

SPORTS

# Panther boys face test in Whataburger Classic

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**BURLESON** - The Bullard Panthers will be looking to better their 10-7 record over the holiday break as one of 16 teams playing in the highly competitive Whataburger Holiday Classic held at Burleson High School. The tourney features various smaller state-ranked

schools of which will prove to be a true test before district play approaches against Chapel Hill,

Bullard had their last game with Rusk cancelled, and lost to Hallsville 84-73 at home in their last game.

In Burleson, the Panthers will play a first-round game against state-ranked, Class 1A, Slocum at 4:15 p.m. on

Monday.

Their next game will be determined by the Jim Ned (2A) and Peaster (1A), matchup. Both teams are ranked among the state's top twenty in their respective classifications.

The winners of the first round games will then play on Tuesday at 2 p.m.

If Bullard losses, they

would play at 5 p.m. on Tuesday against the loser of that same Peaster-Jim Ned contest.

Also in the Bullard bracket is top-ranked Burkburnett that will be another huge test for the Panthers should they matchup.

Burkburnett lost in the state finals last year, but most recently defeated Whitehouse

in the championship game of the ? tournament.

Teams also listed in the same bracket-play are perennial powers, and state-ranked, Krum and Lipan.

In the lower bracket, Brock, Shallowater, Argyle, Fort Worth Christian (TAPPS champ), Grafford (loser to Ponder is state final last year), a proven Fairfield, a fully-

loaded Cayuga, and always a TAPPS playoff team, Tyler-All Saints.

Next on the Bullard agenda will a return to play Tuesday, Jan. 6 as they entertain Jacksonville at Panther gymnasium.

Freshmen will play at 5 p.m., junior varsity at 6 p.m. and the varsity set for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff.

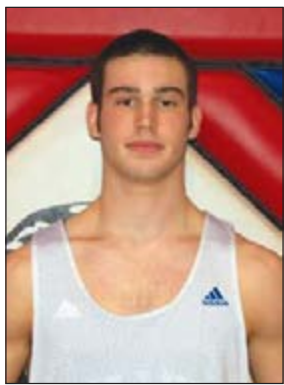
## Little Panthers

Little Panthers, Sarah Ritch joins in with the other elementary age hoopsters entertaining the audience at the recent Bullard-Hallsville boys basketball game. The Little Panthers work out once a week at the elementary school, and will be performing halftime entertainment at various basketball games at East Texas high schools and colleges.



**BULLARD  
PLAYER of the WEEK**

**Josiah Rosebury  
Senior Guard**



Rosebury was one of two varsity players that started the year in the gym with new head coach Hank Hargraves, and has proven to be a true leader on the court. Rosebury recently had a season-high 23 points in a win over Van.

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## UT Tyler Patriots baseball hitting camp Jan. 2

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**TYLER** - The UT Tyler baseball program's final hitting camp of the 2008-2009 winter season will feature special guest Ronnie Ortegon, the hitting

coordinator for the Cincinnati Reds. The camp will be held on Jan. 2, 2009 at Irwin Field on the UT Tyler campus from 1-5 p.m. The event is open to all players from age 10 to seniors in high school. Patriots head

coach James Vilade, assistants Stan Phelps, Wes Davis and Chris Goss and members of the UT Tyler baseball team will be on hand to offer additional instruction. The cost of the camp is \$50 per camper and all

participants will receive a UT Tyler Baseball winter cap. For more information or to register, contact the UT Tyler Baseball office at 903-565-5659.

## Outdoors Calendar

**SUNDAY, Jan. 4** - Closing day deer and turkey season, North Texas counties.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 4** - Closing day Panhandle pheasant season.

**FRIDAY, Jan. 9** - Trout stocking at Tyler State Park.

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**FRIDAY, Jan. 9** - Trout stocking at Emory City Park Lake, Emory.

**SATURDAY, Jan. 10** - European pheasant hunt, Chicken Ranch Shotgun Sports, Frankston, (903) 876-3291.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 11** -

Closing day white-fronted goose season East zone.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 18** - Closing day deer and turkey season, South Texas counties.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 18** - Trout stocking at Lower Overton Lake, Overton.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 25** - Closing day duck season, North and South zones and High Plains Mallard Management Unit.

**SUNDAY, Jan. 25** - Closing day light and Canada goose seasons in East zone.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 1** - Closing day East Texas squirrel season.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 1** - Trout stocking at Lakeview Park Pond, Nacogdoches.

**SATURDAY, Feb. 7** - European pheasant hunt, Chicken Ranch Shotgun Sports, Frankston, (903) 876-3291.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 8** - Closing day goose seasons in West zone.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 8** - Trout stocking at Two-Acre Lake, Canton.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 8** - Trout stocking at Teague Park, Longview.

**MONDAY, FEB. 9** - Trout stocking at Bob Sandlin State

Park, Mount Pleasant.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 22** - Closing day statewide quail season.

**SUNDAY, Feb. 22** - Trout stocking at Pair-A-Trees Pond, Lake Tawakoni State Park.

**SATURDAY, Feb. 28** - European pheasant hunt, Chicken Ranch Shotgun Sports, Frankston, (903) 876-3291.

**SUNDAY, March 1** - Trout stocking at Pittsburg City Lake, Pittsburg.

To be listed on the outdoors calendar, send event to outdoor@tylerpaper.com or fax to 903-595-0335.

**BROOK HILL  
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**

**Tyler Baker  
Sophomore Guard**



Baker returned to play just two games ago and has already solidified the point guard position for head coach Wally Dawkins. Baker, a two-way all-state football player, has been in double figures in scoring in his two games, and set the offense with assists and steals to lead to Brook Hill wins over Wells and Fort Worth Bethesda.

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