

SPORTS

In 1 day: 2-mile run, 287-mile road trip, and a basketball game

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ROUND ROCK – The Class 3A, girls State Cross Country meet was momentous for the Bullard program and freshman, Minta Spears covering more ground than you can imagine in one day of varsity competition.

Spears began the day making a solo bid for the state's top runners at Old Settlers Park, as one of 109 runners in the Class 3A state cross-country meet.

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University Lady Cardinal, Danielle Heithoff, and the rest of the Lady Panthers hoopsters these girls all need to wear shades!

Spears made school history earlier this year running however with the first-ever individual championship in the Lindale Cross-Country meet. She next took second place at district, qualifying to run at the chilly, regionals in Aldine last week.

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Photo by Sandy Spears

Freshman, Minta Spears took 28th place at the State UIL Class 3A Cross-Country meet in Round Rock on Saturday. Minta is the first cross-country competitor from Bullard to qualify to run at the state finals.

at first but once the race got started it was just running and competing," Spears said. "The course was pretty tough with a lot of hills and trails but there were a lot of good girl's there and maybe we can get the whole team down there next year."

At the state meet, Spears ran the standard, two-mile distance in the race.

It is said you can run as much as five-miles if you play a

complete basketball game. With the result of the thrashing of Henderson, Spears played half her usual minutes, statistically figured into two and one-half miles we will add-on. That's a lot of running, climbing hills, dribbling basketballs, running through the mud, and hustling back on defense.

Now, add on 287 miles on wheels for the drive, and Spears probably holds a school record for miles traveled in competi-

tion, with 291.5 miles to her credit.

Congratulations Minta on a first for Bullard at the state meet, and best for the Lady Panthers dribblers and their

quest for the final-four in Austin.

And just think.....we did not figure the miles getting to Round Rock or getting home from Henderson.

Pave the way continues path to stadium

'Pave the Way', is an ongoing history-maker, focusing on raising money for scholarships. The goal of the Bullard Booster Club is to be able to give at least \$1000.00 to each child that applies for our scholarship. This will not happen without your help, and with it, a chance to have your own place in Bullard, with a walk-way with personalized brick as the path-way.

The Bullard Booster Club urges you to please consider

purchasing one of these bricks. Your support will be helping to send a child to school and at the same time have a permanent reminder that your child, family or business is a part of BISSD.

If you would like to see samples of what the different walkways look like, visit www.brickstonegraphics.com

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Galatians 3:26-27

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Old Jacksonville Hwy, next to Bullard High
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Local youth basketball registrations

Brook Hill league offers more local youth hoops

BULLARD-The Brook Hill Boys Basketball League is now accepting team entries for their 2009 Youth Basketball League. Divisions will be offered for grades 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th.

Games will begin on Jan. 10th. Each team will play six games and participate in a season ending division tournament on Feb. 21st. Games will be played in the gymnasiums at the Brook Hill School.

Games will be played on Saturday evenings as to not conflict with local leagues. The Brook Hill League is for team entries only. There is no draft or individual sign-ups accepted.

Teams consist of at least seven players with a maximum of 12. Deadline to enter a team is Dec. 20th. Entry fee is \$300.00 per team for the six regular season games and the division tournament. Space is limited as

several teams have already registered to enter a team.

For more information, contact Coach Wally Dawkins, who will assist in organizing the league at 903-530-4295 or email inquiries to wdawkins@brookhill.org or contact Brook Hill Booster Club President Linda Dickey at 903-312-5962.

The Brook Hill League will schedule games for all teams as to not conflict with teams play in their local

Bullard youth basketball draft this week

The Panther Basketball Youth League for boys and girls in grades first through sixth will hold their draft on Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Bullard High School Gym. The draft times will be as follows: 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. – 1st and 2nd grade boys and girls; 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. – 3rd and 4th grade boys and girls; 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. – 5th

and 6th grade boys and girls.

Cost: \$60 for the first child, \$45 for each additional child. Due at draft.

Forms: May be picked up at any B.I.S.D. campus. They will also be sent home with each child. Game Dates: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7. Coaches: Anyone interested in coaching a team will need to con-

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