

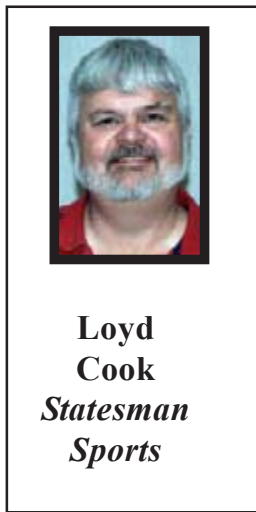
Sports tend to multiply during this time of year

Still trying to get organized. That's always the issue when it comes to covering high school sports in the Spring each year.

Football is easy to cover. Got a game on Friday night. Spend the rest of the week writing a game story and maybe a couple of others ... like one on the key drive of the game, another on a particular athlete's career-best performance in that game.

But it's one team, one game a week. Come Spring, the whole thing changes.

Actually, right after football season ends in December, the treadmill begins.



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Suddenly, basketball is upon you. And it's two teams, boys and girls, at the varsity level. And it's two games a week ... for each team.

From one game a week to cover, you go to four games a week. That's not counting the "double up" on JVs, freshmen, and junior high teams.

And that's just the first sport to come along.

After the Christmas break, here comes baseball, softball and track. And each of those has teams or squads for our boys and girls.

Somewhere in there, you throw in powerlifting and golf squads as well.

So, this is more an informative column for you guys. I'm a

one-man sports department, so you'll see me here ... and there ... and around the corner. I'll show up one day at baseball game, another at a softball tourney maybe, and perhaps, in the same day, hit one of each while trying to figure out if I can make it to a golf tournament just to be able to snap a picture or two.

In the meantime, blessings be bestowed up on the coaching staff here. They're so patient and understanding with me when I come wandering into their offices looking for a basketball scorebook, results from a powerlifting

meet, or just to get a quote about the game the other night. The common thing I hear from them is "whatever you need," or "we help you however we can."

Gotta love the cooperation. After years of being on the news, rather than sports, side of the business, I've kinda been used to having to interpret the old "soft shoe" tap dance answers you get when you're talking to someone on a governmental body or commission. The coaches here really want to make sure their kids get their due. "It's all about the kids" is

another phrase I heard from more than one of the coaches I've talked to.

So ... it's the middle of February basically ... with March, April and May to go in the school year ... probably a little bit of June as well ... and the next 16(?), 18(?) weeks will be nonstop for me ... and the coaches ... and the athletes ... and the family members who watch them.

Buckle up ... it's gonna be a long ride. But those calendar pages keep flipping.

See y'all at a game somewhere. I'm bound to show up somewhere, sometime at some competition.

4 girls, 4 boys place in Top 5 at powerlifting meet

Eight local athletes finished in the top five during the Van Vandal Invitational powerlifting meet held Saturday, Feb. 7th in Van.

The boys and girls squads split those finishes, with four coming from the Bears squad and four from the Bearettes team.

Krystilyn Woods had a 95.09 bench press that finished second among all lifters in the 165-pound-and-above weight classes.

In boys competition, the Bears finished 9th with 12 team points. Van took first place with 25 points.

In girls competition, the Bearettes earned a 6th

place finish with 11 team points. Canton took first place with 43 points.

In the 123-pound weight class, Michael House took 4th place with a weight total (squat, bench, and dead lifts) of 745 pounds.

In the 148-pound weight class, Hunter Walters took 3rd place with a total lift of 905 pounds.

In the 165-pound weight class, Jose Hernandez was the 3rd place finisher with a weight lift total of 1,115 pounds.

In the 275-pound weight class, Glenn Devlin earned a 4th place finish with a 1,085 pound total.

The girls had similar results on their side of



Carley Smith begins to push the weight up in order to complete her squat lift in the 165-pound weight class, during Feb. 7th action at the Van powerlifting meet.



Matt Bouchillon puts out the effort on his squat lift in the 275-pound weight class during the Van powerlifting meet, held Saturday, Feb. 7th.

competition.

Taylor Green took 3rd place in the 123-pound weight class with a total lift of 530 pounds.

Carley Smith earned a 5th place finish with a 540-pound total in the 165-pound weight class.

Krystilyn Woods had a 700 pound total in the 198-pound weight class.

Taylor Barnes followed Woods in that division with a 5th place finish from a 625 pound total.

Both of the Brownsboro squads managed to finish well above the bottom of their competitions.

Team placings on the boys side of the competition in the 16-team event included: Ferris, 24 points, 2nd place;

Mabank, 23 points, 3rd place; Kaufman 23 points, 4th place; Canton, 19 points, 5th place; Kemp, 17 points, 6th place; Tyler Chapel Hill, 17 points, 7th place; Lindale, 14 points, eighth place; Brownsboro, 12 points, 9th place; Forney, 11 points, 10th place; Athens, 7 points, 11th place; Eustace, 5 points, 12th place; Hawkins, 1 point, 13th place; Wills Point, 0 points, 14th place(tie); Jacksonville, 0 points, 14th place(tie); and Grand Saline, 0 points, 14th place(tie).

Team placings on the girls side of the 11-team competition included: Eustace, 28 points, 2nd place; Lindale, 24 points, 3rd place; Ferris, 19 points, 4th place; Mabank,

18 points, 5th place; Brownsboro, 11 points, 6th place; Forney, 11 points, 7th place; Athens, 5 points, 8th place(tie);

Tyler Chapel Hill, 5 points, 8th place(tie); Kemp, 3 points, 10th place; Wills Point, 1 point, 11th place.

Corrections from local meet

In the Thursday, Feb. 5th article covering results from the Brownsboro Invitational powerlifting meet, three local athletes were inadvertently left out of the final listings.

In the girls competition, Taylor Green finished 5th in the 123-pound weight class with a total Malone weight total lift of 453.89 pounds.

Also in girls competi-

tion, Selina Wallace finished 3rd in the 132-pound weight class, with a lift total of 478.85 pounds.

In the boys competition, Colby Bragg finished 13th in the 198-pound weight class.

Bragg lifted a Schwartz weight total of 495.25 pounds.

We regret these inadvertent omissions from last week's article.

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