

Lady Panthers have best outing of early season



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Lady Panther, Ally Covalt knocks down a freethrow in recent action. Covalt scored six points, grabbed seven rebounds, made five steals and four assists in the win over Jacksonville in the Tyler TASO Burger King Classic at Robert E. Lee this past Friday. The Lady Panthers played Diboll on Tuesday and will play in the Winnsboro Hoopfest this weekend, matching up with Rockwall-Heath at 10:20 a.m. at the Brownsboro H.S. gym.

Panthers pressure Crusaders for Sampson and team first win

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BULLARD – The Bullard Panthers got a few more new faces back after football, and the Robert Sampson reign at Bullard picked up their first win in fast-break fashion with a 76-48, win over T.K. Gorman at Panther gymnasium last week.

The Panthers started the season against top-ranked teams, Sabine and Mount Pleasant to start off the season, five players short due to football.

One-by-one, as they return, the Panthers wheels begin to turn.

All-District post, Brandon Beavers is scheduled to return to the line-up in the next few weeks.

Senior, Josiah Rosebury also appears to back at full strength after an ankle injury, scoring a game-high, 20 points to lead to the win.

Football stalwart, Daniel Howard was in double-digits his first game back, scoring 13 points and sinking two, 3-pointers.

Point guard, Lance Anding had nine assists to go with his nine points in the game for the Panthers.

"It's nice to be getting the numbers up and everybody healthy," said BHS head coach, Sampson. "Now we are able to put the full-court pressure on, and keep the intensity level uptempo with the numbers

to back-up the starting group.

"I was really pleased with the first five we put on the floor," Sampson continued. "They set the tone and made it tough on the Gorman backcourt, and we did a good job on their big man inside, keeping him in check."

Ten Panthers got in the scoring book, for the win.

Ari Umana and Stephen Ray scored 16 points apiece inside to pace the Crusaders.

Bullard played at Pine Tree on Tuesday night and will play this weekend in the Van Tournament.

First game in Van will be against Oak Cliff-Life on Thursday, at 8:15 a.m. at the Van High School Gymnasium.

Boys Non-District Basketball

Bullard 76, T.K. Gorman 48

T.K. Gorman 7 11 12 18 - 48

Bullard 12 28 18 20 - 76

T.K. GORMAN - Ari Umana, 16; Taylor Turman, 2; Alex Fergerson, 6; Jack Ryder, 2; Kyle Buzbee, 2; Eric Carter, 2; Hunter Matzke, 1; Stephen Ray, 16; Michael Droder, 1

BULLARD - Daniel Howard, 13; Lance Anding, 9; Koby Greene, 6; Josiah Rosebury, 20; Taft Rose, 4; Ryan Wood, 6; Sydney Lawson, 4; Marquez Franklin, 4; R.H. Horton, 4; Scott Starwalt, 6.

THREE POINT GOALS - TKG: none. B: Howard (2), Anding, Rosebury (2).

RECORDS - Bullard 1-2.

NEXT UP - Bullard played at Pine Tree, Tues. Bullard at Van Tournament, Thur.-Sat.

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TYLER – The Bullard Lady Panthers were pretty consistent throughout the game, en route to a 50-36 win over a very athletic, Jacksonville Fightin' Maidens.

According to head coach, Greg Gay, there was a little lull but the best yet overall.

"I felt like it was the best game we've played so far," said Gay, "but I wasn't real pleased with how we finished some things up.

"We did a great job of getting the looks at the shots we wanted, we just need to finish those shots off, but I was really pleased with the effort."

Sophomore point guard, Minta Spears led to a 22-point lead, burying three treys as the Lady Panthers cruised to the third win of the year.

Spears scored 17 points to lead the Lady Panthers (3-1), as they play Diboll on Tuesday night. Christina Hatten busted two, 3-pointers of her own to finish up with eight points.

After Jessica Hunter scored four straight points for Jacksonville to tie the game at 10, Bullard scored 13 of the next 15 points. The Lady Panthers then took a

25-15 lead into the intermission.

Junior, Christina Hatten had the pair of threes of her own, and Ashley Ricci added another nine points and seven rebounds for Bullard.

Amber Hawkins scored 14 and Hunter added 12 points and a game-high 10 rebounds for the Fightin' Maidens

This weekend, the Lady Panthers will play in the prestigious Winnsboro Hoopfest Tournament. Bullard plays Rockwall-Heath in first round action at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday at the High School gymnasium.

2009 Tyler TASO Burger King Classic At Robert E. Lee Gymnasium

Girls

Bullard 50, Jacksonville 36

Jacksonville 10 5 10 11 - 36

Bullard 12 15 13 10 - 50

JACKSONVILLE – Amber Hawkins, 14; Chanci Scott, 2; Ashley Baker, 2; Lydia Boyd, 5; Jessica Hunter, 12; Brittany King, 1.

BULLARD – Rachel Horton, 4, Minta Spears, 17, Ashley Ricci, 9; Ally Covalt, 6; Christina Hatten, 8, Kayla Welling, 6.

