

Bombers

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Smith County Association League with a 13-2 record.

The playoff draw was unkind to the Bombers.

After winning the opening game 2-1 over the Lindale Marlins at the district playoffs the Bombers had to turn right around and play the Lindale Aggies.

Unfortunately, the Bombers made one too many mistakes against a great team and lost a close game 7-5. The Bombers were now faced with the daunting task of having to win three consecutive games in the loser's bracket to advance to the State Tournament.

The first of those games came against a hometown rival, the Bullard Raiders.

The Bombers turned in solid pitching and hitting performances to win 13-2 and advance to the next round.

Next up was the Troup Rattlers, the only undefeated team during regular season league play. The Bombers were looking to avenge an earlier season 5-3 loss to the Rattlers.

The Bombers turned in a great pitching performance and shut out the Rattlers 8-0.

Ryan Walls pitched a great game only allowing one hit and striking out 13.

Now one game away from a berth to state, and the Bombers had to face another hometown rival and fellow division champion, the Bullard Texans.

The Bombers lived up to their name as the bats came alive.

They scored early and often.

"I think they threw in every pitcher they had but it was just our night at the plate," Hill said.

The game was called early as the Bombers won 26-6. The Bombers had earned a berth to State but still had to play the District Championship game.

The Lindale Aggies were once again waiting to play the Bombers.

The Bombers bats stayed alive as they won the game 17-2. Jared Fagan pitched a great game for the Bombers. Both teams now had one loss, requiring an "if" game. The Bombers top pitchers were out of innings and the Aggies pitched their ace.

Despite the circumstances, it was a hard fought game with the Lindale Aggies finally winning 5-3.

The State tournament in Athens would provide even more drama as the Bombers faced another tough draw.

"We came out a little flat and lost to a very good Athens Cardinals' team 6-2," Hill said. "I told our kids to battle back through one game at a time."

After defeating the District Champion Eustace Bandits 19-8, the Bombers were faced with

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CAMPING OUT



On the final day of Coach Gay, James and Dixon's volleyball camp all the girls grades 6th through 9th joined together in front of the net for a celebratory picture. Back row; Alex Lenorman, Alex Snoke, Sarah Geesing, Erika Delatone, Heather Anding, Maddison Malone, Emily Voyle, Laci Gray, Cassandra Braaten, Sarah Grace French and Katie Shumate. Second row; Kelsey Wood, Lauren Miller, Rachel Rieger, Emilee Bauman, Mallory Philpott, Samantha Phillips, Megan McCoy, Callie Timme, Chelsie Foreman, Lacy Hurst and Lauren Wakefield. Third row; Sierra Lee, Kandus Hines, Cassie Burton, Meredith Doly, Kaylee Ellis, Kristin Beam, Jennifer Satterwhite, Laci Campbell, Cassie Langston and Kaliagh Murray. Fourth row; Sydney Bridges, Kylie Nichols, Megan Porostovsky, Staci Langston, Madison Davis and Megan Carson. Front row; Delaney Sloan, Taylor Hadjison, Alley Covalt and Nikki Fuller.



Panthers hone skills at recent volleyball camp

The Lady Panthers attending the four-day camp worked on improving their passing, setting, serving and spiking skills just before volleyball season kicks off along with the new school year. Left, the athlete spikes the ball off a set from her teammate while below the Lady Panther bumps the ball during a passing drill.



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