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## Buzzer-beater gives Bearettes one-point win

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The scoreboard showed Triple-Zero like there was no time left in the game ... but the actual clock mechanism display at the scorer's table showed there was actual six-tenths of a second left in the game.

And it was just enough for the Brownsboro Bearettes.

Brownsboro's Tiffany Hurd took an inbound pass just under the basket, as much slapping it toward the backboard as shooting it, and directed the ball off the glass and through the net with the final buzzer sounding ... and pushing the Bearettes to a 45-44 win over the Fairfield Lady Eagles Friday.

It was two of Hurd's four points in the game for Brownsboro (24-4, 6-1 ... all four of her points came in the fourth quarter as the Bearettes managed only six total points in the final period of play.

The game was close throughout. The first quarter saw each team take a three-point lead at one point -- the largest lead either would have in the period -- before ending in a 14-14 tie.

Brownsboro's scoring in the quarter was spread around. Hillary Shaffer had seven points. Ynique Mosley was fouled on a three-

point attempt, making all three free throws. Point guard LaQuesha Cooper hit a 15-foot jumper, and Synola Harmon hit a short jump shot in the paint for Brownsboro's final points of the period.

Fairfield (19-9, 6-1) opened the second period with a bucket, but Cooper answered back by canning two free throws to tie.

After four free throws by the Lady Eagles, Harmon hit a three-pointer to cut Fairfield's lead to one and Cooper hit one-of-two free throws to tie the score.

Two more Fairfield free throws put Brownsboro down at half-time, 22-20.

It was a narrow, positive margin in the third quarter that proved to be the difference for the Bearettes.

Down 32-28 early in the period, Brownsboro went on a 6-1 lead to take only its second lead of the game, this time at the 3:07 point of the third quarter.

Cooper hit another free throw. Desiree Johnson hit Shaffer with a pass inside for an easy two in the paint and, coming full circle, Cooper closed the run with another one-of-two from the free throw line.

The lead was short-lived for the Bearettes, who found themselves down 37-35 a moment or so later. But Shaffer hit a free throw and



Loyd Cook Photo

LaQuesha Cooper (11) works the court during the Brownsboro Bearettes' thrilling 45-44 buzzer-beating win over the Fairfield Lady Eagles Friday.

Harmon another three-pointer to put Brownsboro up by two, 39-37.

Strangely, that would prove to be important.

In the fourth quarter, the Bearettes defense held Fairfield to only seven points. That was important as well, since the Brownsboro offense managed only six in the quarter.

Shaffer hit two free throws, the only non-Hurd points in the quarter for Brownsboro. Her shots put the Bearettes up 41-37 at the 5:10 mark of the fourth quarter.

Fairfield went on a 5-0 run to take the lead back at 42-41.

Then Hurd recorded her first points of the

game ... a 12-foot, rainbow jump shot from the right baseline that went home with 43 seconds left in the game and putting the Bearettes back on top at 43-42.

But the Lady Eagle responded on their ensuing possession, driving the lane for a short shot and a 44-43 lead.

Bearettes head coach Fred Griffin used his final timeout with 18 seconds left in the game, setting up a play, but the Fairfield defense knocked the ball out with six-tenths of a second left in the game.

The Hurd made her final shot of the game for the Bearettes win as the buzzer went off.

Harmon led Brownsboro with 13 points and Shaffer had 12. Cooper added nine points for the Bearettes.

Mosley had five points, Hurd had four, and Lakeshia Johnson had two points.

## Bears varsity, junior varsity fall to Fairfield Eagles

*Cold second quarter hamstrings varsity*

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A second quarter where its offense could be described, at best, as "cold" was the difference in a 34-28 loss for the Brownsboro Bears against the Fairfield Eagles Friday.

The game didn't start off that way.

Although Fairfield scored the first bucket of the game, and Brownsboro didn't get on the board until there was only 3:12 left in the opening period, the Bears outscored the Eagles 7-2 for a three-point lead going into the second period.

The Bears period-ending run was sparked by point guard Ryan Smith, who drove the lane twice for layup buckets ... the second time getting the "and 1" for the three-point play

the old-fashioned way. Then Smith hit Cameron Warren underneath the basket for an easy layup.

Then the second quarter. Smith got the only Bears bucket in the period, a floating one-hander from the middle of the paint.

But Fairfield hit five-of-seven free throws, plus three buckets, in the period for an 11-2 period in their favor and a 15-9 half-time lead.

Smith and Jacob McCarthy scored four apiece in the third quarter which, along with Tyler Rogers' two free throws, gave the Bears the period at 10-5, but still left Brownsboro down by one at 20-19.

And Fairfield ran out the rest of the game with a 14-9 fourth quarter to post the final margin of victory.

Smith led the Bears with 17

points while McCarthy added five points.

Rogers had four points and Warren had two points.

### Fairfield 34, JV 30

The junior varsity Bears got down early, 10-3 after one, then came back with a strong second period to take the lead at half-time, 14-13.

But Fairfield slightly outscored Brownsboro in each of the next two periods to eke out a four-point win.

Deondre Taylor led the Bears with 14 points and Corben Duke added six.

Scott Spearman had four points, Cody Strickland had three points, Kris Bryant had two points, and Willie Miller had one point.



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Cameron Warren (20) goes up for a shot during Brownsboro's 34-28 loss to the Fairfield Eagles Friday.

## Brownsboro headed into new, smaller district for 2010-11

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It's the biannual event that high school athletic directors across the state watch with focused attention -- realignment of competition districts up and down the spectrum.

Locally, Brownsboro High School saw its district change from its present, six-team makeup to a rare, five-team circuit.

"It's a nightmare for scheduling," said Brownsboro athletic director John Settle. "And, since I just drew and got a Week 10 bye, it's not at all my favorite (setup) right

now."

Brownsboro's new district (District 17-3A) will include Athens, Rusk, Bullard, and Chapel Hill. Athens is the only school from Brownsboro's present district, moving over into the new group of schools.

"Other than being in a five-team district, I like (the makeup),"



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Brownsboro A.D. John Settle (left) and his Bears and Bearettes athletic teams will face a new, smaller district starting next year, the 2010-2011 school year.