

SPORTS

Sub-varsity Panthers look for right combo

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ATHENS - After two weeks of play, the Bullard junior varsity and freshmen teams are still looking for their first wins of the season.

This past Thursday in Athens, the junior varsity took a 34-0, loss in the nightcap.

In the earlier game, the freshmen Panthers fell by a count of 22-6.

Standouts for the junior varsity for Bullard were wide receiver, Jackson Peavy with three catches for 30 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, linebacker, Bryce Dover and cornerback, Curt Bryant had good outings.

"We are still looking to get some kid's in the right positions and they are working hard, but we just need to wrap up on tackles and try to avoid giving up the big plays like we have," said junior varsity head coach, Dennis Beavers.

In the freshman game, Justin Mizzles swept around the right side of the Westwood defense from 18-yards away for the first Panther points on the year. But it would not be

enough in the long run.

Mizzles was close to the 100-yard mark having also made a 60-yard scamper.

Defensive standouts for head coach Heath Fults were Rhett Davis and Conner Gurley.

"We're improving and that's all we as coaches can ask of the kid's," said Heath Fults, the freshmen head coach. "We are still trying some new personnel, and getting all the kid's some experience at different positions, and they are starting to put things together."

Opening week in Palestine at Westwood, ended in the same verdict unfortunately for Bullard. The JV took a tough, 44-0 shutout loss behind a good defensive effort from outside linebacker, Eric Benton.

In the freshmen game, linebacker, Robert Garcia played well but the Panthers still fell short in the 24-0, loss.

The two teams will play their first home game this on Thursday as Troup comes to Panther Stadium.

The freshmen game is set for 5 p.m. and the junior varsity to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Hornets sting Panthers in first loss



Photo by Cassie Crawford

Marquez Franklin, Charlie Moore and Preston Seaton-Knox tackle Hornets' ball carrier in the Panthers 28-0 loss.

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BULLARD - Sometimes it just happens that way, and unfortunately for the Bullard Panthers it was one of those nights last Friday night.

Four interceptions by the Hornets and one fumble recovery led the Hornets to a 21-0, halftime advantage, and eventual 28-0 shutout at Panther Stadium.

"The defense came out and played well but a deflection off one of our players turns into a score, and then you give them the turnovers we gave them, and you just can't win that way," said head coach Jim Taylor.

The first interception by Hornets, Uriah Coleman ended the Panthers first drive at the Bullard 30-yardline.

Athens then turned the turnover into points as Taylor Jackson scrambled for a 22-yard scoring strike that was

deflected but still hauled in by Jonathan Dora at the goalline for Hornets tally.

Athens scored again on a fullback blast from three-yards away, and the point-after kick made it 14-0, at the 9:56 mark of the second quarter.

The next Bullard drive looked promising as quarterback, Charlie Moore orchestrated a drive down to the Athens eight-yardline. However, the Panthers were forced with a third down at the Hornets seven. Then Moore was picked off for the third time of the game in the end zone.

The Hornets staked the 21-0 half-time lead when part-time signal-caller, Travis Barkley hooked up with Jackson from wide receiver, for a seven-yard strike, and the Zabdiel

Mota conversion made it 21-0 for the Hornets at intermission.

Athens held a 208-to-131 in total yards at intermission.

The second half was a different story for both teams, unfortunately for the Panthers there was too much room to make up.

The Hornets put together a 93-yard scoring drive to eat up eight-minutes and 45-seconds of the third period before Stephen Blakemore bull-dozed in for the final three-yards, and the 28-0, advantage and the win.

Moore finished out the night accounting for a total of 143 yards. 111-yards in the air, and 32 on the ground in 11 carries Daniel Howard accounted for four catches and 24 yards from Moore, and added five carries for 27 yards.

Preston Seaton-Know caught three passes for 27 yards and Brandon Beavers also hauled in two aerials for 31-yards.

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