

SPORTS

# Dawkins returns to homeland with new team

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ABILENE – For the past 17 years, Wally Dawkins has made a ritual of taking his team west, to play in the Abilene Wylie Lions Club Basketball Tournament. The past tournaments were all with his old Whitehouse Wildcats, and this year he took his Brook Hill Guard.

In the 17 year stint at Whitehouse, the Wildcats won the tournament 14 times against some of the top Class 4A and 3A teams in the state.

After dropping the opening game to state-ranked Seminole, Brook Hill came back to take a win over Jim Ned (39-30), and finished the tourney with losses to Lubbock Trinity Christian (42-53), and Lubbock Cooper (47-45).

"It was a great tournament and every team we played was a state ranked team in their respective classifications, so it

was some great experience," said Dawkins. "Although we went 1-3 overall, we played against some great teams with some outstanding athletes from schools much bigger than Brook Hill.

"Two of the three losses we could have won but still the experience of being in that type of game can do nothing but make us better in the long run."

**FIRST ROUND**

**Seminole 69, Brook Hill 55**

The Brook Hill Guard had their work cut-out for them in the first round of the Abilene Wylie Lions Club Basketball Tournament, facing the Class 3A, 17th-ranked Seminole to open up the weekend.

Brook Hill's, Jeremy Chappelle scored 24 points, and grabbed 12 rebounds for a double-double, but it would not be enough as Seminole took a 69-55 win.

Mason Spradlin added 13 points for The Guard for the

two Brook Hill players in double-digits in the loss.

**Seminole 69, Brook Hill 55**  
Brook Hill 10 15 15 15 -55  
Seminole 19 22 13 15 -69

**BROOK HILL** – Mason Spradlin, 13; Andre Huang, 3; Heath Dickey, 3; Jeremy Chappelle, 24; Collin Hanks, 5; Courtney Thomas, 7.

**SEMINOLE** – Navalko, 4; Garza, 2; Reed, 15; Masuda, 11; Lavender, 4; Dixon, 16; Jones, 7; Marshall, 4; Flores, 6.

**THREE-POINT GOALS** – BH: Spradlin, Huang, Hanks, S: Reed (4), Masuda (3).

**RECORDS** – Brook Hill 7-5. Seminole 9-1.

**SECOND ROUND**

**Brook Hill 39, Jim Ned 30**

Playing one of the state's top Class 2A teams, The Guard got key buckets from Mason Spradlin and Jeremy Chappelle for a slow-paced, 39-30 win on Friday night.

Spradlin nailed two, 3-pointers for 12 points and Chappelle had another double-

double with 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Brook Hill trailed 23-16 at the half, but stormed back after key halftime adjustments by head coach, Dawkins. Heath Dickey stepped up with some crucial rebounds and two blocks as The Guard held Jim Ned to seven points the entire second half.

**Brook Hill 39, Jim Ned 30**  
Brook Hill 12 4 12 11 -39  
Jim Ned 11 12 5 2 -30

**BROOK HILL** – Mason Spradlin, 12; Heath Dickey, 2; Collin Hanks, 8; Jeremy Chappelle, 11; Courtney Thomas, 7.

**JIM NED** – Lloyd, 3; Holson, 6; Morgan, 4; Allen, 4; Bryant, 7; Avery, 6.

**THREE-POINT GOALS** – BH: Spradlin (2), Hanks. JN: Lloyd, Bryant.

**RECORDS** – Brook Hill 8-5. Jim Ned 6-3.

**THIRD ROUND**  
Lubbock Trinity Christian 53, Brook Hill 42

Trailing 43-30, going into the final period, The Guard made a run at Trinity Christian but it was too little too late as the Lubbock top-ten TAPPS squad handed The Guard their second loss of the tourney.

Mason Spradlin led Brook Hill with 16 points, and Jeremy Chappelle added 10 in the setback.

**Lubbock Trinity Christian 53, Brook Hill 42**  
L.T.C. 13 13 17 8 -53  
Brook Hill 8 9 13 12 -42

**TRINITY CHRISTIAN** – Wertz, 7; Stephenson, 2; Hurt, 6; Pearson, 6; Beck, 5; Wheeler, 2; Hill, 1; Morris, 18; Stutz, 6.

