

Eagles soar and spoil BHS homecoming

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BULLARD – First it was Mother Nature raining on our parade earlier in the week.

Then on Friday night the Rusk Eagles put a quick damper on the Homecoming festivities, scoring almost at will to beat Bullard with a 21-7, win over the Panthers.

The Eagles (3-2), got on the board for the first time as Marcell Johnson hauled in a 45-yard scoring toss from Trey Thrash. Waylon Germany banged home the first of three first half PAT kicks for a 7-0, Eagle lead after one period.

The Panthers fumbled on the first play of the second quarter and Eagle linebacker, Ricky Rojo scooped up the ball from the 27 and ran in untouched.

Rusk upped the lead to 21-0 at the half as running back, Teral Carter blasted off left tackle from 21-yards, and the 21-0 Rush halftime cushion. Rusk held a 240-98 advantage in yards at the break.

The second half was more of the same before it got any better for the Panthers.

Rusk's, Kalen Skinner intercepted a pass from backup quarterback Koby Greene and returned it 244-yards for another Eagle score two plays into the second half, and a 28-0 Eagles lead.

Bullard finally answered back as senior running back, Daniel Howard

blasted up the middle for a 70-yard touchdown. Santiago Escobar tacked on the PAT kick for a brief Panther reprieve.

The Eagles however scored on a 13-yard run by Johnson and Rojo returned the second Panther fumble of the night for an 8-yard score, and a 42-7 contest.

Add on another Johnson 82-yard sprint for points and it was a 49-7 affair after three periods.

The final Rusk points came after a sustained drive Johnson finished the game with 234 yards on 15 carries, and scoring runs of 13, and 82 to go with his 45-yard TD pass reception.

Running mate, Teral Carter totaled out with 119 yards on 18 carries and scores from 21-yards twice.

The Eagles defense flourished with three fumble recoveries, two for scores, and two interceptions of Franklin.

Howard was the lone spark for Bullard with 83-yards on seven carries and the lone score.

Franklin made only 10-yards in 17 tries, fumbling twice. Panthers wide receiver, Brandon Beavers made five catches for 69 yards in the game. R.J. Horton made a 56-yard snag, and Greene caught the other pass for 13-yards.

Defensively for Bullard Colton Faulk and David Diduch mad 12 tackles apiece to lead the team. Koby

Greene added nine stops, and Hunter Skleton added in eight tackles of his own.

Bullard (1-3), will take to the road next week as they play at Center.

The Roughriders are 3-1 on the year and second in their district behind second-ranked Carthage. Center started with a win as they beat Gladewater 7-0. Next they lost at Nacogdoches, before beating district rivals, Chapel Hill, 36-7, and Spring Hill, 45-6.

Non-District Football at Panther Stadium

Rusk 56, Bullard 7					
Score by Quarters					
Rusk	7	14	28	14	56
Bullard	0	0	7	0	7

Scoring Summary

First Quarter-
R: Marcell Johnson 45 pass from Trey Thrash, (Waylon Germany kick good), 7:41
Second Quarter-
R: Ricky Rojo 27 fumble recovery, (Germany kick), 11:47.
R: Teral Carter 21 run, (Germany kick), 6:58.
Third Quarter-
R: Kalen Skinner 24 interception return, (Germany kick), 11:05
B: Daniel Howard 70 run, (Santiago Escobar PAT kick good), 10:35
R: Johnson 13 run, (Germany kick), 7:26
R: Ricky Rojo 8 fumble recovery, (Germany kick), 5:46
R: Johnson 82 run, (Germany kick), 2:12.
Fourth Quarter-
R: Carter 21 run, (Germany kick), 3:01.



(Courtesy Photo)

Panthers assistant coach, Shane Nobles brings over the defense during a timeout against Rusk on Friday night. The Panthers lost the homecoming game, 56-7, and look to get back in the win column against Center this Friday night.

PumpJacks re-new manager, Taylor's spot

KILGORE - The East Texas Pump Jacks will have a familiar face in the dugout next summer.

General manager Mike Lieberman announced Ben Taylor will return as manager.

In his first year at the helm, Taylor's Pump Jacks went 26-21 with one tie, setting a franchise record for wins in a season.

The Jacks finished in second place in the regular season standings, securing home field advantage in the opening

round of the playoffs for the first time in team history.

The Pump Jacks expect season tickets for the 2010 season to go on sale later this week. An "early bird" discount will be offered to both renewing and new season ticket holders.

