

Runnin' Goats break even last week

By Kelly Ihler

The Runnin' Goats were at home on Tuesday January 26th against the Robinson Rockets. The Rockets are presently 5th in district but have played several of the top teams in district closely.

The Goats came out a little off their game as the Rockets pulled them out of their 3/2 defense and forced them to play man to man. The Goats found themselves down 17-28 at the half. The Goats fought their way back and were able to tie the score up at the end of 3 quarters. Once the Goats got the lead they were not about to let it slide and came out with a 53-47 win.

Kevin Waller owned the paint scoring 16 points, 16 rebounds, and knocking out 5 blocked shots. Trey Perkins helped control the inside game hitting 14 points and pulling down 10 rebounds. Omar Cooper had 9 points and 5 rebounds. Chase Burrow added 7 more points, 3 assists, and 4 rebounds.

On Friday the Goats headed over to Lorena to face the 11th ranked Leopards who were 3-1 in district and in a three-way tie for first. The Goats started out with tough defense and a patient offense to take a lead of 11-7 at the end of the first quarter. Lorena was not going away though and they pulled ahead to lead at the half 23-17 thanks to three big three pointers from Underwood. The Runnin Goats beat the Leopards in the third quarter but were still down 24-29. With about 5 minutes left in the game Burrow hit a three pointer to pull the game within 3 points. Lorena's McAn-

inch fired back hitting along three pointer to put it back to six points. The Leopards got 14 attempts at the free throw line in the quarter and the Goats were unable to swing the game back into their favor. The Leopards won the game 54-37. Caleb Holbrook led the Goats with 9 points and 7 rebounds.

Perkins had 8 points and 6 rebounds. Cooper had another 6 points, 3 rebounds and 1 blocked shot. Michael Graves had 5 points, 3 rebound, and 2 assists.

The Freshmen team played the visiting Rockets in a very close game. They were down at the half 13-9, but kept after them until time ran out and they lost by 3, 34-31. Matthew Barnes scored 19 points for the Goats including 12 in the fourth quarter alone. The Goats found themselves down the whole game against Lorena, but in the fourth quarter they stepped up their defense and held the Leopards to only 3 free throws in the final quarter. The Goats last effort fell short leaving them down 44-37 at the final buzzer. Barnes again led scoring 15 points. Michael Adams added another 9 points.

The Goats begin the second round of district with a record of 2-3 and 13-13 overall. They continue their quest to reach the top of district and keep their play-off hopes alive with Connally at home on Tuesday February 2nd. They take on the 19th ranked La Vega Pirates on Friday in Groesbeck. They then travel over to Mexia on Tuesday February 9th to take on the 10th ranked Black-Cats in the battle of the river.

Boot Campers run for a good cause

Nine boot campers ran in the Miracle Match Marathon Relay and Half Marathon on Jan. 31st. The cold temperatures couldn't slow them down. The relays were made of teams of 4, each running anywhere from 5 to 8 miles. The half marathon was a race of 13.1 miles in length.



Shelton Chapman, Barbara Hicks, Diana Fraley, and Sindra Fraley (Relay Team)



Sara Chiglo, Natasha Rash, Lori Kelley, and Sarah Owen (Relay Team)



Scott Rash. (Ran Half Marathon)

The human race has had long experience and a fine tradition in surviving adversity. But we now face a task for which we have little experience, the task of surviving prosperity.
---Alan Gregg

Lady Goats fall twice

By Kelly Ihler

The Lady Goats began the second half of district 19-3A play this week. They started the week on Tuesday playing the defending state champion Robinson Lady Rockets in the Goat gymnasium.

The Lady Goats seemed to be executing their plays and breaks very well during the game but struggled to convert the hard work onto the scoreboard. At the end of the first half the Lady Goats were down 10-36. The final score at the end of the night was Robinson 61, Groesbeck 19.

DeShontay Jackson led scoring with 6 points, 4 of those coming in the fourth quarter. Lauren Waller added 3 points. The remainder of the team each scored 2 points, Juanita Nino, BJ Neal, Cassie Anders, Tazia Medlock and Tamara Lee.

On Friday the Groesbeck

team traveled to Lorena to take on another tough opponent, the number 13 ranked Lady Leopards. The Lady Goats struggled against the strong team and lost again 18-68. Jackson scored 8 points on the night. Anders added another 5. Medlock and Waller each had 2 points and Neal hit 1 free throw.

The JV team lost both games this week as well. Ashley Sutton led the Goats offensive attack in the loss to Robinson. Shanice Wickware led the team in scoring with 5 points against the Lady Leopards.

The Lady Goats have three more district games in the season. They take on Connally at home on Tuesday, February 2nd. On Friday they will be at home again vs. the La Vega Lady Pirates. The Lady Goats finish out the season against the rival Lady Blackcats in Mexia on Tuesday the 9th.

Youth Baseball Registration

Registration Dates are Sat., Feb 6 2:00 - 4:00pm and Sat., Feb 20 2:00 - 4:00pm at Oliver Park. Deadline is February 20th.

