

Brook Hill's Dickey headed to Georgetown Hoyas

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You have been a really good football player to have started for five years and never lost a district game in five years of middle school (one year), and an entire high school career.

All the better to be blessed enough to have raked-in the personal accolades throughout four years at The Brook Hill School, playing in a state final four in two sports and earning a medal at the TAPPS state track and field championships last year.

The 'Big Hoss' Heath Dickey, has made a verbal commitment to play football at the next level in the nation's capital, Georgetown University.

"I'd decided I wanted to get into politics, so my father and I went to D.C. to check out the schools," the 6'7, two-way all-state performer this past season, Dickey began. "I wanted to go to school in D.C. for the internship opportunities.

"Georgetown has a beautiful campus with more history than you could write a book on, Dickey said getting pump-up talking about his opportunity. "It's political association is unrivaled in the U.S. which is perfect for my plans."

Dickey wrapped up Georgetown talk adding, "I intend to graduate with a political science degree in four years and continue my studies at Georgetown's law program."

Football is in the plans too, but you know how those politicians like to stress a point! For Georgetown Hoya football information log on to-

<http://guhoyas.cstv.com/sports/m-footbl/gu-m-footbl-body.html>

After a move to Brook Hill after the eighth grade because his current school was not playing football at that time, the Brook Hill experience has truly been a family affair for The 'Big Hoss'.

Not only does little brother, Jared, (sophomore, all-state linebacker), and his freshman brother, Mason play for the Guard, add-on two cousins, Grady Dennis and best friend, Justin Northcutt.

"So when I say this team is my family ... I really mean it," Dickey meant in more ways than one.

Northcutt and Dickey have never lost a district game in 5 years of Brook Hill football, to really make this past season a family feat.

Great coaching, and great teachers

were the topic given credit by the team captain, Governor Dickey when asked about his playing days at Brook Hill.

"I don't know many people besides me and my friend Justin (Northcutt), we had a great offensive line coach my freshman year, David Clapp and my junior and senior years, John Rutherford has shaped me into the lineman I am.

Dickey added, "However, if it were not for Coach Pirtle and the publicity he brought to Brook Hill there would have been no chance for me to play at the next level."

Now, after all that and sports memories for a lifetime, Dickey still credits the teachers as his favorite thing about Brook Hill.

"I personally do not know where you can find better teachers that care for you more. That includes every person from the bottom all the way up to Mr. Dement."

As far as memories on the field, The 'Big Hoss' grins and said, "I also took pride in any of an assortment of "Dickey-Dives" (along with the concussions I received from them), that I passed out throughout my career."

Sporting a hefty academic resume and an athletic history maker for The Guard, other schools hoping for Dickey pancake-blocks and 'Dickey-Dives,' were University Louisiana Monroe, Texas State University, Rice, Stephen F. Austin, and Baylor, among other smaller Division II and III schools due to Dickey's GPA.

Just a few weeks ago, Dickey and teammates made school and Bullard football history, with the first football state championship appearance. For Dickey, the loss to Waco Reicher 35-28 in Killen was a virtual swing of emotions few ever get to experience.

"Playing for the state game was the most exhilarating thing I've ever done in my life," the future Hoya said, "I've never been as emotionally charged and subsequently drained, as I was the night of the state game."

A few lessons learned...one the hard way with the state finals setback.

"Good things like humility and camaraderie came out of the loss to Reicher," the 'Big Hoss' added quickly, "but better things like pride and immortality would've come out of a victory, though."

"I love Brook Hill and look forward to coming back to Bullard in December next year, to watch them finish what my boys Zach (Cool), Jeremy (Chappelle), Justin (Northcutt and I were blessed enough to start."



HEATH DICKEY 'BIG HOSS' ACCOLADES

Football
First Team
All District, OL
2006,07,08,09
First Team All State
OL, 2009
First Team
All District DL, 2009
Second-Team
All-State DL, 2009

Basketball
Varsity player
2006, 07, 08
All District
Honorable Mention,
2008
First Brook Hill Guard
Final Four basketball
team, 2008

Track
Academic All State
2008
TAPPS State Bronze
Medal in Discus
2008



(Banner Staff Photos by Paul Dickey)

Top, Heath Dickey (on right), and his brother, Jared Dickey, team up to make it a family matter in the playoff win over Austin-Regents this past season in the state semifinals at Groesbeck Stadium, in Groesbeck, TX. Above, Heath always up for a grin, gets loaded up to lead the drive to the state finals after the win against Regents. The attire not a bad idea, with the holiday traffic.

Brook Hill thrill over Chapel Hill No. 600



(Photo by Doc Smith)

Brook Hill junior guard, Tyler Baker has the ball and looking inside to a double-teamed Jeremy Chappelle in the win over Chapel Hill in the Wagstaff Holiday Classic. Chappelle fought through double and triple-teaming defense to score 20-points in the milestone win for head coach Wally Dawkins.

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TYLER – Jeremy Chappelle scored 20-points to lead all scorers, as the Brook Hill Guard got head coach Wally Dawkins his career 600th win, in a 61-52 final over Chapel Hill in the fourth game of the Wagstaff Holiday Classic, at Tyler Junior College this past Monday.

Brook Hill Tyler Baker and Mason Spradlin got The Guard rolling to a 22-15 first quarter lead, as both made two treys to open things up.

In the second period, Colton Townley gave Brook Hill their first 10-point lead with his 3-pointers, and a 31-21 count on the board.

