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## Bearettes in Great East Texas Shootout



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Top: Bearette Naomi Scott fights hard, yanks and refuses to give up the ball in The Great East Texas Shootout game between Brownsboro vs. Cleburne Friday night, December 12. Naomi tallied a total of 7-points for the Bearettes.

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This weekend Brownsboro sports fans dreamed of basketball. Brownsboro High School welcomed over 50 basketball teams to compete in the one and only Great East Texas Shootout; 28 boy teams, 23 girl teams and 100 games to be played in a matter of three days.

The Brownsboro Bearettes started off with a win on Thursday, December 11, against Chapel Hill's Lady Bulldogs (53-34).

By halftime, Chapel Hill was trailing behind by 22-points, the Lady Bulldogs tried to get back in the game but Brownsboro continued to put a beating on them.

Bearette Hillary Shaffer was the top scorer with 14-points.

Brownsboro, ranked sixth, then later went on to play the Pine Tree Lady Pirates.

After a huge defensive battle, Pine Tree and Brownsboro were tied after the third quarter. However, the Bearettes were able to steal the win 28-21. Hillary Shaffer, once again, was the leading scorer in the game with 13-points. Sabrina Bradley scored 11-points and tacked on a three-pointer.

The next day, the Bearettes were scheduled to play against the Cleburne Lady Jackets. This game brought on Brownsboro's first loss 41-48.

The Bearettes were never able to get a lead on Cleburne however, Brownsboro also never allowed Cleburne to get fur-

ther than 7-points ahead. Sabrina Bradley, the leading scorer, brought home 14-points for Brownsboro, six of those coming from two successful three-pointers. Hillary Shaffer added 12-points.

Saturday, the last day of the Shootout, the Bearettes claimed a victory over Van's Lady Vandals.

Brownsboro beat the Lady Vandals in a close game 54-44. Hillary Shaffer was the leader in points with 16, Sabrina Bradley followed with 15-points (6 of those coming from two good three-pointers) and LaQuesha Cooper scored 11.

To finish off the tournament the Bearettes played Mount Vernon Saturday afternoon. Mount Vernon was a bit of a different story.

Both teams consistently battled it out and the first quarter was left in a tie 9-9.

Bearette Naomi Scott opened up the second quarter and cracked the tie after she stole the ball and ran it all the way back for a Brownsboro lead 11-9.

With three minutes into the second quarter it was tied again.

Brownsboro's Sabrina Bradley broke the tie after two good free throws and another 2-points.

Naomi Scott followed with two good free throws, as well as Montoya Hightower.

The game ended in favor of Mount Vernon 54-47.

Up next for Bearettes is The Grand Saline Tournament scheduled for December 18-20.

## Brownsboro Bears take over opening Shootout round



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Top: Brownsboro's own Ryan Smith jumps high to score in the Bears vs. Grace game, Friday morning, where he was the leading scorer with a total of 11-points for the Bears.

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Every year something great happens, not only does basketball season start but so does the Great East Texas Shootout.

Last year Brownsboro celebrated the tournament title, won in a close game against Van 43-42.

This year, the Pleasant Grove Hawks claimed the title.

The Bears were off to a good start in their opening game, Thursday afternoon, against the Kemp Yellowjackets with a final score 42-14.

Brownsboro wasted no time taking care of business.

Ryan Smith opened up the scoring and came back, not two-minutes later, with a 3-pointer. Zach Bailey and Tristain Warren worked together and brought the Bears up by ten-points only five minutes into the first quarter. Bailey scored a team high of 11-points for the Bears. Brownsboro's defense only allowed six Yellowjacket points to be scored in the first period while the Bears racked up 17-points.

The clawing didn't stop there. The Yellowjackets were only able to score one-point in the second quarter. By half-time, Brownsboro was leading 30-7 and showing no signs of slowing down.

Kemp finally broke that

seven-mark with three-minutes left in the third quarter on a free throw.

The fourth quarter showed no improvement for the Yellowjackets. Kemp had a heartbreaking pointless quarter and the Bears went on to take the victory 42-14.

Thursday night Brownsboro was scheduled to take on Caddo Mills, but they fell short of a win against the Foxes 47-52. Bear Jacob McCarthy had a game high scoring, almost half Brownsboro's points, with a total of 20-points.

The next day Brownsboro beat the Grace Lions 38-28. Ryan Smith was the leading scorer for the Bears with 11-points.

Jacob McCarthy followed with 10, Tristain Warren made 6-points, Zach Bailey had 4, Seth Martin with 3, and both Bret Ralson and Kyle Price brought 2-points each.

Brownsboro played their hearts out in the last game, Friday night, against TK Gorman and finished it with a win 54-48. Smith brought home a game high of 23-points, McCarthy scored 12, Tristain Warren scored 9, Bailey made 5, while Charlie Stringer, Bret Ralson and Seth Martin all scored 2-points a piece.

The Bears next go-round will be a three day event in the Grand Saline Tournament scheduled for December 18th, 19th and 20th.



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Top: Brownsboro's LaQuesha Cooper tries to steal the ball from Chapel Hill while Naomi Scott prepares for a pass.

## BMC Baseball and Softball Registration

BMC registration is just around the corner.

Registration forms will be going out in January for baseball and the new girls' softball league to be played at Winchester Park in Chandler.

The boys' baseball and girls' softball will be able to register under the same organization for the 2009 season.

This year all divisions will be offered from Instructional T-Ball

(co-ed) to Sophmores for boys and Juniors for girls.

The fees for Instructional T-Ball will include uniform shirts and either shorts or pants. Any returning second year divisional girls' coach may retain their players provided they meet TTAS provisions.

It looks to be an exciting year and if anyone has any questions concerning either of the leagues, they may contact Sheryl Starling at 903-216-1066.