

SPORTS

Panthers revenge ties up the district, forces playoff

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BULLARD – The Bullard Panthers made Senior Night a special on for their lone senior, Charlie Moore, earning a co-championship with a big 61-54, District 17-3A win over Tatum, on Tuesday night at Panther gymnasium.

Moore had a career night to beat Tatum in football earlier this year.

It was his Bullard Panther teammates that joined in to make 10-of-15 free throws in the final four-minutes to nail down the district partnership with the Eagles.

Moore scored one point down the vital stretch but more than had a good outing with 12 rebounds, six steals, and three blocked shots.

When it came to Bullard points, the entire

squad had their moments.

Panther point guard, Lance Anding spread out 20 points to lead Bullard, and knocked down two, 3-pointers while teammates, Brandon Beavers and Josiah Rosebury added 16, and 15-points respectively.

Two Anding 3's, and one of Rosebury's two long-range bombs in the opening stanza set the tempo for a back-and-forth, full-blast showdown.

Bullard led by as many as 10 points in the third quarter, however Tatum's Matt Brown (20 points), and Desmond Fite (12 points), battle back to a 53-51, Tatum deficit with 1:48 left in the game. Daniel Howard, Anding, Rosebury and Beavers made charity tosses to seal the win. Howard was 4-for-4 in the final minutes.

The win for Bullard sets up a one-game playoff with the Eagles to deter-

mine the top-seed for the upcoming UIL playoffs.

The junior varsity took a rare loss to end their season as Tatum took a 49-46 win.

Trailing 31-25 after the half, Jace Deese buried a 3-pointer to spark a comeback to tie the game at 38 apiece going into the final stanza. Tatum finished up the game with six, 3-pointers foot their main difference maker.

R.J. Horton was big inside with 17 points, and Chris Braaten scored 11 points.

Jonathan Bell scored 23 points in the freshmen game to lead to a 49-38 win over the Eagles in the first game of the day. Bell scored 11 points in the fourth period alone to seal the win. Bullard put up 29, second half points to open up a 20-20, halftime deadlock.

District Basketball	17-3A	Junior Varsity Tatum 49, Bullard 46
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At Panther Gymnasium, Bullard, TX.

Bullard 61, Tatum 54
Tatum 18 6 15 15 -54
Bullard 19 8 20 14 -61
TATUM – Dee Palmer, 12; Matt Brown, 20; Gus Wetzell, 1; Steadman Coleman, 5; Quentin Pipken, 2; Kevin McIlwain, 2; Desmond Fite, 12.

BULLARD – Daniel Howard, 9; Lance Anding, 20; Josiah Rosebury, 15; Brandon Beavers, 16; Charlei Moore, 1.

THREE-POINT GOALS – T: Palmer (4), Fite. B: Anding (2), Rosebury (2).

RECORDS – Bullard 23-10 (8-2). Tatum 22-9 (8-2).

NEXT UP – Bulard vs. Tatum, Playoff game for first place seeding in playoffs. See the story in this edition.

Tatum 17 14 7 11 -49
Bullard 12 13 13 8 -46
Tatum – Centers, 18; Bell, 3; Starling, 7; Watkins, 10; Richardson, 5; Andrews, 6.

BULLARD – Jace Deese, 8; R.J. Horton, 17; Sydney Lawson, 2; Chris Braaten, 11; Scott Starwart, 8.

THREE-POINT GOALS – T: Centers (4), Bell, Richardson. B: Deese (2), Braaten.

NEXT UP – Season OVER.

Freshmen Game
Bullard 49, Tatum 38
Tatum 14 6 7 11 -38
Bullard 13 7 10 19 49
TATUM – Garnett, 3; James, 9; Bryant, 11, Ming, 3; Stoudamire, 4; Paul, 8.

BULLARD – Jacob Whatley, 2; Jonathan Bell, 23; Cameron Hallford, 5; Blake Rutherford, 2; Connor Gurley, 8; Larson, 9.

THREE-POINT GOALS – T: Garnett, Bryant. B: Bell.

NEXT UP – Season OVER.



(Above) Freshman Jonathan Bell scored a season high 23-points in the freshman win over Tatum, 49-38 in the Freshman season finale. The 23-point output by Bell was a season High for the freshman team.

Bullard guard, Daniel Howard drives to the bucket while looking inside to pass to Brandon Beavers in the season finale against Tatum. The Panthers won the game to earn a co-championship with the Eagles. Bullard will play Center on Tuesday in bi-district play at Rusk High School, at 7 p.m.



Mid-Air taking cheer to new level with cheer clinic coming on 28th

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TYLER – Not too many years ago, cheerleading became extremely competitive, big time business and it now takes highly-trained cheerleaders to compete for school spots as well as national competition groups.

Mid-Air Tumbling and Cheer, just outside Loop 323 in Tyler on Hwy 155, recently changed the name from trampoline to cheer, and for reasons cheerleading hopefuls will be glad to hear.

Bullard, Chandler, Whitehouse and other surrounding students ranging from age five are among the original 30 in class on Monday and Thursdays to the new and growing phenomenon.

It's not just for those to prepare to tryout, said the mastermind of the month-old program, Stephanie Price.

