

# SPORTS

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## District play begins Friday



Chad Wilson Photo

After doubling in two runs during the second inning, Malea Sims breaks for third base on a successful steal.

**By Chad Wilson**  
Editor

The preseason is over. Brownsboro will begin the ten-game journey towards a possible playoff appearance on Friday as they open play in District 14-3A.

In Brownsboro on Friday night the Bearettes will host the Athens Lady Hornets. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. Athens enters the game with a 6-3-1 overall record while the Bearettes post a 7-8 record on the season.

Next Tuesday the Bearettes will host Van at 6 p.m. Van is ranked #9 in the Texas Girls Association Coaches poll.

Last week the Bearettes participated in the Lindale Tournament.

On Thursday Brownsboro lost the first pool game to Whitehouse 10-0.

Following a break the Bearettes faced White Oak in the second game of pool play.

Brownsboro took a short lead in the second inning against the Lady Necks, 3-2. White Oak scored six runs in the bottom half of the inning on their way to a 15-6 win.

**Athens at Brownsboro**  
**When:** 6 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Bearette Field  
**Radio:** Online Bear Radio

At the start of the game it was 50 degrees, by the fourth inning the temperature had dropped to 38 degrees and it was drizzling.

Due to weather conditions the Brownsboro-New Diana game was decided by a coin flip. Brownsboro won the coin flip and drew Kaufman in the first round of tournament play.

Kaufman defeated the Bearettes 4-3. With the loss the Bearettes dropped into the consolation bracket.

Against Kaufman, Danielle Bynum and Chelsea Holcomb each had two hits in two plate appearances.

Carley Smith, Randi Smith, Krystin Groothuis, Malea Sims and Stefani Vause all had a hit for Brownsboro.

In the semi-final game against Eustace the Bearettes shutout the Lady Bulldogs 11-0.

On the mound for the Bearettes was Krystin Groothuis. Groothuis allowed just one hit in the game as she carried a no-hitter into the fifth inning.

Bynum was perfect at the plate for the second game in a row as she got three hits in all three at bats.

Randi Smith was 3-4 with a

double while Groothuis hit her first homerun of the season. Groothuis struck out seven batters in the game while only allowing one walk.

Going head-to-head with District 14-3A opponent Chapel

Hill in the consolation final the Bearettes lost the game 4-3.

Randi Smith was 3-3 in the game and scored two runs while Sims and Groothuis each had two hits. Overall the Bearettes totaled nine hits in the game.



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Brownsboro's Ashley Costlow runs in on a pop-fly to record an out against White Oak during the Lindale Tournament last Thursday.

## Weather takes its toll on JV

**By Chad Wilson**  
Editor

Three double headers have been canceled this season keeping the Junior Varsity Bears baseball team from improving on their 1-2 overall record.

"They are a talented bunch," Brownsboro coach Joe Fleming said. "It is a shame the weather had kept them off the field."

Fleming scheduled the JV Bears to play in 20 games this season. With Monday's rain-out the Bears have missed at least six of those games.

Brownsboro is scheduled to travel to Grand Saline this Saturday. First pitch is at 12pm. As of press time Tuesday there was a slight chance of rain for Saturday.

Opening the 2008 baseball season the Bears lost 5-8 to Lindale in Brownsboro.

Clint Johnson drove in two runs for the Bears on a triple. Other Bears recording hits in the loss was DeAndre Taylor, Tim McGovern, Collin Mason, Justin Vause, Matthew Toby, Ryan Owens and Blake Shelton.

Brownsboro's first win of the season came against Grace Community in the first game of a double header.

The Bears defeated Grace 13-7 as four Bears had two hits in the game. Vause drove in three runs on two hits. Owens, Toby and Scott Spearman also had two hits.

In the last game the Bears have played since Mother Nature brought in the rain Brownsboro totaled 12 hits. Spearman and Vause had three hits in the 13-10 loss to Grace.

Matthew Tobey was perfect at the plate with two hits. Taylor drove in two runs for the Bears.

## Award winner



Brownsboro senior Andrew Adair, left, is presented with a scholarship by head basketball coach Jeff Hutchins. Adair was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship at the Tyler Area Basketball Officials banquet on February 17.

## TEXAS XTREME fall 52-0

The Texas Xtreme traveled to Weatherford Saturday, March 8, and suffered an embarrassing 52-0 loss. The Xtreme suffered their second scoreless game in three weeks and second in team history. The combination of 17 new offensive players, four offensive linemen unavailable, 12 penalties, and 11 offensive turnovers was devastating.

Marvin Hopkins led the offense with four receptions for 43 yards; Larry Scott added two catches for 30 yards; Andrew Burks gained 27 rushing yards on seven carries; and Boo Beechum contributed 19 yards on four carries. The Xtreme offense completed 8-19 passes for 98 yards, seven interceptions, three fumbles, and gained 55 yards on 26 rushing attempts. The Xtreme added 177 yards on nine kickoff returns.

Offensive Coordinator Brandon Thompson stated that the penalties and turnovers were too much to overcome. Quarterback Ahmed Brown was unavailable until the third quarter. Brown was also ineffective as he threw five interceptions with three returned for touchdowns.

The Bullets scored first on a short drive that led to a field goal. After an Xtreme fumble, the Bullets took over at the Xtreme 38-yard line but were held scoreless.

The Bullets struck for their first touchdown after taking over at the Xtreme 41 and the drive was kept alive by a 4th down conversion. The Bullets scored again after a fumble recovery at the Xtreme 23-yard line and once again scored after an interception

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## Bears shutdown by Mother Nature

**By Chad Wilson**  
Editor

Brownsboro at Westwood, canceled. Athens Tournament, canceled. Home opener vs Palestine rescheduled to be played in Palestine. Mother Nature is doing her best to keep the Brownsboro Bears baseball team off the field.

