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Bears get first district win

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Hopefully the cold crisp weather did not stop the football fans from coming out to Palestine last Friday night, October 24, to watch Brownsboro shut down the Wildcats (37-7).

From countless fumbles, to several switches of quarterbacks, to injured players, Palestine could not seem to shake it off and get any points on the board after their one and only touchdown in the second quarter.

There is now four teams tied in district standings for third place; Brownsboro, Fairfield, Athens and Palestine.

The Bears got the first possession of the game, but were only able to get two plays in, due to Brownsboro fumbling after a hard tackle.

Palestine started off with great field position from the 45-yard line, but Brownsboro's defense Charlie Stringer and Ryan Owens allowed no gain on the next play. Later, after a first down, Wildcat quarterback Olin Terry ran the ball only for Tristain Warren to bring him back causing a 2-yard loss. On third and long, a penalty was given to Brownsboro after Zach Bailey, who was playing free safety, had a great block in the endzone. The penalty was declined causing another third down. Terry tried again, but the pressure brought on by Bears Jared Bray and Will Jones was too much and he threw it out of bounds.

The Wildcats fumbles started towards the end of the first quarter along with Bear Daniel Suggs plowing in two consecutive sacks.

Brownsboro only had the ball for one play on their next possession because the ball was fumbled on the Bears 48-yard line; Palestine recovered.

Given a chance to add points to the board before the quarter ended scoreless, Palestine's quarterback was only able to gain approximately 8-yards. Terry was stopped by Bear Chris Cawthon and then sacked by Will Jones on the next play. The first quarter ended 0-0.

Quickly into the second quarter, Wildcat E.J. Spurlock caught a 39-yard pass from Terry, putting Palestine on the 1-yard line. With 11:42 on the clock, Terrance Simon ran it in for the first touchdown of the game. The kick was good and the Wildcats led 7,0.

Jones opened it up big to Brownsboro when he got a 30-yard return on the kickoff. Cameron Warren then got the first down. Later, on third and 16, Tristain Warren caught a 22-yard pass from Zach Bailey in the endzone for the Bears first TD. Only two minutes into the second quarter Ryan Smith's kick was good and the score tied 7-7.

On Palestine's next possession, Olin Terry fumbled the ball on the snap and Bear Tristain Warren recovered.

Ryan Owens came in as quarterback and wasted no time getting down to business. On the first play, Owens threw it deep into Palestine territory and connected with Keith Johnson for a 27-yard gain. After Cameron Warren and Brad McDonald carried the ball on the next two plays, Ryan Owens scored on a 7-yard run with 7:13 left in the quarter. The extra-point was blocked and Brownsboro led 13-7.



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Running back Cameron Warren gets a first down for the Bears in the game against the Palestine Wildcats.

Bears defense absolutely shut down Palestine on their next possession. They not only never got a first down, but Will Jones, once again, sacked the quarterback on second down.

Bear quarterback Owens stepped in and played it huge

for the Bears. On the first play, he threw a 40-yard pass to Tristain Warren. After an injury timeout on Palestine, offensive linemen Colton Croley, Chance Parks, Glen Devlin, Corbin Duke and Matt Bouchillon opened up a huge hole and

Owens ran it 5-yards into the endzone. With 3:09 left till half time Smith's kick was good and the Bears score climbed 20-7.

Quarterback Terry started to show signs of pain after Dustin Edgar bombarded him, caused a fumble, then recovered it for the

Bears. After both teams exchanged possessions, Terry ran straight up the middle and right before he got to the

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Bearettes now second in district

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The Bearettes beat the Lady Cats in Palestine, Friday afternoon, October 24.

Now, the team will advance to the bi-district playoff game next week on Monday, November 3, after playing Palestine Westwoods Lady Panthers, on Tuesday, October 28.

The Bearettes record is now 7-2 in district 15 and 17-11 overall.

The Bearettes won in four games against Palestine with the scores 25-7, 25-18, 14-25 and 25-18.

Standout players of the game were Hillary Shaffer with 15 kills and 5 blocks, Naomi Scott with 5 kills and 5 blocks, Amye Scarborough had 4 kills, Chelsea Chambers with 10 assists and Kaycee Wood with 5 assists.

The week before, October 3, the Bearettes played Crockett and won in four games also. The scores were 25-16, 25-20, 20-25 and 25-10.

Hillary Shaffer had 11 kills and 4 blocks with 2 aces, Naomi Scott had 5 kills and 2 blocks, Amye Scarborough with 3 kills, Chelsea Chambers with 8 assists and Abigail Hernandez had 9 assists.

This week the Bearettes will play Palestine Westwood, before they head to bi-district playoffs, in the Brownsboro gym at 5p.m., Tuesday, October 28.



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Chelsea Chambers scores for the Bearettes in the game against the Lady Cats, Friday night, October 24.



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Victory for freshman Bears

The freshman Bears didn't let the cold weather slow them down Thursday night, October 23, when they hosted the Palestine Wildcats. They set the tone for a great winning weekend for all of the Bears football teams against Palestine. They finished the night in victory with an 8-0 lead.

"The ninth grade football team is on a roll!" stated Coach Hutchins. "We started the season off slow, but have not been beat in our last four games. The defense played a great game last night."

This was the first shutout of the season.

Coach Hutchins continued, "Going into the game, we were wanting to shorten the game and control the clock. We knew coming in that they were going to have a lot of speed. So, instead of trying to outrun them, we tried to run straight at them. We put in a special play or two to help us out."

Cody Strickland did a great job as quarterback. D.Z. Moss made several great plays for the Bears, including a 50-yard touchdown reception. Keuntis Thompson ran the ball hard, as well as Mikey Ramirez, while Nick Jones caught some big passes. Jones caught the two-point conversion after a touch-

down and he caught a huge pass on third down late into the game. This helped the Bears move out to midfield.

"Offensively, we dug into our bag of tricks on several occasions to try and offset the aggressiveness of Palestine's defense," said Coach Hutchins.

"I thought we had a chance to put up a couple more touchdowns, but we'll take the 8-0 victory. A win is a win."

The freshman Bears will travel to Crockett Thursday evening, October 30, to take on the Bulldogs. Kickoff will begin at 5p.m.

Texas Xtreme team seeks new players

The Texas Xtreme Football team is a semi-professional group that is seeking new players to fulfill all positions for their upcoming 2009 season.

Texas Xtreme has qualified for the playoffs six of the past seven seasons. Tryouts will be held at the Brownsboro High School practice field. Registration will begin each Saturday through November 22, starting at 10a.m. Tryout fees are \$20.00 per person.

Be sure to wear clothing suitable for basic football drills and cleat type shoes. Participants must be at least 18years or older.

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