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# Lady Guard spikers still learning

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BROWNSBORO - The Brook Hill School Lady Guard volleyball team had a tough, but learning experience this past weekend, going 1-3-1 in a tournament played at various sites in the Brownsboro district.

"We hadn't really had the chance to play as many games as most of our competition, and we made a lot of mental mistakes, but I was really proud of how hard the girls played, and never gave up," said Lady Guard, first-year head coach, Victoria Spencer. "Our main goal is to improve each game and get ready for district, and this tournament was a great learning experience for the team."

In pool-play, Brook Hill started off with a two-game sweep over Mildred, 15-10, and 15-13. Erica Eden set the table for the Lady Guard with eight assists, and Mary Caroline Seldon banged out four kills and three aces.

The host team was not so

cordial against the Lady Guard in the next game, as Brownsboro won 15=9, 15-12.

Highlights in the match came from Abby Clements with three kills and three blocks, while Eden fed five assists and added three kills.

The final pool-play game came down to a split with Elkhart. Brook Hill won the first game 15-11, but dropped the second game, 12-15, to place third in the pool.

Advancing to the consolation bracket, it did not get much easier for Brook Hill.

After battling Palestine, 25-23 for a first game win, the Lady Wildcats came back to take wins of 25-11, and 25-18, to hand the Lady Guard another setback.

Kelsi Norton worked hard for 13 digs and a service ace, Clements added five kills and four blocks, while Eden chimed in with nine assists, five digs, three kills, and a block.

Seldon chipped in with nine digs and two kills, Carly Hood helped out with seven

digs and four kills, and Emily Cummings hustled for five digs.

After the loss, Alba-Golden was next up for Brook Hill, and although all three matches were close, A-G won 25-22, 19-25, and 25-20.

Amy Jo Teague had five digs and three kills, while Eden continued her pin-point passing with 13 assists.

Clements joined in with six kills and one block, Norton scrambled for 10 digs and three kills, Hood added five digs and six kills of her own.

Rounding out the stats in the loss had Seldon with four digs and a kill, while Cummings added four digs.

The Lady Guard will get a true test this next week as they host T.K. Gorman on Tuesday, open district play i Dallas against LAkehill on Thursday, and then play a heated re-match with Grace Community on Friday.

All three games are set with 5 p.m. junior varsity games, and 6 p.m. varsity first serves.

# Bullard cross country comes up short

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TYLER - This past Saturday morning, the Bullard girl's cross country team took a fifth-place spot on Saturday, in the Robert E. Lee Cross Country Classic, held on the University of Texas at Tyler campus.

Running n the Girls and Boys 1A-3A classification, Bullard was among 17 teams competing.

Mount Pleasant-Chapel Hill won the event, followed by Spring Hill, Will Point and T.K. Gorman for the team title.

Bullard's, Minta Spears took second-place individually, clocking in at 12:27. Spears was the lone Lady Panther in the top 15 runners.

Others making contributions for the fifth-place spot were Bailee Callens in 12th place, Samantha Phillips took 48th, Hillary Kempton and Heather Graves came in at 55th and 56th respectively.

The Bullard boy's varsity team claimed 18th out of 21 teams in the meet.

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# Brook Hill Guard draws unpredictable foe after layoff

Finally the Brook Hill Guard is getting to hit somebody besides themselves!!

That had to be running through the heads of the Brook Hill coaching staff earlier this week as they took the field for practices against an unpredictable, San Augustine Wolves on Friday night at Herrington Field on the Brook Hill campus.

After thumping Hawkins 28-7, almost two weeks ago in the Tyler Classic, Brook Hill had an open week, and no seniors on campus due to a senior trip during the healing week. Prior to the Hawkins game, due to a Cayuga cancellation of their last scrimmage, it had been since August 16 that The Guard had hit anybody other than a teammate. In the Hawkins win, sophomore Tyler Baker more than proved to be ready for a district title defense, leading the team with 100 yards with his feet, another 62 with his arm, and 12 points on the scoreboard.

All-state running back is still out until further notice which allows Jamel Bell and Luke Molitor to handle the majority of the carries. Defensively, the Guard handled Hawkins at will after two pos-

sessions, and the only Hawks score came against special teams with a kickoff return. Individual standouts included Ross Nichols with several tackles and an interception that led to the first Guard touchdown of the season.

Before the year is out, freshman, J.B. Moss may prove to be irreplaceable with his skill at defensive back and a proven, 4-for-4 PAT kicks.

San Augustine opened the year and a lot of eyes with a season opening 28-7, win over Class 1A state champion, Alto.

Leading the Wolves on offense will be fullback, workhorse, Fred Mosley (5'9, 180.

Defensively, San Augustine returns eight starters from a 2-8 team from a year ago under second-year head coach, Lynn Graves. Graves is in his second term at San Augustine and formerly was the head coach at S.F. Austin University.

Defensively, the Wolves will look to end Michael Holmes (6'3, 245, 4.5) linebacker, Terrance Robinson (6;0, 230, 4.7), and defensive tackle Josh > Davis (6'1, 290, 4.7). Mosby had 50 of the 100-yards totaled last week in the 56-13 loss to fourth-ranked Arp. DArius Porter will quarterback the Wolves but managed only four completions.

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