

SPORTS

Whataburger Classic tougher test for Panthers

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BURLESON -- The Bullard Panthers record dropped to 11-9 ledger on the year over the holiday break as one of 16 teams playing in the highly competitive Blue Division of the Whataburger Holiday Classic, held at Burleson High School.

The Panthers opened up the tourney with a 58-52 win over Class 1A, state-ranked Slocum.

Bullard then faced Peaster and lost, 53-46, to the Class 2A's, No. 4 team, and lost an elimination game to Krum, 63-50.

Krum was No. 3 in Class 2A in the last TABC rankings.

"This was a tough tournament but we knew that coming in," said head coach, Hank

Hargraves after the tournament. "We played really well at times, and then other times we had too many mental mistakes that we have got to eliminate going in to district play."

Ponder defeated Burburnett, 67-64 for the title, Peaster lost to Argyle for third-place, 62-47, and Krum bested Brock, 80-60 for fifth place.

The Panthers will play at Jacksonville on Tuesday night. Freshmen will play at 5 p.m., junior varsity at 6 p.m. and the varsity set for a 7:30 p.m. tipoff

GAME ONE.

Bullard 58, Slocum 52 Josiah Rosebury scored 23 points as the Panthers chalked up a first round win over a state-ranked, Slocum, 58-52. Lance Anding added on 18 points, with two, 3-pointers. Jared Lance

paced the Slocum scoring with a team-high, 22 points, nailing three, 3-pointers.

GAME TWO

Peaster 53, Bullard 46 Peaster used a strong inside game, and patience to take the 53-46 win over Bullard, placing the Panthers in the elimination bracket of the game. Peaster only had five players score, but three of those players scored 12 points or more to take the win. Henry Barry led all scorers in the game with 20 points. Bullard was paced by Rosebury and Daniel Howard with 14 and 13 points, with Rosebury hitting three, 3-pointers in the game.

GAME THREE

Krum 63, Bullard 50 Krum rode the hot-shooting of Kellin Arris (21 points),

and Kyle Dodd (16 points) to take the win over Bullard and end their holiday tournament with a 1-2 record in tourney play. Charlie Moore led the Panthers in scoring with 12 points, followed by Rosebury with 11, and Anding with nine points. Krum jumped to a 14-8, first quarter lead but closed the gap to a 27-22, Krum advantage before pulling away for the win the last half.

WHATABURGER HOLIDAY CLASSIC BLUE DIVISION

BOX SCORES FIRST ROUND

BULLARD 58, SLOCUM 53 Slocum 9 17 16 10 ?52 Bullard 15 17 9 17 -58 SLOCUM -- Foster, 13;

Prater, 10; Sizemore, 2; Lance, 22; Thoamson, 5.

BULLARD -- Daniel Howard, 3; Lance Anding, 18; Koby Greene, 8; Josiah Rosebury, 23; Ryan Wood, 2; Sydney Lawson, 2; Charlie Moore, 2.

THREE-POINT GOALS - S: Lance (3), Prater. B: Anding (2), Greene, Rosebury.

RECORDS -- Bullard 12-6.

SECOND ROUND

PEASTER 53, BULLARD 46

Bullard 14 11 11 10 -46 Peaster 15 12 15 11 -53

BULLARD -- Howard, 13; Anding, 8; Greene, 2; Rosebury, 14; Moore, 6; Starwalt, 4.

PEASTER -- Petermeier, 12; Keller, 2; Brown, 17; Lee, 2; Barry, 20.

THREE-POINT GOALS --

B: Rosebury (3), Anding, Howard. P: Brown.

RECORDS -- Bullard 12-7.

THIRD ROUND

Krum 63, Bullard 59 Krum 14 13 19 17 - 63 Bullard 8 14 13 15 -50

KRUM -- Kellin Arris, 21; Kaly Dodd, 16; Justin Walker, 15; Ryan Andrews, 5; Chris Curtis, 2; Victor Cristales, 2; Jamie Stephens, 2.

