year in a row to have the regional individual champion: Britin Morrison-2005, Josh Foster-2006, and Anthony Chavez-2007. We also must have set a record for the number of fans we have ever had at a meet! Thank you so much for being there! Anthony took the lead early, lost it once, took it back, and never was challenged again. I was so astonished with his performance that I forgot to do my job and count everyone to see where we had finished as a team. I was so confident that we were going to state that it really did not matter to me. Coach Jones told me that former Boy's cross country coach Buddy Sparks told him that we had won it. I still don't know how that man does it. Someone reported that they saw me crying, to set the record straight, I was! I have said this before; I really cannot imagine myself working anywhere else! The rest of the pack finished in this order: Clay Nieshe- 8th, Donald Eatinger- 16th, Carl Hulen- 19th, Alec Betz- 20th, Sean English- 26th, and Swasey Brown- 33rd. The final results came down to a 55 to 55 point tie with Sundown. When this happens you go to the 6th runner who was Sean English and with his 26th place finish over Sundown's 6th runner who was 39th, it clinched the title.

Individual results:

Anthony Chavez	1 st	16:29	personal record
Clay Nieshe	8 th	16:47	personal record
Donald Eatinger	16 th	17:12	personal record
Carl Hulen	19 th	17:24	personal record
Alec Betz	20 th	17:25	personal record
Sean English	26 th	17:40	personal record
Swasey Brown	33 rd	17:56	personal record

Team results:

Boys Ranch	55	state qualifier
Sundown	55	state qualifier
Hart	98	state qualifier
Sunray	130	
Plains	155	
Lenorah Grady	163	
Gruver	190	
Terlingua Big Bend	234	
Follett	275	
Iraan	280	
New Home	289	
Texline	336	
Hartley	355	
Fort Davis	392	
Ackerly Sands	441	
Paducah	444	
Petersburg	457	
Lorenzo	462	

Upcoming Athletic Events

Thursday, November 8, 2007

JH Football @ White Deer...Game Time – 5:00 PM

JV Football @ White Deer...Game Time – 6:30 PM

Friday, November 9, 2007

Varsity Football vs. White Deer @ BR...Game Time – 7:30 PM

Saturday, November 10, 2007

Varsity Boys State Cross Country @ Round Rock (*Old Settlers Park*)

11:10 AM – 1A Boys

JV/V Girls Basketball vs. Highland Park @ BR...First Game – 10:30 AM