Rain and snow have kept the Bears off the field as they try to prepare for District 14-3A play. District games begin on Tuesday as the Bears host Van at 6p.m.

Last week the Bears played in the Athens Tournament on Thursday against Crandall. Last year the Crandall Pirates won the tournament.

Filling in for Ryan Epperson, Clint Cundieff picked up the 9-8 win for the Bears. He pitched four innings and struck out four batters.

Epperson is expected to be out of the lineup for two or three weeks as he recovers from knee surgery.

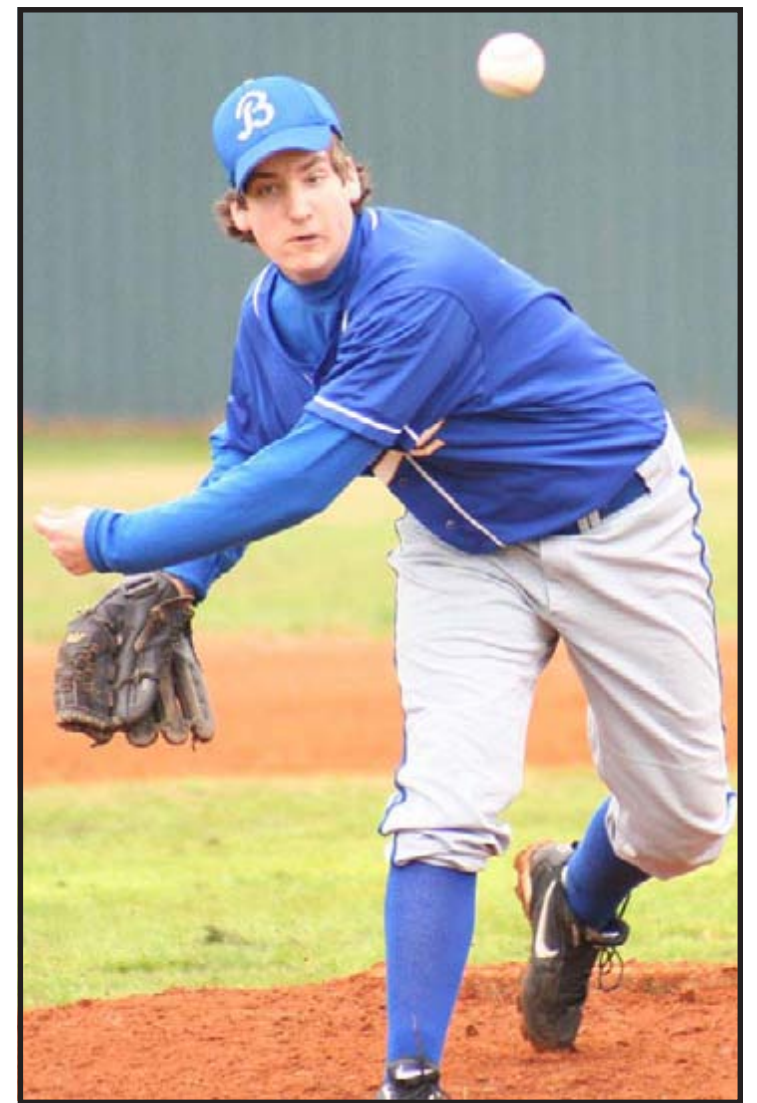
Brownsboro's game against Crandall ended in an eight all tie after four innings due to the rain. Brownsboro won the tie breaker.

In the first inning of play senior Keaton Parsell launched his third homerun of the season to give the Bears a 2-0 lead. Parsell's homerun was an estimated 380 foot shot.

Brownsboro added to its lead in the second inning. The Bears scored five runs on three hits. Collin Wilson and Ryan Smith each drove in two runs in the inning.

Parsell drew a walk in the fourth inning before scoring on a double by Daniel Suggs.

**All Saints at Brownsboro**  
**When:** 6 p.m. Friday  
**Where:** Bears Field  
**Radio:** Online Bear Radio



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Clint Cundieff joins the Varsity Bears pitching rotation as district play nears. According to Coach Fleming the young left hander has improved each time on the mound.

Crandall rallied to score eight runs in the fourth inning on eight hits.

Suggs was 2-3 at the plate while Parsell was 1-1 with two walks.

On Friday the Bears are scheduled to host All Saints at 6p.m. As of Tuesday the Bears are 3-7 on

the season. Heading into Friday's game against All Saints Collin Wilson leads the Bears in hits and stolen bases. Wilson has 15 hits on the season, posts a .405 batting average and has stolen eight bases.

Parsell leads the Bears in RBIs, 11, and homeruns, 3. As a pitcher he leads the team in ERA (3.50) and is tied for the team lead in strike outs (18). He has only allowed 10 hits all season.

As a team the Bears are batting .316 with 41 runs scored.



### Bear of the Week

Jared Bray

Competing in the 198lb weight class at the Regional Powerlifting meet in Elysian Fields, Bray finished in fourth place with a lift total of 1,250 lbs.

### Bearette of the Week

Randi Smith

The junior shortstop had seven hits during the Lindale Tournament and scored five runs while batting third in the lineup.

### This week

**Friday:**  
Baseball vs All Saints, 6pm  
Softball vs Athens, 6pm\*\*  
Track @ Jacksonville

**Saturday:**  
JV Baseball @ Grand Saline  
JV softball @ Athens Tourn

\*\* District 14-3A

### Next week

**Monday, March 17:**  
St. Patrick's Day  
JV Baseball vs Canton, 5:30pm(double header)

**Tuesday, March 18:**  
Baseball vs Van\*\*, 6pm  
Softball vs Van\*\*, 6pm



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