

SPORTS

Bullard 8th-grade 'A' team dominates Athens

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The Bullard Middle School football season kicked off this past Thursday afternoon with a twin, doubleheader at the old Panther Stadium located on the Middle School campus.

The Middle School will be back in action on Thursday as they take to the road to play at Troup with the seventh grade games starting at 5 p.m. and the eighth grade set to play immediately following.

Eighth Grade

Bullard 'A' 33, Athens 'A' 6

Panther running back, Corbin Howard opened up the eighth grade 'A' win with a 80 yard kickoff return, to set the pace for the 33-6 win. Howard also added 70 yards rushing and added another score.

Quarterback, Houston Alexander ran for 71 yards and one score, and threw a touchdown pass of 28 yards to Sal Juliano.

J.P. Hendrix had a good game on both sides of the ball, rushing for a 30-yard touchdown, and making seven tackles,



Photo by Doc Smith

Bullard seventh grade running back Isaiah Burton runs around the corner in the Athens game this past Thursday.

two of those for losses.

Trevor Rumbelow added six tackles for Bullard and teammate, Holden Bryant made an interception.

Bullard 'B' 0, Athens 'B' 0

The battle of the 'B' squads turned into a deadlock as neither team could find the goalline.

The defensive standoff was led by Austin Gwartney, Austin Richardson, Jon Godfrey, and Colton Mebane with some key

stops for the Panthers defensively. Wyatt Hunt also made a fumble recovery for the Panthers in the tie.

Seventh Grade

Athens 'A' 42, Bullard 'A' 0

Bullard running back, Marshall Griffin and Ty Pert had good efforts for Bullard but it was not enough to keep up with the potent running attack of the Hornets as Athens took a 20-0 halftime lead.

Jeremy Ray made a fumble

recovery for Bullard in the second half but that would be all the Panther highlights as the Athens crew finished up with the 42-0, win.

Bullard 'B' 0, Athens 'B' 0

The 'B' team squads for both Bullard and Athens had a tough time holding on to the ball in the first game of the day.

Isaiah Burton and Brian White played well on both sides of the ball for Bullard in the 0-0 tie.

Brook Hill gets to say Grace with hope

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BULLARD - The good Lord willing, and the creeks rise no more, Brook Hill just might get to play a football game this Friday night after two weeks off.

The Guard will entertain what is becoming an intense local TAPPS rivalry with Grace Community, with a 7:30 kickoff set for Herrington Field on the Brook Hill School campus.

According to head coach, Jim Klacsak, the team is more than ready to play someone other than themselves.

"If you have to look at the bright side, we have had plenty of time to get healed up from what two times we HAVE played," said Klacsak after a cancelled scrimmage, followed by a week off, and then a cancellation with San Augustine this past week.

"But we made the most of it and got everybody back healthy, and with the seniors gone for a week, the younger players made some big strides in picking things up that can really help us in the long term," Klacsak added.

Brook Hill stands at 1-0 on the year after besting Hawkins, 28-7, on a hot Saturday after-

noon, three weeks ago at All Saints, in the Azalea Orthopedics Tyler Classic.

Offensively, Brook Hill welcomes back all-state, tailback, Julius Johnson after missing the Hawkins game. The 2007 Tyler Morning Telegraph's Newcomer of the Year will split time with Jamel Bell, who scored on a nine yard run in the Hawkins win.

Quarterback, Tyler Baker accounted for 164 total yards, running for one score and throwing for another. Baker is occasionally backed up by Nichols to compliment the run game for The Guard.

Defensively, both Nichols and Chappelle at linebacker will have to help inside backer, Luke Molitor and Ross Lee plug-up the middle with the Guard's formidable defensive line force the Cougars to test their team speed.

Speedy headhunters, Nichols and Chappelle will try to force Grace to run the ball between the tackles, and at the same time, shutdown the Grace short-passing game.

Grace comes into the game with a 2-1 record after a 30-0, win over Malakoff this past weekend.

Nichols had a big interception against Hawkins that led to the first Guard score of the year.

Chappelle made a fumble recovery.

Under the direction of head coach, Mike Maddox, the Cougars return four offensive starters and three on the defensive side of the ball.

Key players on the year thus far have been the consistent play of multi-purpose player, Kyle Childress and quarterback, Taylor Stanley.

Stanley threw for four touchdowns in their 30-0 win over Malakoff last week. Childress caught two of the scoring tosses and also ran in for a 33-yard touchdown. Last season

Childress was a 'go-to' player with 32 catches for 576 yards and seven touchdowns receiving. Childress added three more scores as a return specialist and part-time running back.

Defensively, Grace will be led by defensive tackle, Edward Starkes, and Grace opened the season with a 36-28 win over Eustace in the Azalea Orthopedics Tyler Classic at All Saints opening week.

Always tough, Grapeland then gave the Cougs their only loss thus far with a hard-fought, 27-20, loss, before the Malakoff runaway last Friday.

Lady Guard sweeps district opener

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The Brook Hill Lady Guard came up short in two-of-three matches this past week, but won the one that mattered in a playoff scenario.

After opening the week of TAPPS competition with a loss to Class 5A, T.K. Gorman, and ending it with a setback at another 5A program, Grace Community, the Lady Guard hit the road and won their district opener over Lake Hill.

The Lady Guard returns to play Canyon Creek on Tuesday in district play and entertains Garland Christian in another league match on Thursday.

Game times are 5 p.m. for the junior varsity and 6 p.m. for the varsity.

The Lady Guard will play a non-district affair in Frankston on Friday, beginning with the junior varsity at 4 p.m.

T.K. Gorman 3, Brook Hill School 1

The Brook Hill Lady Guard played closer than a 3-1, win for T.K. Gorman looked on paper this last Tuesday night at the Ornellas Gymnasium on the Brook Hill School campus.

Gorman won the first two games, 25-21, and 25-23, before Brook Hill battled back for a 25-22 win.

The Lady Crusaders then put away game four with a late run, 25-21.

Brook Hill kept it close in the three losses, and picked up the third game win as Abby Clements banged out seven of her 13 kills on the night.

The Lady Guard got 35 assists from Erica Eden, along

with 14 digs and four kills.

Clements had four blocks to go with her 13 kills, and Carly Hood chimed in with 18 digs, nine kills and two service aces.

Brook Hill 3, Lakehill 0

The Lady Guard made quick work of Lakehill with a three-game sweep in Dallas on Thursday, starting off district play undefeated with dominating scores of 25-8, 25-12, and 25-10.

Erica Eden once again set the pace for Brook Hill with 22 assists, six digs, and nine service points.

Teammates, Amy Jo Teague added three kills and eight service points, while Abby Clements hammered out seven kills.

Brook Hill's liebro, Kelsi Norton was key with 16 digs, and 18 service points.

Carly Hood had a good outing for the Lady Guard also with six digs, seven kills.

Katelyn Edenburg, and Mary Caroline Seldon chipped in with five and six kills respectively for the win, and Emily Cummings hustled for seven digs.

The junior varsity also swept their game in two matches, 25-23 and 25-20.

Grace 3, Brook Hill 1

The Lady Guard came out and took the first game, 25-22, and then lost the next three as Grace Community took the win last Friday. at the Grace Community gymnasium.

Brook Hill made the Lady Cougars earn the comeback as Grace put together three straight wins by scores of 28-26, 25-19, and 25-23.

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