BULLARD -- Daniel Howard, 4; Lance Anding, 9; Koby Greene, 7; Josiah Rosebury, 11; Ryan Wood, 5; Marquez Franklin, 2; Charlie Moore, 12.

THREE-POINT GOALS - B: Anding, Rosebury. K: Arris (3), Dodd (2).

RECORDS -- Bullard 12-8.

NEXT UP -- Jacksonville at Bullard, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Texas rallies past Ohio State 24-21 in Fiesta

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GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Left out of the national title game, Colt McCoy and Texas made the most of their trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

McCoy hit Quan Cosby for a 26-yard touchdown with 16 seconds to play, lifting third-ranked Texas to a 24-21 victory over No. 10 Ohio State on Monday night.

The Longhorns had hoped to use the Fiesta Bowl to per-

suade voters they deserved a share of the national championship if Oklahoma beats Florida in Thursday night's BCS final. The Associated Press Top 25 is Texas' only chance at nabbing a slice of the title but the close victory over the Buckeyes may not be enough to persuade voters.

"I don't think there's anybody in the country who can beat us at this point," McCoy said.

The Buckeyes nearly pulled

off the upset behind quarterbacks Terrelle Pryor and Todd Boeckman but instead went down to a third straight BCS bowl loss.

McCoy, the Heisman Trophy runner-up, calmly led the Longhorns 78 yards in 11 plays and 1:42 without calling a timeout. On the touchdown, Cosby caught a short pass, slipped a tackle and sprinted toward the goal line before diving into the end zone.

The Longhorns (12-1)

rebounded after Ohio State (10-3) had taken a 21-17 lead on a 15-yard run by Dan Herron with 2:05 to go.

That score came five minutes after Boeckman hit Pryor for a 5-yard score to cut Texas' lead to 17-15. Pryor's pass on the 2-point conversion was incomplete.

For most of the night, the Buckeyes stifled the high-powered Longhorns, who averaged 43.9 points this season but mustered only a field goal in the first

half. They didn't lead until a nifty third-quarter touchdown run by McCoy, who also threw for 414 yards and two scores with an interception.

The Longhorns finished in a three-way tie atop the rugged Big 12 South and thought their 10-point victory over Oklahoma should have put them in the conference title game. But Oklahoma was declared the division winner on a BCS standings tiebreaker, and the Sooners ripped Missouri in the Big 12

playoff to earn a trip to the national championship.

"This team started this way and finished this way, and they're obviously one of the best teams in the country if not the best," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

The loss was Ohio State's third straight in a BCS bowl, and capped a 1-6 bowl season for the Big Ten.

"You saw a great football game out there, two teams going at it extremely hard," Ohio State coach Jim Tressel said.

Faulk nominated for Old Spice, Red Zone Player of the Year

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As a result of this achievement, Blain Faulk is among a select group of players who are eligible to be selected as a national Red Zone Player of the Year and be honored in a full-page feature in USA Today in February.

For the eighth straight year, Old Spice is recognizing high school football players who go above and beyond the call of duty, particularly in the Red Zone. The program honors athletes who are able to elevate their play and step up when the heat is really on. These athletes embody leadership, performance and desire, and serve as examples to their

teammates on and off the field.

High school coaches across the country are naming one player from their team as their Player of the Year. Each team's Player of the Year will receive a certificate to acknowledge his accomplishment.

Faulk is also eligible to be named one of 50 national Players of the Year. The top 50 players nationwide will be named Red Zone Players of the Year and will receive a plaque and other awards.

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BULLARD PLAYER of the WEEK Minta Spears Freshman. The Bullard Lady Panther basketball team recently won the McDonald's Brazos Valley All-Star Invitational in Bryan, defeating several state-ranked teams in the process. Freshman, Minta Spears was named the tournament Most Valuable Player for the tournament. Nine of 16 teams in the Bullard bracket were state-ranked teams. Sponsored by: Jeff Callens Agency - Allstate Insurance 2515 WSW Loop 323 • Tyler, Texas 75701 Office: 903-561-9933 • Fax: 903-581-5959 JeffCallens@allstate.com

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