Chappell scored eight points in the third quarter as Brook Hill built a 53-39 lead, just before Brook Hill put a small scare in the orange-and-blue fans with only eight-points in the final period.

Meanwhile, Bulldog guard Jordan Williams nailed two 3-pointers in the final two-minutes, to close it to a four-point gap.

Baker knocked down two clutch freethrows, and post Courtney Thomas scored his tenth-point with the final Brook Hill bucket and the win.

A win over Grace Community in the

second round could possibly set up an all-Bullard championship game. Bullard High School was a big winner over T.K. Gorman in the first game of the day, 75-57.

The Guard will play Lindale in the semi-finals after a hot shootout with Sulphur Springs, 39-33.

All semi-final games were played after press deadline on Tuesday afternoon.

Floyd Wagstaff Holiday Basketball Classic at Tyler Junior College, Wagstaff Gymnasium, Tyler, TX.

Game Four

Brook Hill 61, Chapel Hill 52
Chapel Hill 15 11 13 13 - 52
Brook Hill 22 15 16 8 - 61

CHAPEL HILL – Jordan Williams, 9; Willie Clark, 17; Jimmy Wade, 2; DeAnte Carhee, 1; Andrew Tucker, 3; Anthony Kincaide, 12; Serrick Lee, 6.

BROOK HILL – Tyler Baker, 13; Mason Spradlin, 6; Austin Langemeier, 4; Jeremy Chappelle, 20; Colton Townley, 3; John Clardy, 1; Luke Clardy, 4; Courtney Thomas, 10.

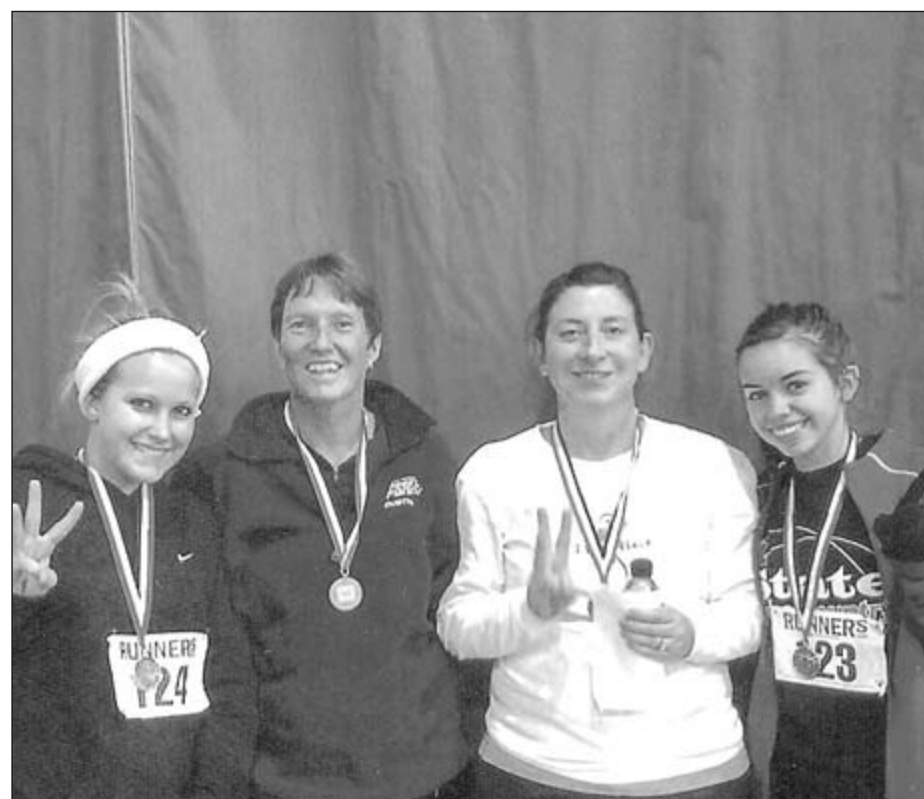
THREE POINT GOALS – CH: Williams (3), Kincaide (3). BH: Baker (2), Spradlin (2), Townley.

BBA organizational meeting set for elections coming Jan. 12

The Bullard Baseball Association will be holding a meeting Tues, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m., at the Bullard Southern Baptist Church Family Life Center. The meeting will entertain nominees for the board member positions for this next year. These positions, as well as some others that are needed, will be voted on at this time. The BBA needs volunteers to make this organization successful. Your input is needed to help make things run smoothly. The Smith

County Members have met and some changes are in the works for a few age groups. We need to make sure that we agree on these changes and the possible costs that this will entail. Decision on registration dates, draft dates and other points of interest will be discussed at this meeting. You do not have to have a child playing in the league to volunteer and make a difference. For more information contact Andy Jenkins at (903) 539-8548.

BULLARD RUNNERS HAVE MERRY REINDEER RUN



(Courtesy Photo)

Four Bullard runners competed in the Tyler 5K Reindeer Run held Dec. 5. Bullard Middle School coach, Tammy Rooney placed first in her age division, and Mary Ann Phillips took third-place in her age bracket. Representing the Bullard High School sophomore, runners Bailee Callens took first-place, and Sarah-Grace French placed third. Callens and French both run for the Lady Panthers Cross Country team and track teams. Pictured above are Sarah-Grace French, Tammy Rooney, Mary Ann Phillips, and Bailee Callens, after the run.