The team also expects to announce a giveaway promotion tied-in with the sale of season tickets that will include game-worn and autographed uniform and equipment memorabilia.

2009 BULLARD FOOTBALL STATISTICS

Offensive Statistics

Rushing	Att.	Yds	Avg/Rush	Avg/Game	TD
Daniel Howard	47	376	8.0	94.0	3
Marquez Franklin	53	175	3.3	43.8	2
Sydney Lawson	9	34	3.8	8.5	1
Steven Langston	4	6	1.5	3.0	0
Koby Green	3	8	2.7	2.7	0
TOTAL	116	599	5.2	149.8	6

PASSING	Att.	Comp	Yds.	Avg/Game	Int	TD
Marquez Franklin	74	39	528	132.0	2	3
Koby Greene	1	0	0	0.0	1	0
TOTALS	75	39	528	132.0	3	3

RECEIVING	Rec.	Yds.	Avg/Rec	TD
Koby Greene	8	138	17.0	0
Brandon Beavers	16	198	12.4	2
Daniel Howard	9	72	8.0	0
R.J. Horton	3	63	21.0	0
Hunter Skelton	2	53	26.5	1
Sydney Lawson	1	6	6.0	0
TOTAL	39	528	13.5	3

Defensive Statistics

Player	Assist	Solo	Sacks	Total	FF	FR	INT	TD
Danny Vega	12	19	-	31	1	1	-	-
David Diduch	21	22	-	43	-	-	-	-
JaKory Hunter	16	15	-	31	-	-	-	-
David French	13	10	-	23	-	-	-	-
Hunter Skelton	17	23	-	40	-	-	1	-
Daniel Howard	11	6	-	17	3	1	-	-
Rhett Davis	11	5	-	16	-	-	-	-
Steven Langston	5	7	-	12	-	-	-	-
Colton Faulk	15	8	-	23	-	-	-	-
Sammy Ferrera	12	2	-	14	-	-	-	-
Cameron Hallford	4	5	-	9	-	-	-	-
Eric Duffy	8	6	-	14	-	1	1	-
Tanner Schmidt	2	5	-	7	-	-	-	-
Marquez Franklin	2	3	-	5	-	-	1	-
Brandon Beavers	2	1	-	3	-	-	-	-
Sydney Lawson	5	7	-	12	-	-	-	-
Matthew Wood	1	1	-	2	-	-	-	-
Koby Greene	5	8	-	13	-	-	-	-
Dalton Simonek	1	6	-	7	-	-	-	-
Santiago Escoba	1	2	-	3	-	-	-	-
Bryce Dover	1	3	-	4	-	-	-	-
Jacob Bales	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
R.J. Horton	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Vinny Cottingham	1	0	-	1	-	-	-	-
Justin Tadlock	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
Kirk Bryant	1	0	-	1	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	168	168	-	336	4	4	3	1

District 17-3A Standings

	Overall	Dist.	PF	PA
Gilmer.....	5-0	0-0	266	90
Chapel Hill.....	3-2	0-0	119	127
Tatum.....	2-3	0-0	82	86
Spring Hill.....	1-3	0-0	96	190
Gladewater.....	1-3	0-0	74	122
Bullard.....	1-3	0-0	78	157

Last Friday: Rusk 56, Bullard 7; Gilmer 43, Daingerfield 20; Gladewater 28; Commerce 14, Arp 54, Tatum 7; Van 35, Spring Hill1; Chapel Hill 35, Athens 17.

This Friday: Bullard at Center, Gilmer OPEN; Chapel Hill OPEN; Gladewater OPEN; Spring Hill OPEN; Tatum OPEN.

TAPPS Division III, District 2

	Overall	Dist.	PF	PA
Bullard Brook Hill	4-0	0-0	141	59
Dallas Shelton	2-3	0-0	61	140
Dallas Lutheran	1-2	0-0	88	86
Garland Christian	1-2	0-0	48	128
FMound Coram Deo	1-3	0-0	25	178
All Saints Episcopal	1-3	0-0	48	97

BHS sub-varsity keeps rolling

The Bullard High School junior varsity took a tough, 2-0 loss on the road last week in a hard-fought battle to Rusk. The Eagles scored when a punt snap went over the head of the kicker and rolled through the end zone for the 2-0 score.

The loss drops the JV to a 1-2 record on the season.