T-Ball will be traveling to out of town games and season will last through June - same as older divisions

Birth Certificate must be present to register.



Forms available at registration or at www.leaguelineup.com/groesbeck.

\$70 per player (Sibling discount available)

Members Meeting Wed. Feb 17 at Enge-Washington Cafeteria 6:30 pm

If you are interested in coaching (head or assistant), we strongly encourage you to attend this meeting. We need to know who is willing to coach

GHS Powerlifting underway

By Kelly Ihler

The Groesbeck power lifting program got kicked off this last week with a trip to Blooming Grove. The squad is coached this year by 1st year Goat coach Mike Scott. He is being helped by Frankie Smith.

The coaches and a squad of 7 lifters travelled to Blooming Grove to see just how much iron they were ready to pump. The lifters included Martin Balderas, Damian Kozak, Colton Hedrick, Jake Maddux, Evan Ruen, Ben Parrish, and Tony Barraza. Of the group Balderas, Kozak, and Barraza, turned in performances worthy of regional rankings.

Balderas placed 2nd in the 181 pound class. Kozak placed 3rd in

the 165 pounders. Both lifters are currently ranked 9th in the region, a feat especially impressive considering they are both freshmen. Tony Barraza lifted in the 275 pound class and put up enough weight to earn an 11th place ranking in the region.

This small group is not the entire squad. Coach Scott said that there are 20 boys and 8 girls involved in power lifting this year. A lot of the lifters are still getting ready and their muscles primed for their first meet. The team is set to travel to Madisonville on Monday the 1st of February, and then to West on February 20th. All of the lifters are working towards putting up a qualifying number to get into the regional meet.

Groesbeck Softball League- Monday night practices

The Groesbeck Softball League will begin to hold open practice on Monday nights beginning February 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Groesbeck City Park field- weather permitting. This is open practice time for any players, new or old, to come out and work on their hitting, fielding, etc.

Groesbeck Softball League Registration

The 2010 softball season is right around the corner. The first registration day for the 2010 season will be this Saturday, February 6th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Swick's BBQ and Limestone Video. The final registration date will be Saturday, February 13th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Swick's BBQ.

Registration packets consist of \$50 fee for t-ball and coach pitch and a \$70 fee for midgets, freshmen and juniors, registration form and certified birth certificate. All girls who played last year were mailed a registration form. Incomplete packets will not be accepted. All completed packets will be dated and numbered in the order they are received.

Coaching forms are also available at Swick's BBQ are due back by 1:00 p.m. on February 13th. Please contact Susan Swick, GSL President for more information.

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.
---Horace

GMS Basketball Report

Boys Basketball

The 7th grade White team lost to Connally. The Goats had trouble handling the press. Good defensive play was made by Del Toro and McNutt. Scoring for the Goats was Longenbaugh with 8.

The 8th grade White team also had trouble against the press recently with Connally. Good ball movement and defense almost got them in the game. In the end, the Goats fell short of the Cadets.

After a win against Lorena 18-17 the 7th grade Red team lost to Connally. Jayland Jackson and Jacob Fox had the only points for the Goats.

The 8th grade Red team also won against Lorena, 35-32, but could not beat Connally. The Goats lost 44-22 to a good Connally team.

Girls Basketball

The 7th grade Red lost to Lorena 37-13. Scoring was Skye Foy with 6, Hailie Reynolds had 5 and Katia Jimenez added 2.

The 8th grade Red lost 13-38 with lots of foul trouble. Scoring were Mandy Adams with 5; Shataria Asberry with 4; Jacoia McCullen with 3; and Gracie Hedrick added 1.

Fairfield Tournament results are given below:

7th grade Red defeated Marlin 23-20. Skye Foy had 9, Chantel

Ratcliff scored 5, Katia Jimenez scored 3 and Bailey Johnson, Hailie Reynolds and Kandice Mack all added 2 points each.

7th grade came up short against Whitney 23-39. Skye Foy scored 8, Hailie Reynolds 7, Bailey Johnson 6, Kandice Mack and Jordan Poldrack each added 1.

The 8th grade Red lost to Fairfield 23-32. JaCoya McMullen scored 8, Shataria Asberry had 7; Kathleen O'Kelley added 4; and Gracie Hedrick and Mandy Adams each added 2.

They lost to Whitney 17-32. Shataria Asberry lead with 9, Kathleen O'Kelley had 4, Juanita Del Toro and Mandy Adams each added 2.

The 7th grade had a very exciting game against the Lady Cadets of Connally and won 20-16.

Leading scorers for Groesbeck were Skye Foy, 7; Hailie Reynolds, 6; Jordan Poldrack with a big shot late in the game with 3; Bailie Johnson and Katia Jimenez each added 2.

The 8th grade Red came from behind a 3rd quarter deficit of 16-6 to defeat Connally 26-22!

Scoring for the Lady Goats were JaCoya McCullen with 10; Shataria Asberry with 6; Raelynn Swinnea had 4; Juanita Del Toro, Jordyn LaViolet and Mandy Adams all added 2.

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