

SPORTS

Lady Panthers warm-up for district with 80-38 win

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BULLARD - The Lady Panthers rolled over the Lady Hornets of Athens, 80-38 in non-district play this past Tuesday night at Panther gym.

"We start district play on Friday and regardless of what we have done up until now, it's a game at a time and taking care of business game-by-game," said head coach, Greg Gay after the win. "I wanted the main rotation to get a good full game in before Friday and the entire team came on and did their jobs and like I said, 'It's down to business and I hope they keep up the intensity level they have played with the past few weeks.'"

The inside duo of Danielle Heithoff (20

points), and Calli Miller (18) tied the Athens offensive efforts combining 38 points.

Add-on double-figure games from Minta Spears (14), and Ally Covalt (12), joined in by another stellar defensive gem by Ashley Ricci and her nine points, the Lady Hornets never stood a chance.

Bullard's point guard, Spears hit her first of four 3-pointers for a 21-5 lead in the first quarter. The young floor leader sank another trey at the 2:30 mark of the second quarter as the Lady Panther lead swelled to 34-16.

Fellow freshman, guard, Samantha Phillips ended a one-sided second quarter with a 3-pointer of her own to stake a 41-21 lead at intermission.

Taking a 62-31 lead into

the final period, Bullard continued to mix-it-up defensively and held the Lady Hornets to a mere seven points. Offensively, Spears finished off a double-double with 15 assists as the Lady Panthers pulled away adding 18 points for the final tally.

The Bullard junior varsity beat Athens 61-20, and freshmen made it a three-game sweep with a win at the middle school gym.

For the results of the district opener in Gilmer see the article in this edition of the Banner Sports.

Non-District Girls Varsity Basketball at Panther Gymnasium, Bullard, TX.
No. 3 Bullard 80 Athens 38

Athens	9	12	10	7	-38
Bullard	24	17	21	18	-80

ATHENS - Kerna Jordan, 6; Alex Furr, 22; Chelsea Crayton, 3; Taneshia Dennis, 3; Nichole Graham, 2; Bailey Starks, 2. **BULLARD** - Calli Miller, 18; Ashley Ricci, 9; Ally Covalt, 12; Samantha Phillips, 5; Minta Spears, 14; Kayla Welling, 2; Danielle Heithoff, 20.

THREE-POINT GOALS - J. B. : RECORDS - Athens Furr (3), Jordan (2). Bullard Spears (4), Covalt, Phillips.

NEXT UP - Bullard at Gilmer, 6:15 p.m., Friday. See the story and box score in this edition. Junior Varsity - Bullard 61, Athens 20. Freshmen - Bullard, Athens. **NEXT UP** - Bullard at Gilmer, 4 p.m., Friday



Photo by Doc Smith

Post player, Kayla Welling knocks down a shot in the 80-38, win over Athens this past Tuesday night at Panther gym.

No. 3 Lady Panthers slow start ends in blowout over Gilmer

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GILMER - The Bullard Lady Panthers opened up district play with a convincing 65-35 win over the Lady Buckeyes of Gilmer this past Friday night at the Gilmer High School gymnasium.

The Lady Panthers (20-3; 1-0), had a hard time getting started as Gilmer fought Bullard basket-for-basket, and a 8-8, tie after one stanza.

Bullard tightened the defense up in the second period however allowing only three Gilmer points, as Bullard put up 12 for a 20-11, halftime tally.

From there on out, the Lady Panthers Danielle Heithoff, Calli Miller and Kayla Welling controlled the boards, as Heithoff chalked

up 26 points, and Miller added 11.

Samantha Philips went long-distance twice as did point guard Minta Spears to aid in a 26 point third period that built a 46-23, Lady Panther lead that was not to be tested after that.

The Bullard junior varsity also won convincingly, 51-28, behind 17 points by Ashlee Shidler.

Kylee Nichols and Felecia Sigman were in double-figures for Bullard also scoring 10 points apiece.

Leading 12-1, after the first period, Bullard ran up to a 29-14, halftime score and a 35-20 advantage after three periods.

The Lady Panthers junior varsity improves to 11-9, and undefeated in league play at 1-0.

The third-ranked Lady Panthers will look for district win number two as they entertain Tatum on Tuesday night at Panther gymnasium. The freshman game is slated for 5 p.m., the junior varsity at 6 p.m. and the varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

District 17-3A Girls Varsity Basketball
No. 3 Bullard 65 Gilmer 35

Bullard	8	12	26	19	-65
Gilmer	8	3	12	12	-35

BULLARD - Calli Miller, 11; Heather Camp, 2; Ally Covalt, 2; Samantha Phillips, 6; Minta Spears, 10; Kayla Welling, 6; Danielle Heithoff, 26.

