



POP WARNER FOOTBALL

(AT LEFT) Brownfield's Pop Warner football team competed in the Pikes Peak Showdown Bowl recently in Colorado Springs, Colo. The team includes (back row, left to right) Nicholas Lira, Caleb Martinez, Ryland Morin, Jaylohn Marroquin, Nicolas Holguin, Stephen Martinez, Darian Alvarado, Zavier Garcia, (front row) Jonathon Romero, Ian Romero, Danny Mata, J.C. Carrillo, Elijah Garza, Zariu Garcia, Jason Quintanilla, Ivan Dominguez and Alec Morin.



Wellman-Union's Breck Faught fights off Lady Eagle defense. The Lady Wildcats suffered a 50-36 Ropes loss Tuesday night.

Lady Wildcats suffer Ropes loss, 50-36 after great half

Wellman-Union's pack of Lady Wildcats played a great first half against Ropes Tuesday night, but unfortunately not a great entire game. The Lady 'Cats maintained a steady early-game lead over the visiting Lady Eagles, but somehow lost 50-36. They led 16-11 at the end of the first quarter and 26-22 at halftime, but stayed tied early in the third until the scoreboard dropped below their favor. Partly due to weak defense and more than one pass that mistakenly landed straight in the wingspan of a defending Lady Eagle, they were down 30-39 at the end of the third and even further through the entire fourth.

"We played a great first half, and in the second half we played with less intensity," said head coach Todd Ellis. "We never gave up, but Ropes girls did not give up either, and they made their points and did not turn the ball over as much as we did. Turnovers cost us dearly." Scorers included Sierra Wheatley 6-0 0-1 12, Abi Lindsey 4-0 1-2 9, Rosa Olivas 3-0 6, Lexi Olivas 2-0 4, Breck Faught 1-0 1-2 3 and Tori Browne 1-0 2. The Lady 'Cats landed two of nine free-throw attempts for 22 percent and the Lady Eagles 10 of 19 for 53 percent. Ropes' Lacy Jackson scored 19 points for the Lady Eagles.

Ellis added that there is still time for the improvement they need before district season starts Tuesday in Borden County. "We are a young team, and we will fix this," he said. Wellman-Union's junior high girls team won big Monday night against Loop. They earned a 51-11 victory over the Lady Longhorns with quarterly advantages of 15-0, 22-4 and 37-8. Scorers included Bianca Hughes 19, Jordan Conner 9 and Kayleigh Forbes 5. "We came out this week much more prepared and played better as a team," said Coach Jami Richardson. "I'm proud of what they accomplished."

Cats suffer Ropes loss, 60-30

A pack of Wildcats got stuck in some visiting Eagles' wingspans Tuesday night and never could get out. Wellman-Union's young, as-yet-winless hoop team suffered a 60-30 loss to Ropesville visitors, but not from lack of effort. "I think we played hard, but we made a lot of mistakes that are tough to overcome," said Head Coach JoeBob Ussery. The 'Cats were down 0-15 after a first quarter in which they were barely able to shoot a basket, much less land one. They sank five shots in the second, though, but were still down 10-32 at halftime and 16-56 by the end of the third. They actually outscored the Eagles by a nearly four-to-one margin in the

fourth, which unfortunately still wasn't enough to recover from their 40-point deficit from minutes earlier. Ussery added that as the season progresses, he plans to instruct the 'Cats to handle pressure better and avoid the turnovers that cost them the Ropes game. "We're a young team, and we're going to keep working and improving," he said. "I feel like we have a bright future ahead of us." Scorers included Kirby Bailey 5-0 10, Luis Gonzales 3-1 1-2 10, Nathaniel Steiger 2-1 7, Martin Loewen 0-0 1-2 1 and Vincent Tedford 0-0 1-2 1. The 'Cats landed four of 12 free-throw attempts for 33 percent. The Wildcats were competing in a tournament in White-

face as this issue of the *Brownfield News* went to press, and are set to begin district season Dec. 11 in Borden County. Their next home game is Dec. 14 against Loop. For results and photos from those games, keep checking your hometown newspaper.