

# SPORTS

## All is well with Chappelle and The Brook Hill Guard

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**BULLARD** – The Brook Hill Guard utilized strong halftime adjustments and came out smoking for a third quarter track meet that lead to defeat Beaumont Legacy Christian Academy, 54-42, at Herrington Gymnasium on Tuesday in the area round of the TAPPS Class 3A basketball playoffs.

Legacy was up to the test for the first half, matching Brook Hill bucket-for-bucket, Legacy leading 15-13 after one period, and 23-21, halftime advantage.

“Legacy is a well coached team and they were well prepared for us,” Brook Hill head coach Dawkins said. “It took us a little while to settle down and start playing our game instead of their’s, but they pulled together as a team and got it done.”

Head Coach, Wally Dawkins went to the chalk board, the troops regrouped and The Guard made the third quarter charge as Chappelle turned up the offense and Brook Hill began to own the paint.

Brook Hill’s Courtney Thomas broke a 27-27 tie with a put-back at the 3:35 mark in the third and extended the lead to eight with a 3-point play a minute later.

The Guard ended the quarter on a 10-1 run and led by at least nine the rest of the way.

Jeremy Chappelle did most of the damage as he scored 25 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and made five steals.

“We have some common ground in opponents we have played this season, but in the playoffs it’s a whole different thing,” said Dawkins about the next game. “The Highlands has one of the top scorers in TAPPS in the state, and stopping him is going to be a key for us.”

Legacy Christian ends its season 23-15. Brook Hill advances to face Irving The Highlands, which defeated Katy Faith West 71-57 Tuesday. The regional is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at Pope John Paul II High School in Plano. A there earns the Guard a berth in the state tournament.

**TAPPS Class 3A  
Area Playoff  
at Herrington  
Gymnasium, Bullard,  
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**LEGACY CHRISTIAN** - Curtis Lee, 10; Chris Lee, 1; Chris Patureau, 23; Darreon Titus, 3; Sam Volrie, 4; Paul Gray, 1.

**BROOK HILL** - Mason Spradlin, 4; Heath Dickey, 1; Austin Langemeier, 4; Jeremy Chappelle, 25; Collin Hanks, 10; Tyler Baker, 2; Courtney Thomas, 8.

**THREE POINT GOALS** - LC: Lee, Patureau, Titus. BH: Chappelle, Hanks (2).

**RECORDS** - Legacy Christian 23-15; Brook Hill 27-8.

**NEXT UP** - Brook Hill vs. Irving The Highlands, 1 p.m. Saturday, Pope John Paul II High School, Plano.



Junior 'do-it-all' Jeremey Chappelle (at right) soars to the bucket for an easy layin for two of his 25 points in the area win over Legacy Christian, 54-42, last Tuesday. The Guard plays for the rite to go to state on Saturday in Dallas. See the story in this edition.

## Brook Hill Guard posts another victory, rides to state tourney

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**PLANO** – The Brook Hill basketball team is joining in to do their share in a banner sports year at the Bullard private school, earning a TAPPS Final Four bid in Mansfield this weekend.

With the help of 'do-it-all', Chappelle taking things into his own hands in the fourth quarter, The Guard posted a 47-31 win over ninth-ranked, Irving-The Highlands on Saturday at John Paul II High School gymnasium. In 14 years at the helm of the Whitehouse Wildcats, and 28 years of coaching, Wally Dawkins is doing his share as well, making an impact at a Christian school, and better yet coaching in his first state tournament.

Before manning The Guard position, Dawkins had some state ranked teams, and some very close calls in regional finals, but never made it to the state tournament. That was until now.

“Good players make good coaches,” Dawkins cunningly began. “I think it shows just what a great coach I am in that it only took me 30 years to make the state tournament,” he said jokingly

after the regional win. After all, Dawkins has only compiled an overall 28 year head coaching record of 587-242, gives his players all the credit. “I’ve only had a few players like Jeremey Chappelle,” began Dawkins. “He can do it all, he’s a winner, and has one of the best attitudes I have ever been around, and he is a s very special kid.

“You add a tenacious Tyler Baker, a hustling Mason Spradlin, a scrapper like Collin Hanks, two big kids like Courtney Thomas and Heath Dickey, and a talented freshman like Austin Langemeier, and it’s easy to see why we are successful,” the head coach continued.

“And the really neat thing is they are all Christian young men who have their priorities right in that they love The Lord, and work hard on academic achievement.” Brook Hill got 3-pointers from Mason Spradlin, Tyler Baker and Chappelle in the opening half, but led by just a 11-9 differential after one quarter, and a 22-11, halftime advantage. Chappelle, gave the Brook Hill faithful a scare early in the second period when he went down with a bad ankle and

had to sit out three-minutes. Upon his return to the floor, playing through the pain he finished off a 13 point first half, and the 11-point lead for Brook Hill.

The junior, Chappelle finished out the game with 23 points, 15 rebounds, four steals, three assists, and one blocked shot. Starting the second period, Baker bottomed out his 3-pointer to jump start The Guard as they began to pull away. But one again Chappelle tweaked the ankle and did not come out to start the second half to receive treatment. As Chappell was in the locker room getting wrapped, Brook Hill struggled without a basket for the first five minutes of the third period. After the halftime wrap job, when Chappelle stepped back on the floor he was not to be denied and the driver’s could crank up the buses. Chappelle sliced and diced through the lane, and dropped fade-away corner jumpers that drew rain as they ripped the net, and snagged virtually every rebound at both ends of the floor. Foul trouble plagued the game as 44 fouls were whistled and four players retired due to fouls. Courtney

Thomas, and three Highlands players were lost to fouls. The fourth quarter got more Guardsmen into action as Heath Dickey grabbed a rebound and scored on the putback for a 35-26 lead. The play by Dickey sat the ravid Highlands fans in their seats, and turned the game in to a Guard rally to finish out the game.

Moments later, Austin Langemeier scored his third-point with a charity toss for a 41-28, Guard lead. Freethrows from Spradlin (5-of-6), and additional charity tosses by Jared Dickey and Colton Townley sewed up the first Brook Hill Final Four appearance. The Guard has now won 17 straight games heading into the Final Four weekend. Brook Hill will now face Fort Worth Lake Country, a 45-44 upset winner over Lubbock Christian, on Friday at 3:30 at Summitt High School in Mansfield.

Post player Heath Dickey (at right) came in off the bench with this big basket, and snared seven rebounds after starter, Courtney Thomas fouled out in the win over The Highlands Wally Dawkins, head coach, said “Heath’s bucket really took the wind out of their sails the rest of the game.”



### BROOK HILL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

*Tyler Baker*  
Sophomore Guard

Baker has been a stabilizer for The Guard as point guard with his ball handling skills, awareness, and court-sense. Baker

has shown the ability to take the ball to the rack to score and can knock down a 3-pointer from any range. Baker was also the district MVP in football this past season at quarterback and safety.

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