

# SPORTS

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## Brownsboro gets a win in weekend tourney

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Blessed with a win against Pleasant Grove, Bear fans were also thankful to see three of their varsity athletes back on the court playing and looking healthy. Seniors Charlie Stringer and Tristain Warren along with Junior Zach Bailey all sat out in the Bullard game due to minor injuries. But by November 28th's tournament, they were back on and ready to play.

Brownsboro swept a thirty point lead game (61-31) against Pleasant Grove in the UT Tyler Burger King Classic tournament, Friday night.

Piling up half of those points for the Bears was Jacob McCarthy and Seth Martin combined. McCarthy, the highest scoring player of the game, scored 20 points and Martin had 14 points.

By the end of the first quarter Brownsboro was already up with a 16 point lead. This came with the help of McCarthy scoring on two three pointers and two free throws, Martin scoring once, along with two good free throws and Kyle Price scoring twice.

Bear McCarthy led the second quarter by putting 7 more points on the board. Brownsboro's defense was able to overwhelm Pleasant Grove, only allowing them 6 points in second period.

The quarter soon finished in a Brownsboro long-shot lead (34-10) when Brett Ralson scored and Martin added 4 points.

Brownsboro continued to take control of the game well into the third quarter and by no surprise so did McCarthy.

McCarthy racked up 5 points while Charlie

Stringer, Ralson and Martin all scored.

The fourth quarter began but Pleasant Grove was unable to turn it up a notch.

Ryan Smith, Kyle Price and Seth Martin all scored 4 points while Zach Bailey and Charlie Stringer both scored and put an end to the game in favor of Brownsboro 61-31.

After a win with Pleasant Grove, the Bears suffered a close loss (57-50) to the No. 2 ranked Slocum Mustangs, Saturday, November 29.

Jacob McCarthy had the game high points lead with a total of 14, Seth Martin tallied on a total of 12 and Ryan Smith added with 10 points. Tristain Warren and Ralson both scored twice and Bailey made 2 good free throws.

Even though the entire game was a close one, the Bears couldn't overcome the Mustangs.

The game ended with a Slocum win, 57-50.

The Bears will now travel to Crandall, Tuesday, December 2, to play against the Pirates. The freshmen are scheduled to play at 5p.m., junior varsity at 6:30p.m. and Varsity at 8p.m.

Brownsboro's freshmen, junior varsity and varsity will then host the Chapel Hill Bulldogs, Friday, December 5.

**Brownsboro**  
20-14-11-16  
**Pleasant Grove:**  
4-6-10-11

**Brownsboro:**  
16-13-15-6

**Slocum:**  
9-14-13-19



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Top: Bear Ryan Smith shoots and scores in the UT Tyler tournament against the Slocum Mustangs, Saturday, Nov. 29.

### Junior High Bears play first game against Fairfield

Brownsboro's junior high basketball team played their first game, Monday night, November 24.

The 7B and 8B teams won while the 7A and 8A lost.

The 7B win (23-17) came with points scored from Lemons 6, McLemore with 6, Essary with 4, Parker with 3, Baker had 2 and Jackson had 2.

Bear Bragdon led the 7A team in points, who lost 14-51, with 4 scored. Thomison had 3 and both Cook and

McKenzie scored twice.

The 8B team won 34-15 and Ludford scored the highest, racking up 12 points for Brownsboro. Elder added his 8, Ramirez with 6 points, Spencer had 4, Morgan had 2 and Chambers scored 2.

The 8A team lost 33-41 but Beall and a host of Bears gave their all; Beall scored 8 points, McCarthy 6, Givens 6, Harmon had 4, Chapman scored 3 and Collier with 2 points.

### Texas Xtreme Football tryouts

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, 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 18 years or older.

For more information contact the team owners and coaches Gary Craig at 903-288-6244 or Larry Anding at 903-286-4997.



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Top: Brownsboro's Kyle Price gets past a host of Mustangs and scores for a total of 8 points, Saturday, November 29.



## NASCAR

### Rear View



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While Jimmie Johnson is busy being the first driver in 30-years to win three consecutive series titles, there's still a lot of work underway for NASCAR; especially in Texas.

The 2009 year will bring about several different changes not only for a handful of drivers and race teams but Texas fans in particular will also reap some benefits for the new racing season.

Texas Motor Speedway is reducing ticket prices for both races held in 2009; the Samsung 500 on April 5 and the Dickies 500 on November 8.

For the first time NASCAR will offer the "Backstretch Buster"; \$20 seats on the backstretch.

These seats will account for the first two rows of the backstretch, which seats approximately 1,080.

Each customer is limited to four tickets maximum for this section.

Eddie Gossage, Texas Motor Speedway President, revealed a \$2 million capital improvement project that

is set to transform the upper half of the tracks backstretch area into a motorcoach area known as "Burnout Alley".

"Our demand for motor home space, even this year during a downturn economy, has continued to rise each year and our fans have indicated to us that there was a need for this type of project," said TMS President Gossage.

There will also be "blanket price" which runs \$40 per seat for the remaining 10 rows. These are good for the new backstretch area, seating 8,750, that will feature "Burnout Alley" and RV sites on the upper half.

TMS will continue the family four-packs in these rows as well. Fans will still have the option to purchase it for \$159 which will include four tickets, four hot dogs and four Coca-Colas.

The "Backstretch Buster" seats will go on sale Tuesday, December 2, at 9a.m., for the Samsung 500 and tickets for the Dickies 500 will be available April 15.