GILMER - Keyna Nix, 2; Markeshia Garner, 2; Paige Waters, 4; Rayven Osbourne, 18; Alex English, 3; Michaela Noble, 6.

THREE-POINT GOALS - B: Phillips (2), Spears (2), Heithoff. G: Osbourne (2), English. **RECORDS** - Bullard 20-3 (1-0). **NEXT UP** - Tatum at Bullard, 7 p.m., Tuesday.

Junior Varsity Bullard 51 Gilmer 28

Bullard 12 17 6 16 -51
Gilmer 1 13 6 8 -28
BULLARD - Chelseas Foreman, 2; Kylee Nichols, 10; Felecia Sigman, 10; Heather Anding, 1; Kailee Morris, 7; Susan Lowrie, 2; Erika Delatorre, 2; Ashlee Shidler, 17. **GILMER** - Sikes, 2; Bennett, 6; Brown, 4; Godfrey, 2; Jimmerson, 3; Jeffery, 5; Derrick, 2; J. Bennett, 2; Goodman, 2. **THREE-POINT GOALS** - B: Sigman (2), Morris. G: Jeffery. **RECORDS** - Bullard 19-9 (1-0). **NEXT UP** - Tatum at Bullard, 6 p.m. Tuesday.

GOLF NOTES

Seniors Double Low Ball Peach Tree Golf Course, Bullard

1, Norris Buie, Bob Craig, Will Hinkle, Bill Moose, plus 3.

MGA One-Man Scramble Emerald Bay Club, Bullard White Tees

First Flight - 1-gross, Carroll Strange, 77; 1-net, Mike Bellar, 66; 2-net, Bob Prigmore, 68.

Second Flight - 1-gross, Joe McKibbin, 85; 1-net, Chuck Cheatham, 69; 2-net, Bill Larson, 69.

Blue Tees

First Flight - 1-gross, Dale Leath, 75; 1-net, David Coker, 66; 2-gross, Tony Carter, 77; 2-net, Jim Beasley, 71.

Second Flight - 1-gross, Dave Moore, 76; 1-net, Leonard Molone, 67; 2-gross, David Clymer, 80; 2-net, Jeff Stephens, 68.

Third Flight - 1-gross, Duane Lenorman, 84; 1-net, Roy Shipp, 68; 2-gross, Larry Weesner, 86; 2-net, Dan Duffy, 70.

The Peach Tree-Oak Hurst MGA Breakfast Meeting and Scramble

1, (tie) Tom McFarland, Mike Danielson, James McPherson, James Sleeper, 63; 1, (tie) Rick Burks, Jim Wood, David McPherson, Jerome Smith, 63; 3. Colby Tipton, Ben Low, Gary Keener, 64.

Peach Tree-Oak Hurst LGA Oak Hurst Golf Course, Bullard

1-gross, Gina Buckman, 94; 2-gross, Kay Plath, 97; 1-net, Mackie Meeks, 76; 2-net, Margie Wood, 78.

Low putts - Woods, 33.

Bullard Middle School Cheerleading tryouts

The Bullard Middle School is having tryouts for cheerleader at 12 p.m. March 6, 2009.

Important Dates to remember!

January 26th - January 30th
Sign up and pick up a schedule in your school office.
February 2nd

There will be a mandatory parent meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Bullard Middle School Cafeteria.

If you have any

questions call:
6th grade - Amanda Goode - 903-894-6533
7th grade - Cheryl Conner - 903-894-2930

Lon Morris gong back to the gridiron

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JACKSONVILLE - After winning a national championship back in the 1950's, Lon Morris College recently announced the renewal of football at the Jacksonville junior college.

"Lon Morris College's intent behind the expansion of the sports program and adding football is to engage current students at new levels by providing them an enhanced and more complete college experience,"

said Lon Morris Sports Information Director, Michael James. "We hope to draw former students and the East Texas community closer to the college and its continued development toward success."

Along with that announcement also came the naming of former Rusk standout, Johnnie Richey as the head coach.

Richey has 36 years of coaching experience, coaching in each classification in the state.

Football will be added

to the sports agenda which already plays men's and women's basketball, golf,

cross-country, soccer, baseball and softball.

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