

SPORTS

# The Guard advances to next round for first time

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BULLARD - The Brook Hill Guard made some more football history at Herrington Field on Friday night with a 35-18 win over a talented, Fort Worth Calvary Christian TAPPS Academy squad in Area action.

For the first time in the three-years of undefeated league play with post-season eligibility, Brook Hill advances past the first round.

For the second week Ross Nichols and Luke Molitor took over for the offense to lead to the win as Nichols threw for 91-yards and a touchdown, while Molitor rumbled for 127-yards and scored three touchdowns.

The Guard flexed their muscles a bit winning the flip and electing to kickoff into a gusting wind. Just for grins, The Guard started the second half the same way too.

The first kick back-fired though as a five-play drive by Calvary, put the visitors on the board first.

Molitor countered the 6-0, early deficit with a 56-yard scamper on the second offensive play from scrimmage for Brook Hill to even the game up.

J.B. Moss made a huge difference in the kicking game all night, as he tacked on his first of five consecutive extra-point boots in the game. Moss also had four punts for a 56.3 average, with a 78-yarder that later proved out to handcuff the Conquerors.

Molitor turned to defense to add on to the lead, forcing and making a fumble recovery at the Conquerors 27-yard-line to set up another first quarter score.

Looking at a fourth and short for a first down, Nichols went to the air and found Jeremy Chappelle for a 31-yard scoring toss and a lead The Guard would never give up at 14-6.



Photo by Paul Dickey

Brook Hill safety Tyler Baker makes an interception in the playoff win against Fort Worth Calvary in the Conquerors end zone.

Chappelle added on 12 tackles for the game, and grabbed four receptions for 81-yards and the one score.

Matt Ruark rumbled in from 13-yards out midway through the second quarter to stake a 21-6, halftime lead.

"We were still really sluggish I the first half, especially on the offensive line," said head coach, Jim Klaczak about the opening two quarters. "But we made a few adjustments and the line knew what they needed to do. In the second half, we had good drives when we got the ball, but we had a hard time stopping them until it was too deep for comfort in our end of the field.

"But the kid's battled hard, and that was a very talented team with a lot of speed so I am going to enjoy this for a day

and then get ready for next week."

Conquerors, big fullback, Jonathan West rammed in from seven-yards to account for the lone third period score, and once again the extra point failed for a 21-12, Guard lead.

Molitor started the final quarter with a 27-yard scoring run, and ended the scoring with 1:12 left in the game as he bulled over from eight-yards.

Sandwich in-between, credit a scoring toss for Calvary and another missed PAT pass wrapping up the scoreboard damage.

Kip Picarella set up the late score as the lineman fielded an on-side kick attempt, and almost scored for the second time on the season.

Defensive tackle, Jacob Johnson had a season high 13,

tackles, forcing a fumble, and making three quarterback sacks. Chappelle was close behind with 11 stops at linebacker.

Tyler Baker made an interception at the Calvary goal-line, and recovered a fumble as did Molitor and a Picarella addition in the third quarter.

Molitor added eight stops in limited linebacker duty, and created a first quarter fumble.

The Conquerors end their first season of 11-man football with a 7-3 record.

The Guard will hit the road play to play Katy Pope John Paul XXIII or Austin Regents in TAPPS region semi-finals next Saturday, in Waco at Reicher High School, with a 2 p.m. kickoff slated.

TAPPS DIVISION III, AREA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS					
At Herrington Stadium, Bullard, Texas					
Bullard-Brook Hill 28,					
Fort Worth Calvary Christian Academy 18					
SCORE-BY-QUARTERS					
FW Calvary	6	0	6	7	-18
Brook Hill	14	7	0	14	-35
SCORING SUMMARY					
First Quarter					
FWC: Preston White 3 run, (White kick wide), 10:04					
BH: Luke Molitor 56 run, (J.B. Moss kick good), 9:10					
BH: Jeremy Chappelle 31 pass from Ross Nichols, (Moss kick), 5:34					
Second Quarter					
BH: Matt Ruark 13 run, (Moss kick), 7:22					
Third Quarter					
FWC: Jonathan West 7 run, (pass failed), 7:17					
Fourth Quarter					
BH: Molitor 27 run, (Moss kick), 11:50					
FWC: Aaron Rowe 9 pass from White, (pass failed), 2:19					
BH: Molitor 8 run, (Moss kick), 1:16					

# The Guard hoopsters ready for the Dawkins era

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The Brook Hill basketball season is just around the corner, and new Head Coach Wally Dawkins is pleased with the excitement being generated by the fans regarding the 2008-2009 campaign.

"I think anytime you get a new head coach, with some good players returning, you have excitement and expectations" Dawkins notes. "Combine that with a couple of really good transfer students, and I think it just adds to the hype. We anticipate a great year."

The Guard will have to wait on several players from the current football team, but Dawkins says "No hurry. We want to win state in football, and then in basketball also. I think we both have a chance."

Having a new coach however, also means a new system, which takes time to get comfortable with. "I think the big thing for us of course will be how well we do academically. This is a great school and the academic expectations are high. Our players must excel in the classroom first, and then on the court. I believe we will do that. Secondly, all the kids have to be patient and not only learn the new system, but master it. We will do most of the same things we did at Whitehouse, but tweak them to fit our players talents."

The Guard should be on of the biggest teams around in

TAPPS Division III, featuring 6'6 Heath Dickey, 6'6 Courtney Thomas, 6'3 Jeremy Chappelle, and 6'3 Ross Nichols. Brook Hill will also return their starting backcourt with point guard Tyler Baker and 2-Guard Mason Spradlin. Perimeter players expected to see plenty of action include Andre Huang, Collin Hanks, and Colton Townlee.

"We plan on having eight or nine varsity players, and 10-11 JV players. I will probably do most of the coaching for both teams myself in this first

season. We have a great nucleus of younger players in Zac Cool, Jared Dickey, Austin Langemeyer, Ross Lee, Tallen Harris, James Arterberry, Carter Clements, Mason Jones, and Tyler Burton to build our future teams."

"I can't think of anyplace I would rather be at this point in my career than at Brook Hill" the veteran coach says. "I thought coming in it would take some time to realize success and build a program. I really believe we have the chance to win big this year

while building our program from the lower grades through high school.

Dawkins coached in Texas Public Schools for 29 years, 27 of those as a head coach. For the past 21 years Dawkins was at Whitehouse and has an overall record of 559-234.

The Brook Hill Boys Basketball program offers off season practice throughout the school year and Coach Dawkins is beginning working with younger students as early as 1st grade at the Lower School Campus.

"We are doing several things with elementary students. We have our Next Level Basketball Fundamental series, we offer the Globe Trotters ball handling classes, and we are having the first ever Brook Hill Boys Basketball League for

teams 1st grade through 8th. Combine that with our Sports Academy where we teach the basics in 5 major team sports to boys and girls, and our kids should get a good start in athletics."

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