**BROOK HILL** – Spradlin, 16; Huang, 2; Dickey, 2; Chappelle, 10; Hanks, 4; Thomas, 3; Langemeier, 5.

**THREE-POINT GOALS** – TC: Morris, (4), Wertz, Beck. BH: Spradlin.

**CONSOLATION GAME**  
Lubbock Cooper 47, Brook Hill 45  
It took an extra period to

come up with a consolation winner, as Lubbock Cooper squeaked by The Guard in overtime, 47-45.

Tied at 41-41, Cooper got all six points in overtime from Sammy Hager, scoring six of his 10 points in the game to seal the win.

Jeremy Chappelle led all scorers in the game with 22 points.

**Lubbock Cooper 47, Brook Hill 45**  
B Hill 13 10 10 8 4 -45  
Cooper 6 17 7 11 6 -47

**BROOK HILL** – Spradlin, 5; Langemeier, 2; Hanks, 8; Chappelle, 22; Thomas, 8.

**COOPER** – Johnson, 13; Rebber, 4; Welch, 6; Jones, 6; Hager, 10; Jackson, 6.

**THREE-POINT GOALS** – BH: Hanks. C: Welch (2), Johnson (2).

**RECORDS** – Brook Hill 8-7.

**NEXT UP** – Wells at Brook Hill, Friday, 6 p.m.

## The Guard Basketball



Photo by Doc Smith

Brook Hill Guard Mason Spradlin looks inside to make a pass to junior post Courtney Thomas in a recent Brook Hill boys basketball game.

# Guard falls to defending state champs Laneville

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LANEVILLE - The Brook Hill Guard Varsity Boys Basketball team lost a tough game in a tough place to play, losing to the defending class A State Champion, Laneville Tuesday night by a score of 64-58.

The game was a see-saw battle tied at 52 all with 2:45 left in front of a rowdy Laneville home crowd. Laneville hit a 3-pointer and converted an untimely Guard

turnover into an easy lay-up to take a 5 point lead late in the game.

"We have played very well at times" Head Coach Wally Dawkins noted of the 7-4 Guard varsity. "I see us gelling together in some phases, but leaving a lot of work to do in others."

Brook Hill will continue a Dawkins tradition and go west to play in the Abilene Wylie Lions Club Tourney. Dawkins' coached team as his Whitehouse squads ventured

west for 17 seasons and won the tournament 14 times.

"It is a great trip for our kid," Dawkins said. "We try to build team unity, some cohesiveness, and it gives us a chance to be good representatives for our school in a part of Texas that has probably never heard of The Brook Hill School.

"It is a great opportunity for our players and we face mostly U.I.L. AAA competition. So it is a good challenge also."

# Guard pounds Garland Christian 9-1 in soccer

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GARLAND – The Brook Hill Guard soccer team picked up a dominating 9-1 win over

Garland Christian Academy this past Saturday.

The Guard improves to 3-1 with the win.

Next up for The Guard will be a trip to Tyler on Friday

to play Grace Community. The game was originally scheduled for Brook Hill, but has been changed to play at Grace Community, beginning at 6 p.m.

# Rooney takes third at White Rock

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DALLAS – Bullard's, Tammy Rooney ran this past Sunday in the Dallas White Rock Half Marathon, placing third in her age group.

Rooney ran a 1:48:27 over the 13.1 mile course in the 50-

54 women's age group.

Disappointed in her time, Rooney finished up the race and with disgust got in her car and drove home to Tyler.

Once she got home, she got on-line to find out everybody had a slow day and she garnered the third-place spot.

Overall Rooney was 127th

out of 3,374 female contestants, and the race combined had 5,773 runners.

After returning home and discovering her top-three finish, Rooney said, "I learned again that you should never give up, always do your best, and know that it was your best."

# GOLF NOTES

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1, (tie) James Ivey, 39; Tim Doss, 39; 3, (tie) Paul Josephson, 38; Red Roden, 38; Robert Mims, 38; Woody Johnston, 38; 7, (tie) Bart Young, 37; Craig Myers, 37; 9, (tie) Charles Smart, 36; Dennis Stansbury, 36; Roger Gerick, 36.

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