

# SPORTS

## Bearettes dominate Daingerfield for 900



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Brownsboro's LaQuesha Cooper fights through contact on her way to the basket during the Bearettes' 45-4 win over Daingerfield on Jan. 20.

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The Bearettes completely dominated the Daingerfield Lady Tigers, 45-4, on Jan. 20 to get Coach Fred Griffin career win no. 900.

After LaQuesha Cooper started the game with seven points and four steals in the first couple of minutes, it appeared that win no. 900 was just a matter of watching the seconds tick off the clock, as the Lady Tigers (6-20) never were a threat.

Brownsboro held leads of 14-0 after one quarter and 27-0 at halftime, and built a 40-0 lead before Daingerfield finally got on the scoreboard.

Daingerfield's first point came on a free throw with four minutes left in the third quarter. Their first and only make from the field came with a little

over two minutes left before the fourth quarter.

"It feels pretty good to know that we were the ones who got and that we got it with a great score like we did, and that we'll always be known as his 900th win," said sophomore Rebekah Rogers.

The Lady Tigers struggled as much maintaining possession as they did shooting, as they had 26 turnovers while the Bearettes committed only eight turnovers in the blow-out.

"It's very exciting to know that we're part of the 900," said Cooper (a senior), who leads the Bearettes in scoring, rebounds and steals on the season. "It's going to be up on the wall and every time I come back, I'll

look at that and be like 'I was a part of that.'"

Cooper led the Bearettes with 15 points to go along with six rebounds, five steals and four assists.

Bri Warren continued to play well on varsity after spending much of the season with the junior varsity as she scored eight points and secured nine rebounds.

Rogers scored six points and had four rebounds. Meagann Lough added eight points. Shelbie Bagby scored three and Lakeshia Johnson and Victoria Walker added two

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The Bearettes (19-6, 3-1) are scheduled to continue District 17-3A play at 6 p.m. on Friday at Chapel Hill after the junior varsity.

### Bearettes under Coach Fred Griffin

2011-12: 19-6*	2000-01: 24-11, P	1989-90: 23-10, D, P
2010-11: 26-8, P	1999-00: 23-11, P	1988-89: 32-4, D, P
2009-10: 28-6, P	1998-99: 14-16	1987-88: 31-5, D, P, S
2008-09: 24-9	1997-98: 18-11, P (4A)	1986-87: 33-1, D, P
2007-08: 20-11	1996-97: 30-6, P (4A)	1985-86: 28-5, D, P
2006-07: 13-16, P	1995-96: 24-8	1984-85: 30-3, D, P
2005-06: 34-3, D, P, S	1994-95: 26-9, P	1983-84: 17-11
2004-05: 26-7, D, P	1993-94: 38-1, D, P, S	
2003-04: 21-12, P	1992-93: 30-4, D, P	
2002-03: 30-5, D, P, S	1991-92: 29-6, P	
2001-02: 31-5, D, P	1990-91: 27-6, D, P	

D = District Champ  
P = Playoffs  
S = State Tourney  
\*Current season

"While I was playing for Coach Griffin, I had to work my way up from being a timid freshman to where I am now, a college basketball player. And he's done the same thing to get to his 900th win. Coach Griffin is an all-around great guy and his hard work has led him to this milestone. He's helped me become the person and player I am today."

**- Hillary Shaffer**

## More than a coach

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Brownsboro's Fred Griffin is a special coach beyond the 900 career wins, just ask the players who have helped him achieve past milestones.

Griffin reached career win No. 900 with a 45-4 decision against Daingerfield Friday in the Brownsboro High School gym in front of hundreds of family, friends and former players.

Two players who have helped Griffin reach milestone wins in the past reflect on what Griffin has meant to them.

"Coach pushed us really hard when we were playing," Shay (Bowman) Irving said. "He is a great coach that deserves to reach this great milestone. I remember reaching 700 my sophomore year. Coach was my 'dad' when I was in school. He made sure I was in the right place at the right time and when I wasn't he made sure I would next time. To this day I am very thankful for him leading me in such a way. I am a great wife and mother and I have my mom and coach to thank for that."

Irving played for Griffin and the Bearettes for four years (2003-2006) on the varsity level leading the team to two appearances in the state tournament. While the memories on the court are special, Irving said it was a moment away from basketball she remembers the most.

"Although it's not related to basketball, my favorite memory of coach is at the George Cumby relay when coach asked me to run in the mile relay. I looked at him and said 'Wait, run what?' Then I came back to him and said 'Okay, coach, I'll do it.' I ran my lap, almost dying coming in last place, but coach was at the finish line waiting to catch me. I said 'I did it coach, I finished' he laughed and said 'Yeah, you did. That's my girl,'" Irving said.

On the court, Irving remembers Griffin giving her a new name, coach's reaction to her injury, the trips to state and, of course, Griffin's game-day behaviors.



"Coach was the first one to start calling me Shadedra (sha de dra). My name is Shedera (sha da ra)," Irving said. "My junior year at tip-off against Rains, I dislocated my shoulder. It was my first serious injury. I was scared crazy, but before I left for the hospital coach put his hands on my shoulder and assured me that all would be fine."

Irving went to state with Brownsboro her freshman and senior year, and said she remembers Griffin kicking over his chair and the light blue shirt, jeans and black boot he wore to every game.

"I think he still wears the same ones from when we played," Irving said. "We love you coach."

Monica Redfearn also enjoyed the run to the state tournament even after tearing her ACL in the first playoff game.

"After the years out of high school, I can still play back all the thrills, all the disappointments and the laughter," Redfearn said. "It's a great feeling when you can go out on the court and you realize every single girl is there to win, but also



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Top, members of the Bearettes congratulate Coach Fred Griffin on his 900th career coaching win Jan. 20 over Daingerfield. Griffin has led the Bearettes to the playoffs in 23 of his 28 seasons at the helm. Above, Griffin shakes the hands of the Daingerfield team after his historic victory.

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"Awesome! Congratulations Coach Griffin, you make our community proud."

**- Ann Hall, Chandler Mayor**

"This is such a great accomplishment and honor!! I'm so proud to say that I am from Brownsboro and that I had the honor to know such a great coach. He is truly devoted to the game of basketball and the youth of BISD!"

**- Tonya Allison Toole**

"Thata baby Fred! Course this means he is really old. lol." - James Croley, former BHS coach

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