



(Banner Staff Photos by Doc Smith)

Above, Brook Hill's Colton Townley looks inside to make a pass. Below, Luke Clardy makes two of his seven points in the Friday morning win over Slocum last week in the Burger King Classic. The Guard won two games in two days, beating Class 1A top-ranked, Slocum and TAPPS Class 4A T.K. Gorman in a thrilling overtime win.



Third-ranked Guard hoops off to good start; only getting better after football

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TYLER – The Brook Hill Guard still missing a few major players for the upcoming basketball season, started off with two impressive wins in the Burger King Classic at Tyler-Lee's gymnasium this past week.

An early morning win on Friday over Class 1A, top-ranked Slocum was followed on Saturday morning with a thrilling 57-50, overtime win over T.K. Gorman.

Brook Hill (2-0), will play Nacogdoches after press deadline on Tuesday. Brook Hill plays in the Fort Worth-Brewer Tournament this weekend, beginning on Thursday.

Brook Hill 39, Slocum 37

The Guard certainly did not back off when they had their schedule set, facing the top-ranked, Class 1A, Slocum in the first game of the season.

Leading 24-18 at the half, the Guard staved off a late run by the Mustangs for the 39-37 win.

It was a chilly shooting, and Clardy morning on Friday as brothers John and Luke scored nine and seven points respectively while controlling the boards in the first half of play.

Brook Hill point guard, Pablo

Fonseca was a late spark-plug for head coach Wally Dawkins, making six steals, five assists and scoring eight points. Carter Clements also made five points and five steals in the win.

Mason Spradlin and Colton Townlee nailed crucial 3-pointers for the Guard to aid in the opening victory.

Brook Hill 57, T.K. Gorman 50 (OT)

T.K. Gorman scored the last eight points in regulation to force overtime. Overtime belonged to Brook Hill.

Brook Hill pulled out a 57-50 overtime win over Gorman in the first game of the second day, at the Burger King Classic at the REL Varsity Gymnasium on Saturday.

Mason Spradlin finished up with a game-high 21-points, scoring four points and snagging three rebounds as overtime started, to give the Guard built a 11-point lead. Spradlin added ten rebounds and five steals. The surge was the largest of the entire game.

Brook Hill had an eight-point lead at 43-35 with 1:13 to play in regulation when Gorman began its run.

Guard senior Luke Clardy pulled down a game-high 14 rebounds to go with his 15 points. Pablo Fonseca came off the bench for Brook Hill to

add 10 points, five rebounds and three steals.

2009 Tyler TASO Burger King Classic At Tyler-Lee Gymnasium Game One

Brook Hill 39, Slocum 37
Slocum 5 13 7 12 - 37
Brook Hill 11 13 2 13 - 39
SLOCUM – Thomason, 8; Prater, 6; Redd, 5; Foster 4; Larkin, 14.
BROOK HILL – John Clardy, 9; Carter Clements, 5; Mason Spradlin, 4; Luke Clardy, 7; Colton Townlee, 6; Pablo Fonseca, 8.
THREE POINT GOALS – S: Larkin. BH: Spradlin, Townlee.
RECORDS – Brook Hill 1-0.

Game Two

Brook Hill 57, T.K. Gorman 50 (OT)
Brook Hill 10 11 9 13 14 - 57
Gorman 6 12 9 16 7 - 50
BROOK HILL - Pablo Fonseca, 10; Mason Spradlin, 21; Carter Clements, 4; Colton Townley, 2; John Clardy, 5; Luke Clardy, 15.
GORMAN - Ani Umana, 14; Jack Ryder, 2; Kyle Buzbee, 2; Eric Carter, 6; Stephen Ray, 12; Michael Droder, 14.
THREE POINT GOALS - BH: Spradlin (2). TKG: Carter (2).
RECORDS – Brook Hill 2-0.
NEXT UP – Brook Hill vs. Springtown, 7:30 p.m., Thur., at Fort Worth Brewer Tournament..

UT-Tyler holiday sports camps scheduled

BASEBALL

The UT Tyler baseball team's annual winter camps will be held this year on Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 at UT Tyler's Irwin Field. Both camps will be held from 1-5 p.m. and all participants will receive a UT Tyler Baseball backpack. Each camp will focus on all aspects of the game, with the camp on Dec. 6 being geared toward high school players and the one on Dec. 13 being aimed at players ages 8-13. This year's instructors for both dates will include UT Tyler head coach James Vilade, assistant coaches Stan Phelps, Josh Dickerson, Paige Hodges and Brock Lemire, and former Patriot and current San Diego Padres prospect, Brett Holland. For more information or to register, contact assistant coach Stan Phelps at (903) 565-5640 or by e-mail at sphelps@uttyler.edu.

SOFTBALL

The UT Tyler softball team will have camp offerings for the 2009-2010 winter season. This year, the Patriots will offer a total of six winter camps, with three focusing on all skills and three being geared exclusively towards pitching. The faculty for this year's camps will include UT Tyler head coach Mike Reed, assistants Cassie Crabtree and Coby Gipson, as well as members of the 2010 UT Tyler softball team. This year's dates for the pitching camps will be Nov. 28, Dec. 29 and Jan. 16. All three pitching camps are for players of all ages and will last from 1-3:30 p.m. each day. The first all-skills camp will take place on Dec. 19 and will be open to high school players only. On Jan. 2, the Patriots will host a youth all-skills camp for players ages 8-13 and on Jan. 9 will host a second all-skills camp for high school players. All three all-skills camps will last from 1-5 p.m. The price for each camp is \$40 and every camper will receive a UT Tyler Softball backpack. All camps will take place at the UT Tyler Ballpark. For more information or to register, contact assistant coach Cassie Crabtree at (903) 565-5820 or by e-mail at crabtree@uttyler.edu.

ATTENTION COACHES

Your help is needed in reporting the BHS and Brook Hill sub-varsity basketball games and youth basketball. Please call (903) 894-9306 or (903) 312-1719 or e-mail to news@bullardnews.com or fax to (903) 894-9308. Game scores by quarter, and scoring for both teams is requested but more so than anything, please report a loss as well as a win. Thank you!

OUTDOORS CALENDAR

- FRI., Dec. 4 - Hunter education course, Athens, 903-676-2277
- SAT., Dec. 5 - Opening day Panhandle pheasant season.
- SAT., Dec. 5 - Jacksonville Open bass tournament, Lake Jacksonville, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- SAT., Dec. 12 - 4-H All Sport Clay Challenge benefiting Smith County 4-H S.A.F.E. Club, Call Rose City Flying Clays at 903-597-3345 or contact chris@rosecityflying-clays.com
- SUN., Jan. 3 - Closing day North Texas deer and turkey season.
- SUN., Jan. 3 - Closing day Panhandle pheasant season.
- SUN., Jan. 17 - Closing day South Texas deer and turkey season.
- SUN., Feb. 7 - Closing day East Texas squirrel season.
- SUN., Feb. 28 - Closing day Texas statewide quail season.

OUT WITH THE OLD



IN WITH THE NEW



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After several setbacks due to rain, the baseball and softball renovation projects continue as the old scoreboard is ready to be laid to rest in the picture at top. Above, the front-end loader backs it up and packs it in as the new turf for the baseball field literally unfolds itself over the new, special red dirt which is the base for all great baseball surfaces. A new scoreboard was recently approved to accommodate the new field which should make Panther Field, our own 'Field of Dreams' for years to come, also attracting playoff possibilities.



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