

SPORTS

No more Mill-Kills for Bullard; Lady Goats are Baahhdd

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CROCKETT - The state-ranked, Lady Goats of Groesbeck had never seen the Lady Panthers before they walked into Bulldog gymnasium on Tuesday night. They had heard Bullard was a slow starter, so Groesbeck took their time getting to the game, showing up 20-minutes before gametime.

Uncharacteristically, Bullard was ready to rumble and jumped out to a one game lead, with a 25-23, win.

A back-and-forth beginning to the second game was turned around by a seven-point run highlighted by two service aces and two kills for the Lady Goats (34-8).

Groesbeck road that turn-around into a three-game run, to end the Lady Panthers season with an Area title to their credit.

Groesbeck had to fight hard to pull off the second game 20-25, but lead and never trailed in the 22-25, and 17-25, game clinchers.

"I was just disappointed that we finally jumped out on someone, and it was almost like we were content with winning just the one game," said Bullard

head coach, Kala Laningham. "I feel really bad for the girls now because they are all still back in the locker room, upset about the lose but I had told them it would take us starting out better and staying consistent."

"This game we got a lead, got content, you can't do that against good teams, and we got beat."

Miller led the team with 26 kills, added 17 digs and had three solo blocks. Junior, 'Nikki' Coleman chimed in with 12 kills and 17 digs. Another returning junior, Valarie Roberts led Bullard with 27 digs, adding eight kills.

Also returning will be junior first-year setter, Heather Camp, adding 36 assists for a season total, 628 on the year.

Sorely missed will be both seniors, and especially the first Division I volleyball sign from Bullard, Miller, according to her coach.

"We won't really realize how much we are going to miss Calli until we get back to workouts," said Laningham about the league Co-MVP. "But her work ethic in practice, her intensity and leadership on the floor, to go with all along that her physical and athletic attributes can't help but be missed.



Photo by Doc Smith

Lady Panthers, Ariel Hamby and Angela Hill get up to make a block in the regional quarter-final loss to Groesbeck in four games, last Tuesday night in Crockett.

"I know that we have been really lucky to have had her in our athletic programs, and she is the kind of competitor that is going to be successful in anything she puts her mind to."

The Banner News errantly and apologetically, 're-coned' the Bullard offensive line in a headline.

Do you think we could pray for a reprieve and 're-

clone' the 'Mill-Kill.'

Congratulations coaches and girls on a great season and

you have made Bullard proud on the court, in the classroom and the community!!

All District Volleyball Team released

All District Volleyball Lady Panthers



Calli Miller
Co-MVP
First Team All District
Academic All District



Natalie Roberts
Defensive Player of Year
First Team All District
Academic All District



Elisia "Nikki" Coleman
First Team All District
Academic All District



Heather Camp
First Team All District
Academic All District



Angela Hill
Second Team All District
Academic All District



Ariel Hamby
Second Team All District
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The area champion, Lady Panther volleyball team post season honors began to roll in with the recent release of the 2008 17-3A All-District team. League champion, Tatum, and the Lady Panthers dominated the superlatives and the first two teams.

Bullard's Wyoming signess, Calli Miller was voted Co-Most Valuable Player along with Tatum's, Jordan Hughes.

Lady Panther, Valarie Roberts was named the Defensive Player of the Year.

The superlative spots automatically put the winners on the district first-team list.

Joining Miller and Roberts on the first squad are juniors returners, Eleisia 'Nikki' Coleman, and first-year setter, Heather Camp. Camp finished up the season with 628 assists in her first year as 'court-general.'

Ariel Hamby and Angela Hill earned votes to the second-team, as Hill will join Miller as the two graduates from the 23-11, team.

Honorable mentions kudos went to liebro, Madison Moore, and Brittany Glover.

The two district leaders were also the leaders on the All-District Academic squad as Bullard placed nine players, and Tatum led with 10 players.

2008 17-3A All-District Volleyball Teams

Co-Most Valuable Players -

Calli Miller- Bullard, Jordan Hughes- Tatum

Most Valuable Setter: Adriana Gonzalez- Sr. - Tatum

Most Valuable Hitter: Kayla Williams- Sr. - Spring Hill

Most Valuable Blocker: Megan Rutter- Jr. - Spring Hill

Defensive Specialist: Valarie Roberts- Jr. - Bullard

Newcomer of the Year: Ashanti Montgomery - So. - Tatum

Coach of the Year: She-Ron DeLoach-Tatum

All-District First Team:

Taylor Hyatt- Sr. - Tatum; Elisia 'Nikki' Coleman,

Jr. - Bullard; Christi Collier - Sr. - Spring Hill; Reyven Osborne- Sr. - Gilmer; Reagan Smith - Sr. - Tatum; Heather Camp- Jr. - Bullard; Meagan Cameron- Jr. - Spring Hill; Lacy Hodges- So. - Gilmer.

All-District Second Team:

Karnies Adams- Jr. - Tatum; Ariel Hamby- Jr. - Bullard; Marguerite Hampton- Jr - Chapel Hill; Angela Hill- Sr. - Bullard; Sarah Williams- Jr. - Gilmer; Portia Montgomery - Sr. - Gladewater; Avery Curtis- So. - Spring Hill; Sha McDowell - Jr. - Spring Hill.

All-District Honorable Mention:

Julie Aperdado- Jr. -Chapel Hill
Lindsey Bradshaw- So.- Gilmer; Michaela Noble- S o.- Gilmer; Rikki Bailey- So.- Gilmer; Tina Valentine- Sr.- Gladewater; Allison Brown- Sr.- Spring Hill; Madison Moore- Jr.- Bullard; Brittany Glover - Jr.- Bullard; Jazzmyn Brown- Sr.- Chapel Hill; Moniqua Harvey- Sr.- Chapel Hill; Lindsey Donaho- Jr. - Gilmer; Brooke Helms- So. - Gilmer; Ashley Campbell- Jr. - Spring Hill; Megan Eades- Sr. - Spring Hill; Kelsey Gonzalez- So. - Tatum; Chelsea Ragas- Jr. - Tatum; Ashley Henderson- Jr. Tatum; Hannah Covey- So.- Tatum.

All-District Academic

BULLARD: Angie Hill, Raiven Whatley, Calli Miller, Heather Camp, Madison Moore, Bullard; Ashlee Shidler, Brittany Glover, Elisia Coleman. Kailee Morris, (9).

PLAYER of the WEEK

Natalie Roberts
Junior Middle Hitter



Roberts was a steady for the area champion Lady Panthers all season long. The junior was recently named the District Defensive Player of the Year.



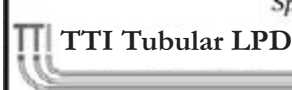
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BROOK HILL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Jacob Johnson
Senior Defensive Lineman



Johnson was credited with 13 tackles, two quarterback hurries and a forced fumble in The Guard 35-18 playoff win last week.



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