

# No. 2 Spring Hill shuts down Bullard with Methvin in district finale

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SPRING HILL - Spring Hill made a definite statement last week in the district finale for the Panthers, as the No. 2, Class 3A baseball team in the state rode the arm of Garrett Methvin to a 11-1, five-inning win for Spring Hill.

Spring Hill's, Methvin threw a one-hitter and struck out 11, and his Panthers bats got 11 hits in the dominating, 11-1, win over second-place, Bullard on Monday afternoon at Spring Hill's, Panther Field. Spring Hill (23-1; (10-0)), finished off the perfect district ledger with an walk-off, grand slam off the bat of shortstop, Dylan Brown, for the 11-1. final.

Trailing, 2-0, after two innings, sophomore Hunter Skelton jacked a Methvin offering over the left field fence for a 2-1, score and the eventual only hit of the game for Bullard.

Bullard made five errors aiding Spring Hill scores in the third and fifth stanzas. Bullard's, righthander, Nick Rumbelow struck out seven and walked only one. Five hits in six batters, ended Rumbelow's night, before freshman Taft Rose came on with the bases loaded. Three batters later, Brown

smashed his grand slam to centerfield for the game-ender.

The senior, lefthander, Methvin and battery-mate, catcher Ryan Small, along with Tyler Johnson and Brandon Arden had two hits apiece to lead an 11-hit attack by Spring Hill.

Small made the most of his two clouts as he belted a solo homer in the third inning for a 4-1, Spring Hill lead. Small later doubled to spearhead a six-hit, seven-run inning to end the game early with a big bang.

Bullard (15-6; 6-4), will face Jasper in the first-round of the Class 3A playoffs, at a site and time to be determined. The Panthers will play Mineola in a warm up game, May 15, in Bullard at 6 p.m. at Panther Field.

### District 17-3A Baseball at Panther Field, Spring Hill No. 2 Spring Hill 11, Bullard 1

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Nick Rumbelow, Taft Rose (5), and Steven Langston. Garrett Methvin and Ryan Small. W - Methvin. L - Rumbelow. 2B- SH; RYan Small. HR- B: Hunter Skelton (solo, third inning). SH: Ryan Small (solo, third inning), Dylan Brown (grand slam, fifth inning).  
RECORDS - Spring Hill 23-1; (10-0). Bullard (6-4).  
NEXT UP - Bullard vs. Jasper, TBD. Spring Hill receives first round bye.



Bullard shortstop, Koby Greene on the receiving end of a Steven Langston rifle-armed throw and puts the tag on a Spring Hill base runner for an out recently in the Bullard loss to the second-ranked, Spring Hill Panthers. Both teams advance in the Class 3A baseball playoffs, with Bullard winning second-place in district.

## 2009-10 BHS Booster Club elections coming up June 1 at Bruno's

The Bullard High School Booster Club has moved their monthly meetings to the new Bruno's Pizza location in Gresham. The next meeting will be Monday, June 1, at 6:30 p.m. The BHS Booster Club invites all to come out and join. At the next meeting, the boosters will be electing new board members so come on out Panther fans and make a difference.

## PLAY BALL



The Bullard Baseball Association held their opening ceremony on Monday night. Woodmen of the World, a non-profit fraternal benefit society was on hand donating and presenting the association with a United States Flag. Woodmen of the World donates over a million of flags to other non-profit organizations. Woodmen seeks to provide families and individuals with financial security all while helping within the community. Pictured above, Chris Green, Area Manager for Woodmen of the World made the patriotic presentation before the opening games of the year at the baseball complex in Bullard to BBA president, Andy Jenkins, and BBA board member, Kevin Robertson. Joining Green are Outlaw team members, Chase Bussell, Joshua Wilson, Landry Lassater, Harrison Meador, Hayden Hayley, and Austin Day

## Bullard Red Sox



The local Bullard Red Sox recently competed in the Whitehouse Springbash Tournament and took second-place in the Freshman (11-12 year olds) Division. Five teams competed in the two-day tourney as a warm up for upcoming Bullard Baseball Association play, starting this past Monday night. The Red Sox went 3-2 with our only two losses to a select ball club that played in the tournament. The Bullard Red Sox team members include front row (L-R) Cameron Vickers, Hunter Phelps, Jake Langston. Second row (L-R) Ty Williams, Connor Mebane, Zach Eschberger, Caleb Hallford, Travis Kotzur, Reed Nolley. Coaches Bret Hallford, Darrell Kotzur, Alvie Vickers. Not shown in picture Jared Chambliss, Colby Wells, Christian Wade.

# Life on the Lake

Lake Palestine largemouth bass est success in the tournaments due to upper end of the lake (above the 15 miles southwest of Tyler on Texas Highway 155. its consistent success. Both white bass and hybrid striped bass are present; white bass are particularly popular during their spring run up the Neches River and Kickapoo Creeks. Channel and blue catfishes are abundant and flathead catfish provide great opportunity for trophy-sized fish.

### Predominant Fish Species

- Largemouth bass
- Spotted bass
- White & hybrid striped bass
- Crappie
- Catfish
- Sunfish

### Angling Opportunities

Lake Palestine offers something for everyone in terms of a fishery. The lake is very popular for

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Hybrid stripers and white bass are particularly active from the dam to Highway 155 during the spring winter months and into spring. Statewide regulations apply to all anglers report great

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