

Guard rolls past Garland Christian



Photo by Paul Dickey
Ross Nichols plows into a Garland Christian receiver, popping the ball from his hands in the Guard 70 - 8 blow out last Friday night.

70-8 WIN TOO EASY

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BULLARD – When you total out the game stats from the Brook Hill trouncing of Garland Christian, the Swordsmen two quarterbacks completed as many passes to The Guard as their own teammates.

The Brook Hill Guard busted out with 49, first quarter points and took advantage of seven interceptions in the game, en route to a 70-8, TAPPS, Division III, District 2 action on Friday night at Herrington Stadium, on the Brook Hill campus.

Brook Hill scored quickly and with ease for a 70-8, halftime lead, even with The Guard using the second team beginning the second quarter of play.

The Guard dominated play on both sides of the ball at the line with huge holes for the tandem of varied running back combinations in the game.

The 12-yard touchdown run by Garland Christian's Ben Trotter was the longest run of the game allowed by the Brook Hill defense the entire night.

Brook Hill's, all-state running back, Julius Johnson touched the ball six times in the first quarter, scoring on runs of 17-, 18-, and 28-yards, for 87 yards in only one quarter of play.

Garland surrendered seven interceptions in the game, as two were turned in to points with scoring returns by Jeremy Chappelle, and Tyler Baker. Wes Wood led the defensive air thefts with three.

Baker added a pickoff as well, and returned it the distance for a 35-0 cushion with 3:20 remaining in the first quarter.

Holding down an incredible, 70-8 lead at intermission, the clock and The Guard remained running throughout the second half of play to end the one-sided affair.

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Lady Panther spikers with big game Friday

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The Bullard Lady Panthers will celebrate 'Fan Appreciation Week' at this week's volleyball games, highlighted by a big matchup on Friday night with front-runner, Tatum, in District 17-3A play.

Gladewater and Gilmer, were the victims last week as the Lady Panthers improve their district record to 4-1, and 17-10 for the year.

All Bullard athletic enthusiasts are encouraged to come out early for the volleyball game on Friday and be a part 'Fan Appreciation Week'. Fans are asked to bring a can of food and help the Lady Panthers aid the East Texas Food Bank with a team contribution.

The varsity game will be moved up to 4:30 p.m. at the Bullard High School gymnasium, allowing plenty of time to make it over to the football game.

The Lady Panthers also entertained Chapel

Hill on Tuesday, after the press deadline. For the game story see next week's edition of the Bullard Banner Sports.

Bullard 3, Gilmer 1

Down one game to Gilmer, the Lady Panthers capitalized on several unforced errors by Gilmer in the next three games, last Friday afternoon, at the Gilmer High School gymnasium.

Gilmer won the first game, 23-25 before Bullard turned things around, winning 25-20, 25-11, and 25-13.

"We made a few too many mental mistakes in the first game," said Bullard head coach, Kala Laningham. "But the girls played great and I was impressed with how quickly they turned the game around."

"Calli (Miller) showed great leadership with only one attacking error, and Valarie (Roberts) played amazing defense," Laningham added, "but overall it was a total team effort."

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Photo by Doc Smith

Lady Panther, Brittany Glover makes a big play with a block and a point for Bullard in the Gilmer win last week. Come out to the football game early on Friday and cheer on the Lady Panthers as they vie for first place with league-leading, Tatum at 4:30 p.m., and bring a can of food and support the Lady Panthers team contribution to the East Texas Food Bank.