

JV men fall to New Waverly in season finale

by Vanessa Goodwyn

The junior varsity Bison men faced a tough opponent in the season finale. New Waverly High School's varsity is ranked #1 in the state, and their JV team would be able to hold their own at the varsity level, boasting both speed and shooters. Since it was a one-game week for the basketball teams, several of the younger BHS varsity players moved down to the JV to balance out the talent pool and let them get more playing time. Even so, the Bulldogs pulled off a big win in their home gym.

Things were tight in the first quarter. Buffalo had good success feeding Dylan Laningham under the basket and the Bison stayed with

the Bulldogs throughout the period. On the strength of a three-pointer at the buzzer, the Bulldogs took a 20-16 advantage going into the second quarter.

The Bison went cold in the second quarter, scoring only six to NWHS' 16 to trail going into the locker room, 36-22. The Bulldogs added three-pointers to their arsenal in the second half and stormed on to a 68-37 victory.

Laningham led the Bison with 10, followed by Andrew Houston and Curtis Yates with 6, and Austin Rayborn with 5. Ryan Read and Ethan Lansford scored four each and Creagor Elsom sank two free throws to complete the Bison scoring.



High-flying Bison Andrew Houston goes to the net in JV action on Friday night in New Waverly. Van 'Go' photo

BHS Powerlifters compete at Mexia

The BHS powerlifting team competed in Mexia last Saturday, and several lifters enjoyed good success.

Neftaly Soria was the highest-placing Bison. He took third in the 123-lb weight division. Jared Hawthorne

took 4th place at the 220-lb class. Calvin Young (132-lbs class) and Jorge Herrera (148-lb class) both took 7th in their group. Jesse Perez competed at 165-lb and Joseph Lewis represented the Bison in the super heavy weight class.

Normangee Panthers AND Lady Panthers advance to State playoffs

By Paul K. Matney

The Panthers finished third in District 2A and will face Sabine Pass on Tuesday February 24 in Woodville at 7:30 p.m. The Panthers had a very good year under Coach Joe Woodard and are looking forward to the playoffs.

The Lady Panthers were undefeated in District 22A and drew a bye in the first round of the playoffs. Coach Kim Lynne has a deep and talented team that should do well in the playoffs. They will tip off against Louise at Blinn Junior College in Brenham at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 24. If they defeat Louise they will advance to the regional's to be played on February 27 and 28 at a yet to be determined location.

If the Oakwood Lady Panthers and the Normangee Lady Panthers win their games on Tuesday, February 24 they will possibly play each other in the regionals.

Good luck Panthers and Lady Panthers!!!!

BHS fields young baseball team

Baseball season is underway and the 2009 BHS squad is coached by Mark Read and Assistant Coaches Jack Ard and Warren Ringland.

The Bison are young, boasting only three seniors among the 24-man squad.

The Bison scrimmaged Teague, Normangee and Grapeland last week, and had their first game on Monday night at Normangee.



Play Ball! First baseman Logan Beard waits for the pitch of sophomore Ryan Read and (inset) freshman Austin Courmier fields a ball in scrimmage action last week.

Photos by Mac Shadix

Leon Cougars fall victim to Franklin

By Paul K. Matney

The Leon Cougars played host to the Franklin Lions on February 17 and came up on the short end of the 70-58 score in the final game for the Cougars. Franklin held a one point lead after the first period and increased that to a 37-30 score at half time. The lead ballooned to 55-42 as the fourth period began but the Cougars could not mount a rally and fell 70-58.

The Cougars were led by Chris Vasquez with 18 points and Cody Whitmire and Casey McCune chipped in with 11 each. Vasquez threw a scare into the crowd as he landed on the back of his head in the third period and was on the floor for several seconds before getting up and was helped to the bench. Vasquez returned later and apparently the injury wasn't serious.

Justin Padgett (10) looks for a friendly face. Paul's Photos



Hilltop Lakes Golf Results

By Paul K. Matney

This week in MGA play on February 18, in Two-Man Best Ball play, the winners were:

- First Place - Robert Beevers and Rick Shuff
- Second - Bob Tibbits and Morris Pegues
- Third - Bennie Yohe and Wayne Brougher
- Fourth - J.L. Howard and Dale Recknor
- Fifth - Ben Murphy and John Golden

In a Par 3 Closest-to-Pin contest, the winners were:

- #3 - Gary O'Neal
- #7 - Gib Kizer
- #10 - Eric Wood
- #15 - Jim Ramsey

Leon JV Cougars fall to Franklin Lions in season finale

By Paul K. Matney

The Cougars suffered a heartbreaking 30-29 loss to the Franklin Lions in the Leon gym on February 17 to close out their season on a sour note. The Cougar led 12-4 after the first period and had a 20-11 advantage at half time. The Lions came on strong in the third period and trailed by four entering the fourth period. The score was knotted at 27-27 with 2:55 left and the Lions hit a three-pointer for the final Lion Points. Ryan Flori grabbed a rebound for the Cougars and banked it in with 1 second left but the Cougars fell one point short 30-29. Flori led the attack for the Cougars scoring ten points and Kyle Bumpers netted five.

Leon Lady Cougars win area championship

By Paul K. Matney

The Leon Lady Cougars defeated the Arp lady Tigers 64-47 on February 16 and the Hughes Springs Lady Mustangs 55-45 on February 21 to win the area championship and earned the right to play Woden at Lon Morris Junior College in Jacksonville on February 24 at 8:00 pm with the winner advancing to the regional's at Tyler Junior College on February 27 and 28.

Leon VS Arp

The Cougars took control of the game early and led 21-11 at the end of the first period and held a 38-28 advantage at half time. The Cougars broke the game open by outscoring the Tigers 13-3 in the third quarter and had a commanding 51-31 lead heading into the final period. The Cougars coasted in and won by seventeen 64-47. Chelsie Padgett had 17 points and 15 rebounds and Allison Carrigan had 13 points and 9 rebounds to lead the Cougars.

Leon VS Hughes Springs

The Lady Cougars again came out firing in the first period and grabbed an 18-12 lead and increased that to a 33-23 lead at the intermission. The Mustangs cut two points off that lead heading into the final period but the Cougars outscored the Mustangs 15-13 to finish on top 55-45. Senior Chelsie Padgett again paced the Cougars with 15 points and 11 rebounds followed closely by Allison Carrigan with 10 points and 9 rebounds.

For the season Padgett averaged 13.8 points per game to go along with 11.2 rebounds per game. Coach Foley's team has gathered an outstanding 53/5 rebounds per game which is one of the highest averages in the nation. The Cougars do not have a tall team but rebound with a fierce determination. Good luck Lady Cougars!!!!



Lady Cougar Megan Wood heads for the basket. Sherry's Shots

Paul's Photos



Cory Whitmire (10) has defenders all around him.

TIRE DISPOSAL DAY

The Keep Leon County Beautiful Committee in conjunction with Keep Texas Beautiful is having a tire disposal day on March 3, 2009 and March 4, 2009 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Tire collection will be for Leon County residents only. Leon County will not accept tires from businesses or trailers fully loaded with tires. The time, date and location of the collection site are listed below:

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&
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