THREE POINT GOALS – J: none. B: Spears 3, Hatten 2, Horton.

RECORDS – Bullard (3-1).

NEXT UP – Bullard vs. Rockwall-Heath, 10:20 a.m., Thurs., Winnsboro Hoopfest Tournament.



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Above, senior Ryan Wood goes up for a basket in the recent season opener against top-ranked Sabine. The Panthers dropped the first two games of the season but as the football players continue to add to the squad so do the woes for the Bullard opposition as the T.K. Gorman win was a showcase of high-intensity, fast-break basketball under the direction of first year head coach, Robert Sampson. The Panthers play in the Van Tournament this weekend, playing Oak Cliff-Life in the first round on Thursday morning, at 8:15 ap.m. at the Van High School gym.

GOLF NOTES

Hole-in-One
BULLARD - Randy Stuart fired a hole-in-one Saturday at Emerald Bay Club. Stuart, using an 8-iron, aceed the 143-yard No. 16 hole. Witnesses were Jim Thuro, Mike Landrum, Dave Covalt and Cody Harrison

Peach Tree Seniors
Format: Scramble
Peach Tree Golf Club
1, Jim Watkins, Norris Buie, Jerome Smith, Ruben Saxon, minus 11; 2, Jessie Dixon, Ernie Gordon, Charles Sibley, Curt Lindsay, minus 8; 3, (tie) Carl Cason, Charlie Rinehart, Troy Beville, Royce

Peach Tree Seniors
Format: Double Low Ball
Shamble
Peach Tree Golf Club
1, Norris Buie, Charlie Rinehart, Jerome Smith, Steve Jenkins, minus 10; 2, Stewart Maddison, Ernie Gordon, Will Hinkie, Ruben Saxon, even; 3, Mike Danielson, Bill Whatley, Troy Beville, Ken Sanders, plus 4.

Peach Tree Seniors
Format: Double Low Ball
Peach Tree Golf Club
1, Jim Watkins, Norris Buie, Troy Beville, Phil Wood, minus 6; 2, Roger House, Bob Craig, Will Hinkie, Bill Moose, even; 3, Jessie Dixon, Ed Laflamme, Ernie Gordon, Jerome Smith, plus 1.

The Guard guards too much for Mustangs

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BULLARD - Brook Hill guards, Colton Townley, Mason Spradlin and Carter Clements sank a combined eight 3-pointers, leading to a 67-44 win over Overton on Monday night at Herrington gymnasium.

Clements busted a 3-pointer in the first quarter to build a 15-5 lead early on.

Townley then began to bomb away in the second quarter and a 33-20, Guard lead at halftime.

Townley scored 16 points, and Spradlin's two bombs added to a 15-point night for the senior guard.

Guard post, Luke Clardy, had a team-high 22 points to pace Brook Hill (3-0). The Mustangs (1-2), got a solid 26 points from Nathan Holland for Overton in the loss.

There were no other Mustangs in double-figures as Luke and John Clardy took care of the paint and the rebounds.

The Guard improves to 3-0 on the season, still waiting on a few starters still yet to come over from

football.

The Guard is coming off impressive wins in the Burger King Classic against top-ranked Slocum, and T.K. Gorman in an overtime thriller.

Brook Hill plays in the Fort Worth Brewer Tournament this weekend. The Guard faces Springtown at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Non-District Boys Basketball at Herrington Gymnasium, Bullard-Brook Hill 67, Overton 44

Overton 7 15 13 9 - 44

Brook Hill 22 11 20 14 - 67

OVERTON - Telvin Darden, 4; Weston Hawthorne, 3; Garrett Williamson, 4; Luke Posey, 2; Spencer Wright, 2; Nathan Holland, 26; Nick Burtram, 3.

BROOK HILL - Pablo Fonseca, 2; Mason Spradlin, 15; Carter Clements, 5; Colton Townley, 16; John Clardy, 6; Luke Clardy, 22.

THREE POINT GOALS - O: none. BH: Townley (4), Spradlin (2), Clements.

RECORDS - Overton 1-2. Brook Hill 3-0.

JV SCORE - Brook Hill 58, Overton 37.

NEXT UP - Brook Hill vs. Springtown, Thur., 7:30 p.m., Fort Worth Brewer Tournament.

Bullard Junior High Football Athletes and Academics



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These Junior High Football Players were recognized recently for their excellence in the classroom as well as on the football field. These gentlemen were inducted into the National Junior High Honor Society. All these young men play an important part in the junior high football program and helped led the way to a very successful season for the young Panthers. From L to R Front Row: Brooks Conlee, Cameron Vickers, Tanner Lee, Kyler Whatley, and Matthew Moreland Back Row L to R: Travis Kotzur, Slater Rodberg, Zack Eschberger, Kody Hutson, Keith Turner, Dillion White, Ryan Sloan. Not pictured is Jerrod Lauby.