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New Stadium



Photo by Doc Smith

Bullard Panthers pulled out a win to christen their brand-new, state-of-the-art stadium.

Bullard wins season opener in new stadium

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The 2008 football season opener could not have had a script written up any better for the Bullard Panthers.

Christening a brand-new, state-of-the-art stadium with a 38-21, win over Palestine-Westwood.

After a brief opening ceremony led by Bullard superintendent, Keith Bryant, and special guest Jim Wright, the crowd was treated to skydivers dropping in from above with the game ball.

Once the game got underway, quarterback and safety, Charlie Moore sprung out with the "You want some Moore Show?"

The senior signal-caller ran for the first touchdown at the new Panther Stadium, and ended the night with 148 yards on the ground in 20 carries. Moore added another 14-of-20 through the air for 214-yards, and three touchdowns.

And as if that were not enough, Moore intercepted one pass, recovered a fumble and made several solo tackles that saved points for his team.

"It was a great night," said the highly touted, four-sport dynamo, Moore. "The crowd was just great and the team really fed off the energy."

"The line did a great job up front, and we played good enough to get the win, but we still have some things to get straightened out," Moore



added, "but that will just come with time."

When he needed a break, Moore relied on Daniel Howard both running and catching, as Bullard built a 18-14, halftime lead.

After Moore's 22-yard scamper got the scoreboard cranked up, Howard caught a Moore touchdown pass from 19-yards out for a 12-0, advantage as both PAT attempts were no good.

Westwood fought back with a couple of touchdowns to take a 14-12 lead.

Moore threw his second TD pass of the night in the second quarter as he found junior, Brandon Beavers behind the coverage for a 20-yard score, and the 18-14, intermission count.



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Bullard Panthers won their first game in the new stadium.

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Tyler prepares for possible evacuees from Hurricane Ike

At a media briefing held this afternoon, City Manager Designate Mark McDaniel reported that the City of Tyler is actively preparing for the possibility of receiving evacuees from Hurricane Ike.

"We are in the process of preparing ourselves to receive evacuees from Beaumont once again, should an evacuation order be issued," said McDaniel. "Our community and our Emergency Management Team stand ready to respond."

Emergency management personnel have been contacting the 21 local organizations that served as shelters for the 3300 evacuees from Hurricane Gustav to determine their ability to stand up once again. There are some shelters that were utilized during Gustav that will not be available, so new locations must be identified.

Tyler is the designated location for special needs evacuees from Beaumont, Texas. It is estimated that this number could be as high as 6000 estimated evacuees. During Hurricane Gustav, Tyler received 3,300 evacuees that were housed in shelters and an additional 2,000 self evacuees who stayed in local hotels.

Information from the State indicates that medical special needs evacuees could start arriving in Tyler as early as Wednesday night. This is approximately 36 hours prior to the anticipated impact time of the hurricane.

Should the evacuation be called, a reception center will be established at Faulkner Park to process evacuees and assign them to a shelter. Evacuees will be asked to only present to the reception center, not directly to the shelters. This will allow the Emergency Management Team to accurately assess the availability of shelters and mobilize other resources as needed. In addition, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at the Tyler Police Station will operate 24 hours a day to manage the response to the emergency.

The Red Cross, Baptist Children's Family Services (BCFS) and Texas Military Forces will play a critical role in establishing and staffing shelters once they are identified.

PLAYER of the WEEK

Charlie Moore

QB/FS 6'4" 200lbs



Lettered in Football/Basketball/Track/Baseball

Charlie is a three year starter in Football, Basketball and Baseball. He has been selected All-District and All-Region in all three sports. He also qualified for the State Track Meet this past year in Triple Jump with a School Record of 45'6". Charlie is also a member of the National Honor Society.

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