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Bullard middle school, JV lose to Rusk Eagles

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RUSK - The Bullard eighth grade and junior varsity traveled for a doubleheader with the Rusk Eagles on Thursday night and came out on the short end of the scoreboard in both contests.

The junior varsity game was a one-sided affair as jumped to a 27-0, halftime lead, and the eventual 40-0, final tally. The eighth grade game was a better game as the teams battled back-and-forth, before Rusk prevailed 22-14.

Bullard got off to a great start as Kirk Bryant returned the opening kickoff 42 yards for good field position.

The Eagles stout defense was up to the test and forced the Panthers to turn the ball over on downs.

Three plays later, Victor Simmons caught a 40-yard strike for the ice-breaker at the 3:22 mark of the opening quarter.

Cited with good efforts in the game for Bullard were two-

way standouts, Bryce Dover, Eric Benton, Austin Connant, and Colton Faulk.

In eighth grade action earlier in the day, Bullard quarterback, Holden Bryant hit Jesse Duplechin with a 65-yard touchdown pass for the early lead.

Rusk came right back to answer with a 64-yard scoring run, and after both teams missed extra point runs, the score was 6-6.

Bullard regained the lead as running back, Justin Mizzles scampered in from 42-yards away, and then bulled in for the PAT run and a 14-6, advantage for the Panthers.

That would be the last of the Bullard scoring as Rusk picked up another score before halftime for a 14-14, tie at intermission.

Rusk then added runs of 24-yards in the third period, and another 12-yard jaunt in the fourth quarter to round out the scoring.

Justin Bickerstaff, Leo Lacrosse, Trent Salmon,

Cameron Hallford, and Wesley Callendar all registered key stops for the defense for Bullard in the lose.

The junior varsity and freshmen will next trek to Center to play Thursday, Oct. 2. The freshmen are set for a 5 p.m. kickoff and the junior varsity set to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Bullard eighth grade 'A' shoots down Eagles

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RUSK - The Bullard eighth grade 'A' team got a touchdown run and pass from quarterback, Houston Alexander to lead the 'A' team to a 16-0, win in the finale of middle school games played on Thursday at Eagle Stadium.

The eighth grade 'B' squad battled it out with the Eagles to a 0-0 tie, and the seventh grade 'A' and 'B' teams lost by the same scores of 16-0.

In the 'A' team win for the eighth graders, Alexander got the scoring started the scoring with a touchdown run, and

amassed 82-yards rushing in the game for Bullard. Alexander also ran for the conversion, and the 8-0 lead.

Later in the game, Alexander hooked up with wide receiver, Sal Giuliano for a 46-yard scoring strike. The point-after run was again good for the 16-0, final score.

The Bullard middle school teams will get back to play on Thursday as they entertain Center with the seventh grade games starting at 5 p.m. and the eighth grade games set to follow at the Old Panther Stadium located on the middle school campus.

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Dr. Westbrook and wife Destiny have one son, Breckin. They are active members of First United Methodist Church in Jacksonville. Dr. Westbrook enjoys spending time with his family as well as hunting and golfing.

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