

SPORTS

Win over Maidens sets up showdown with No. 1 Diboll



Photo by Wolf Whitaker

Lady Panther Danielle Heithoff fights for a rebound in the recent win over the Jacksonville Maidens.

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JACKSONVILLE - The third-ranked Lady Panthers of Bullard proved they could play the slow-down game on Tuesday night, with a 37-30 win over a deliberate Jacksonville Maidens squad. Shooting poorly from the field, and Jacksonville running time off the clock, the teams took a 15-15 tie into the intermission.

Bullard (5-0), was trailing 16-15, when the Lady Panthers went long-range 13-1, run in the third period to stake a 29-21 lead going

Non-District Girls Basketball
Bullard 37, Jacksonville 30

Bullard	5	10	14	8	-37
Jacksonville	5	10	8	7	-30

BULLARD - Calli Miller, 2; Ashley Ricci, 2; Ally Covalt, 6; Samantha Phillips, 10; Minta Spears, 10; Kayla Welling, 6; Danielle Heithoff, 4. TOTAL - 37.

JACKSONVILLE - Amber Hawkins, 2; Mykeshia Burrell, 5; Tanika Lucas-Clay, 4; Amber Whitmill, 3; Jasmine Clark, 2; Brittney King, 6; Sharae Sanders, 6; Jessica Hunter, 2. TOTAL - 30.

RECORDS - Bullard 5-0. Jacksonville 1-3.

NEXT UP - Bullard at Diboll, Tues. 7 p.m. Jacksonville at Rusk, Tues. 7 p.m.

JV SCORE - Jacksonville 27, Bullard 24

FRESH SCORE - Bullard 41, Jacksonville 15

Bullard resident Taylor leading UT Tyler Patriots



Courtesy Photo

UT Tyler's Becky Taylor had a huge week recently, earning the Player of the Week award in the American Southwest Conference East Division.

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Becky Taylor, was recently named last week's American Southwest Conference East Division Player of the Week, leading the way for UT Tyler offensively and defensively to another good start for head coach Terri Dicke's team this season.

The New Caney native is a junior forward for the UT Tyler women's basketball team earning the award with consistent play and a school record to add to the honor. Taylor is the daughter of Bullard athletic director Jim Taylor and is proud to represent the Bullard area on the Patriots squad.

"I played my high school ball at New Caney and then I actually transferred to Tyler before my dad was even

hired to coach at Bullard," the rather quiet Taylor said. "Then I talked with Coach Dicke about playing, because I really missed it, and so far everything is working out great."

Taylor has posted four double-doubles to start the season for the Patriots (3-1, 1-0). Shooting at a 53 percent clip, the 5-9 senior is second in the ASC in scoring (17.3) and first in rebounding (12.3). Later last week in a game against Texas Lutheran, the junior Taylor, found her way into the Patriot record books during Saturday's 82-64 victory over Texas Lutheran.

Taylor pulled down 17 rebounds in the game to set a new UT Tyler single-game mark. Taylor also scored 17 points to complete her fourth double-double of the young season.

Lindale's Hoop Heaven Tourney set for weekend

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LINDALE - The annual Hoops Heaven Tournament will be held this upcoming weekend, with both the Bullard boys and girls slated for action in the three-day event.

The girls tournament will be played in tournament format and the boys games played in an pool-play format with all teams guaranteed three games.

The Lady Panthers will open play on Thursday afternoon with a game against Rains, at 5:30 p.m. in opening round play.

The Panthers boys team and all Pool A teams open pool-play on Thursday, and take Friday off. The Panthers first play against Tyler-Lee at 1 p.m. on Thursday and then play again, against Lindale at 7 p.m. Thursday night.

Lindale Tournament Schedule

LINDALE HOOPS HEAVEN GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT Girls Games

Thursday, Dec. 4

Game One - Grace vs. Hawkins, 10 a.m., LHS gym
Game Two - Chapel Hill vs. Lindale, 11:30 a.m., LHS gym
Game Three - Brownsboro vs. Pine Tree, 2:30 p.m., LHS gym
Game Four - Bullard vs. Rains, 5:30 p.m., LHS gym

Friday, Dec. 5

Game Five - Loser of gm. one vs. loser gm. two, 10 a.m., LHS gym
Game Six - Winner of gm. one vs. winner gm. two, 1 p.m. LHS gym
Game Seven - Loser of gm. three vs. loser of gm. four, 2:30 p.m., LHS gym

Game Eight - Winner of gm. three vs. winner of gm. four, 5:30 p.m., LHS gym

Saturday, Dec. 6

Game Nine - Loser of gm. five vs. loser of gm. seven, 8:30 a.m., LHS gym (Seventh place)
Game Ten - Winner of gm. five vs. winner of gm. seven, 1 p.m. LHS gym, (Fifth place)
Game Eleven - Loser of gm. six vs. loser of gm. eight, 4 p.m., LHS gym (Third Place)
Game Twelve - Winner of gm. six vs. winner of gm. eight, 7 p.m., LHS gym (First-place)

LINDALE HOOPS HEAVEN BOYS POOL-PLAY Boys Games

Thursday, Dec. 4

1:00 Tyler Lee vs Bullard
4:00 Whitehouse vs. Pine Tree

7:00 Lindale vs. Bullard

Friday, Dec. 5

11:30 Pine Tree vs. Greenville
4:00 Whitehouse vs. Greenville
7:00 Lindale vs. Tyler-Lee

Saturday, Dec. 6

10:00 Boys (A1 vs B2)
11:30 Boys (B1 vs A2)
2:30 Boys (A3 vs B3)
5:30 Boys 3rd Place
8:30 Boys Championship

Boys Pool A

Bullard
Tyler-Lee
Lindale

Boys Pool B

Whitehouse
Greenville
Pine Tree

BROOK HILL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Courtney Thomas Junior Post

A transfer from John Tyler, Thomas has added an inside presence early on for The Guard and drawn praise for his effort at both ends of the floor according to Head Coach Wally Dawkins. Thomas scored 20 points in a recent win over Longview Trinity Christian.

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BULLARD PLAYER of the WEEK

Daniel Howard Junior Guard

Howard is proven to be a leader on the floor for the state-ranked Panthers. Howard has averaged 17.5 points per game. The Panthers try to get back on the winning track against Brownsboro on Tuesday for the story, see the Bullard Banner News next week.

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