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Fighting Through

Bearettes take 17-point win against Kerens

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KERENS — It was an evening of basketball that was physical, marked with a lot of fouls and frustrated players.

But the Brownsboro Bearettes marched through, posting a win by their varsity and a narrow loss by their freshman in games against the Kerens Lady Cats in the Kerens gymnasium Friday.

The Bearettes varsity squad posted a 17-point win, while the freshman squad lost by seven points in a game against the Lady Cats junior varsity.

Kerens has no freshman team.

Varsity 49, Kerens 32

The Bearettes outscored Kerens in three-of-four quarters, posting a 49-32 road win.

Desiree Johnson hit a six-foot jumper from the right baseline and Synola Harmon hit a one-hand runner driving down the lane to put Brownsboro up by a 4-0 count in the opening minutes of the game.

Kerens scored the next four points to pull into a tie, but it would be all the scoring in the quarter for the Lady Cats.

Brownsboro ran off the next 11 points to take command.

Yniqua Mosley started the run with a jumper from just inside the 3-point arc and Harmon hit a 3-point shot from the left wing with post Hillary Shaffer hitting one-of-two free throws in between.

Harmon ended the quarter with another jumper from the left wing, this one from mid-range.

The Brownsboro run continued in the second quarter as the Bearettes opened with the first six points.

Shaffer scored two on an offensive rebound putback, then Laquesha Cooper hit two free throws and hit a layup off a nice pass from Lakeshia Johnson to complete a fast break.

Kerens hit eight unanswered points to narrow the Brownsboro lead to 21-14, but a nice inbound play netted the Bearettes an easy Shaffer layup and a nine-point lead just before the first half buzzer sounded.

In a two-play series that was an example of what happened through much of the game, it was teamwork and good passing that got Brownsboro clicking on the scoreboard again.

Shaffer fed Cooper underneath the basket for a score. Then a pass from Desiree Johnson to Shaffer was relayed to Cooper, once again netting an easy layup.

Two Shaffer free throws ended a six-point Brownsboro run and posted a 29-16 lead.

Midway through the period, Lakeshia Johnson hit Chelsea Chambers and another layup and Harmon pulled up on the fast break to hit a short jump shot as the Bearettes were up 33-18.

The final period saw Brownsboro score 16 points to 12 for Kerens.

Harmon led all scorers with 18 points while Cooper added 13.

Shaffer had eight points; Chambers had four points; and Tiffany Hurd, Mosley, and Desiree Johnson each scored two.

Freshman 26, Kerens 33

The freshman squad played the Kerens JV essentially even for the final three periods of the game, it was a slow first quarter that proved their undoing.

Baylie Connor made one free throw to account for the only Bearettes point in the opening period, while Kerens put up nine.

The Lady Cats scored 26 points over the final three periods of play and the Bearettes put up 25 in the same time period.

Brownsboro was led by point guard Jacobi Parker's 11 points.

Morgan Barnes was next at four points.

Shayla Mitchell and Tori Schultz had three points each, while Megan Garrett, Rachel Pate, and Connor had one point



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Brownsboro Bearettes senior wing Synola Harmon (23) goes up for two of her 18 points in a 49-32 win over the Kerens Lady Cats in Kerens Friday.



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Freshman guard Jacobi Parker (0) looks to pass the ball during action against the Kerens Lady Cats in Kerens Friday.

Ghosts of football games past, aka, 'being the old guy'

I wrote last week about the end of football season and how I got into this line of work.

It got me to thinking about some football games past.

The Pass

I'll likely never forget the 1993 third-round, Pilot Point vs Kerens, playoff game in H.E.B. Stadium in the mid-cities of the DFW metroplex.

This was a referee call affecting the outcome of a game ... it was a classic example.

It was fourth down ... Pilot Point had the ball ... at somewhere around the Kerens 30-yard line with less than a minute to go and down 12-7.

The Pilot Point quarterback faded back to pass ... and had to dance around, evade the rush and search downfield for a receiver.

He wound up and threw.

Me? I'm the Kerens sideline at about the 10 with a nice, unobstructed view at about a 45-degree angle to the opposite side of the field ... no players, no officials in the way.

The quarterback's pass went to a receiver in the far one-third of the end zone. Well, it ended up in the receiver's hands in the end zone. But, to my dying day, I'll continue to swear that the pass skipped off the ground a good two feet in front of the receiver before it ended up in his stomach.

The referee behind the back of the end zone — with what had to be an obstructed view — signaled touchdown.

An official with much the same angle of sight that I had — unobstructed — had to have seen the ball bounce just like I did. But, as he ran in toward the end of the play in the end zone, he made no move to contradict the call of the other official.

Pilot Point moved on to the Regional finals.

The ball bounced, I swear to you, and possession should have went over on downs to Kerens with the ability to kneel, run out the clock and win the game.

I guess it just happens.

Even Split

Sometimes, a sportswriter will remember a game not only for the exciting finish, but for how he wrote the story about it.

You can laugh at me for this



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one.

It was a Class 1A game between Wortham and Bremond, held in Wortham's stone fence-encircled field on a night where it had been raining so long and so steadily that the fence turned the field into a bowl full of mud. Players on each sideline of the crowned field were standing in water up to mid-calf.

Bremond scored late, like with 30-something seconds on the clock, adding on a 2-point conversion to take a one point lead.

Kicking off, it was one of those high "pop up" kicks designed for no runback. Problem is, the Bremond coverage team didn't snap to the fact that the Wortham return man had signaled for a fair catch.

After he got clobbered, the ensuing penalty put Wortham on the Bremond 45, to the best of my recollection.

A couple of pass plays later, Wortham was setup for a 38-yard field goal and an improbable win.

Of course, the kicker (who was also the star quarterback) nailed the kick as the siren on the scoreboard sounded, denoting the running out of the clock, and the crowd was going nuts in the stands.

How'd I start the article about the game? Here's where you can laugh at me if you want, for this one.

It went something like, "Wortham took a thrilling, come-from-behind win over the Bremond Tigers as Michael Betts kicked a 38-yard field goal that split the uprights as evenly as a single mother dividing the last food in the house between her two starving babies."

Now is that bad or what?

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Chandler will receive separate sealed BIDS for the construction of 2009-B Street Program until 11:00 am, Friday, December 11, 2009 at Chandler City Hall, and then at said City Hall, publicly open and read aloud.

The Contract Documents consists of an Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, Agreement, Performance Bond, Payment Bond, Maintenance Bond, Contract, Statement of Bidder's Qualifications, Certificate of Insurance, Sales Tax Exemption, Recommendation of Payment, Partial Payment Application, Certificate of Substantial Completion, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications, any Addenda issued during the Bid Process and Appendices. Prospective Bidders may examine the Contract Documents at the following locations.

Everett Griffith, Jr. & Associate, Inc.
P.O. Box 1746 (408 N. Third Street)
Lufkin, TX 75902-1746

City of Chandler
P.O. Box 425
Chandler, TX 75758-0425

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of Everett Griffith, Jr. & Associates, Inc at the address shown above upon payment of \$25.00 per set (non-refundable).

Each Bidder must deposit with his Bid a Bidder's Bond or Certified Check in the amount of five percent of the highest amount bid. In accordance with the provisions of the Instructions to Bidders, all bonds or checks will be returned when the successful Bidder enters into a Contract as specified.

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