"The Mid-Air staff is striving to get the cheerleaders trying-out for their schools prepared, and also those that are already into cheer, getting better and incorporating tumbling and stunting that needs to be taught the right way."

Price has the experience having started at T.K. Gorman for four years, and then moving on to a cheerleading scholarship at the University of Arkansas. After five year as the Lindale Youth Cheerleading Coordinator, Price and Mid-Air owner Bill May agreed there was a need.

"We are very fortunate to have the knowledge and experience that Mrs. Price brings to starting a program like this out," May said in a phone conversation. "Mid-Air just decided to change the name so that East Texas will know of the commitment we are making to taking cheerleading to a new level in our area."

One of those steps will be forming the FLARE Cheer squad.

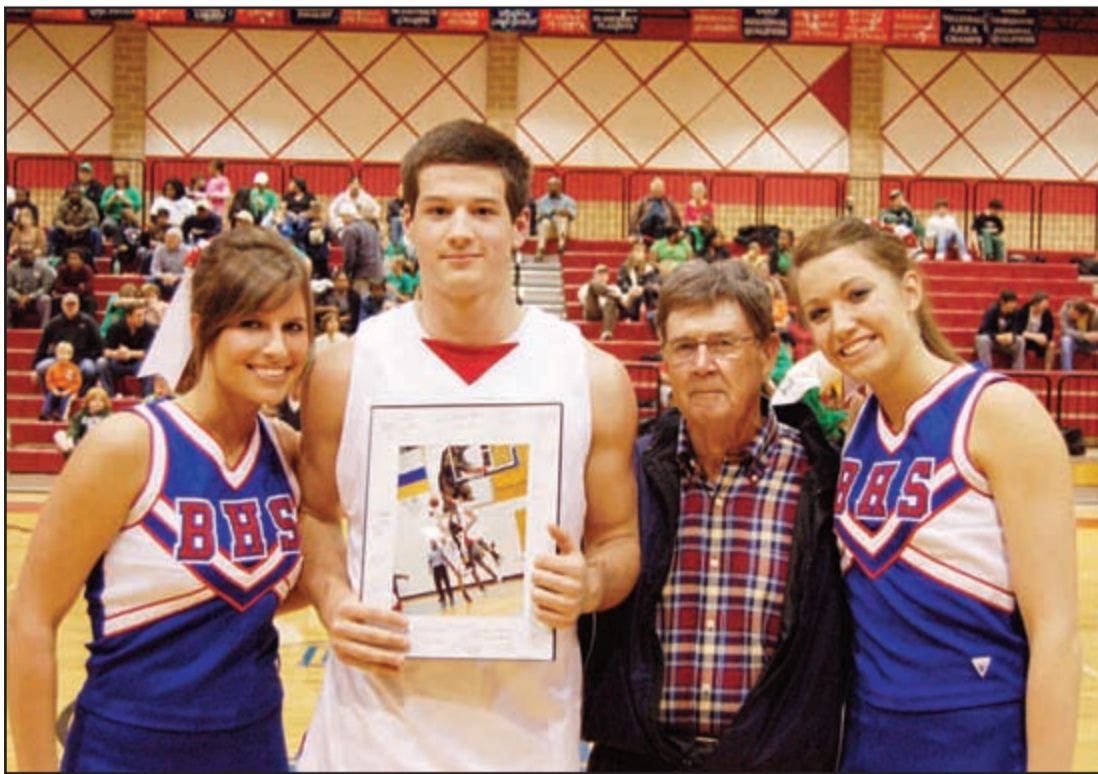
A former Lindale cheerleader, Meagan Rogers is on the staff at Mid-Air and currently is a competitive cheerleader. The former Lady Eagle lights up when talking about the program and the prospects.

"What we are doing at Mid-Air is a little more detailed than the ordinary cheer school or camps," Rogers said. "We incorporate four hours of work in to two day, and one of those hours is strictly tumbling and it really takes things to a whole new level."

Tryouts for the FLARE competition cheer squad are upcoming Sept. 21-22, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., at Mid-Air Tumbling and Cheer, located on Westway Drive, off of Hwy. 155 South (across from Valero gas station.)

CLINIC INFORMATION: Saturday, Feb.28, \$15 per participant with a 40-person limit to the clinic. Participants will need T-Shirt, shorts, and tennis shoes. For more information, log-on to www.midairgym.com or call (903) 581-2922.

Moore's Senior Night



Above - Bullard's Charlie Moore was the lone player represented on Senior Night, last Tuesday night, as the Panthers beat Tatum to earn a co-championship for Bullard at Panther Gymnasium. Presenting Moore with an autographed picture from his teammates are (at left) cheerleader, Ashley Ricci; Moore; his grandfather, Joe Moore; and cheerleader Calli Miller. Moore recently signed a national letter-of-intent to play football at Oklahoma State University.

BBA announces registration extension through Feb. 28th

The Bullard Baseball Association has extended their registration deadline until Monday, Feb. 23rd through Friday, Feb. 27th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bullard Intermediate

Cafeteria. There will be a registration this Saturday, 28th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$65 per player plus a fundraiser or buyout. Age starts at four years to age 14 (as of

April 30). Divisions include Instructional T-Ball, Competitive T-Ball, Girl's Softball and Boy's Baseball. For more information contact Andy Jenkins at (903) 539-8548.

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