In freshmen action, the Panthers remain undefeated at 3-0, but it did not come easy with a 21-8 win over Rusk.

No statistics were available at press time.

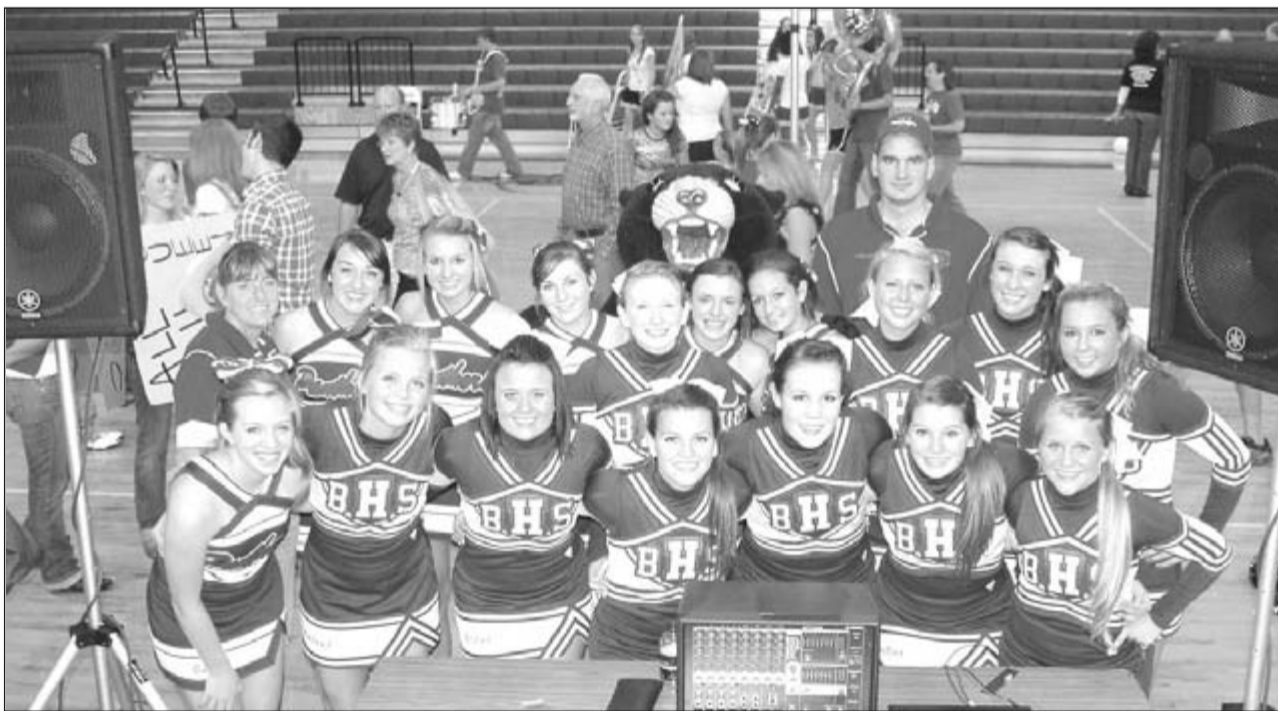
Both teams will play at home this week as Center.



HOMEcomings CHEER - At top left, the middle school cheerleaders show some acrobatics during the BMS pep rally last Thursday. Above right, the BHS and BMS cheerleaders performed together and are shown posing at the end of a routine during the high school pep rally on Friday afternoon.

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BOOSTER CLUB GIVES CHEER SQUAD A BIG LOUD BOOST



The Bullard High School cheerleaders got a welcomed donation last week from the BHS Booster Club as they presented the cheerleaders with a 'thumping' sound system for pep rallies, outdoor events, and practicing. "We just want to let the cheerleaders and the community know that the Booster Club is here to support all endeavors for the athletic program, and the booster club is just not a football based organization," said New BHS Booster Club President, Tood Thoene. The new addition made an immediate impact at the Homecoming pep rally and is a addition long overdue in coming. "The new PA was needed so badly and we appreciate the Booster Club for helping us out," said BHS cheer sponsor, Kelli Nichols. "I'm sure everyone at the pep rally could tell the difference. We had been using a microphone held up to the PA microphone for events and that was not always the best sound reproduction, but now we can hear what we are doing, it sounds much more clear, and we don't have to rely on any other problems with technical problems we have had in the past. Also it will really help us when we are getting ready for competitions."

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