

Lady Cubs open district with win

The Brownfield Lady Cubs kicked off the 2013 District basketball season Friday night with a convincing win over the Coahoma Bulldogettes in Cub Gym.

The win was all the more impressive with two of the Lady Cubs' starters on the bench.

Mallorie Ellis sat out with a foot injury and Gaby Aviles went



Lexi Cruz played one of her best games this season to lead the Lady Cubs to victory over district foe Coahoma.

down in the first quarter with what was later diagnosed as a sprained knee.

The rest of the team stepped up to fill the gaps and gradually pulled away from the Bulldogettes.

At the end of the first quarter, the Lady Cubs were up by three points, 11-8.

At the half, Brownfield widened the gap, taking a 26-15 lead into the locker room.

"I was really proud of how our girls performed tonight, especially with two of our highest scorers not on the court," said Head Coach Derek Faught. "Lexi (Cruz) had her best game ever and really put us over the top. She was a force and I think we'll start seeing a lot more of her this year."

After the half, Brownfield continued the pressure, upping the

score to 37-24 by the end of the third frame.

The fourth quarter was the only period Coahoma outscored the Lady Cubs, but it wasn't enough to close the gap by the final buzzer, when Brownfield notched the victory, 47-37.

Cruz was the leading scorer for the game with 16 points, followed by Tessa Hope, with 13.

Sloane Holt contributed six points on the night.

Madison Ellis and Ashlee Zambrano both were good for three points.

Destiny Jimenez, Tabby Castenada and Aviles contributed two points each.

The Lady Cubs will take the court again Tuesday night when they host the Denver City Fillies in Game 2 of the 2013 District season.

Cubs win final tune-up

The Brownfield Cubs hosted the Class 3A Andrews Mustangs, former district rivals, Friday night, but never trailed the visiting squad, on their way to their final victory of the pre-district season.

The Cubs wasted no time in pouncing on the Mustangs, opening up a 22-9 first-quarter lead, thanks to their usual blistering pace that tired the Andrews squad out early in the contest.

At halftime, the Cubs enjoyed a 39-26 advantage.

The third frame was another exhibition of the Runnin' Cubs speedy style, as Brownfield padded their lead with a 21-9 run.

At the end of the period, the Cubs had widened the gap to 60-35.

Brownfield let up in the fourth quarter and Andrews turned it up, narrowing the score with a 24-9 run, but it wasn't enough to come from behind.

At the final buzzer, Brownfield took the win, 69-60.

"We were on point for most of the game, but we stopped playing in the fourth and let them make a run at us," said Head Coach Dustin Faught. "We can't afford to do that when we get into district, or it will come back to bite us. For the most part, we played a solid

game, but we always need four full quarters of basketball."

Shacolby Hill led all scorers with 24 points on the night.

Shaun Paiva pitched in with nine points, followed by Corey Nolan with eight of his own.

Ryan Caballero was good for six points against the Mustangs with a pair of shots from behind the arc.

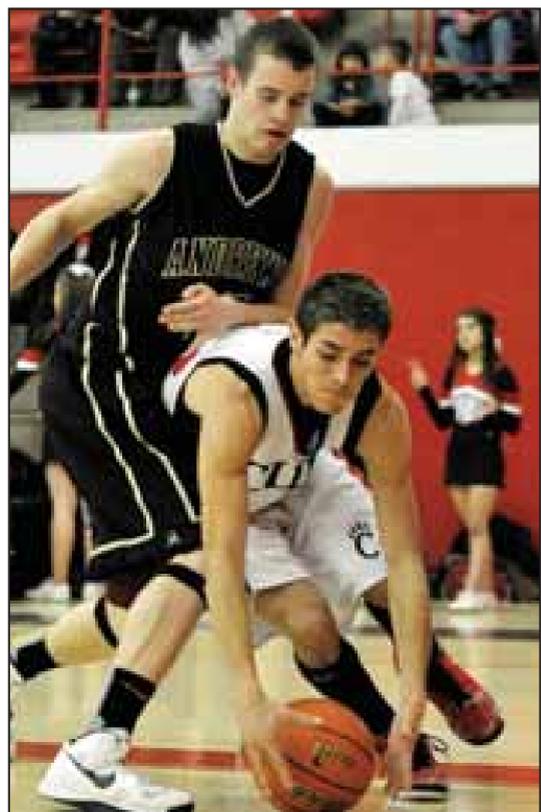
Four Cubs had four points in the contest, to include Ricky Rodriguez, Eliseo Salas, Malcolm Rainwater and Cole Garcia.

Cade Powell and Jordan Demps both added three points.

The Cubs will have Tuesday off to prepare for next Friday's district opener at Lamesa.

"We're in a new district and it's our first time playing in 2A so we're excited about it," Faught said. "The guys have worked hard to get ready for district and we're ready to make our run for the playoffs and see how deep we can go."

Brownfield Cub Cole Garcia went to the floor for a loose ball under the basket Friday night in the Cubs' final pre-district game against the Andrews Mustangs. The Cubs won the contest, 69-60.



Broncos, Lady Broncos win big

The Meadow Broncos dominated their home turf to earn a 80-47 victory over Wilson, following the Lady Broncos' 53-35 win.

"I thought we played with a lot better effort tonight than we have been," said head coach Kyle Johnson. "We got out and ran the floor better."

The Broncos (3-1, 10-7) stamped straight to their basket after tip-off to score a lay-up followed by two rebounds in the first minute, and never stopped scoring in the next 31.

They were ahead 18-11 at the end of the first quarter, 38-15 at halftime and 66-35 at the end of the third.

Scorers included Zach England 8-0 2-8 18, Brandon Flores 6-0 2-2 14, Mason Davila 5-0 10, Tyler Harrison 4-0 8, Alan Estrada 4-0 8, Adrian Flores 2-0 4, Christian Herrera 1-0 2-4, Gavon Gardner 1-0 2-3 4 and Ralph Urias 1-0 2. The Broncos landed 12 of 19 free-throw attempts for 63 percent.

The Lady Broncos' Wilson victory contained some great offense, particularly from double-digit scorers junior Tamara Vela and freshman Lexy Silva.

They led the Lady Mustangs at the first quarter, 27-20 at halftime and 40-27 at the third, and would have won by more than 20 points had an opponent not sunk a three-pointer in literally the last second of the game.

"I thought we played pretty well for this being the break," said head coach Ryan Bobo. "It was a good game to come

back on."

Scorers included Lexy Silva 5-0 7-14 17, Tamara Vela 7-0 3-4 17, K. Saenz 4-0 8, Reina

Garza 2-0 2-6 6 and Katlen Davila 2-0 1-2 5.

The Lady Broncos are 5-1 in district and 12-10 overall.



Lady Bronco Lexy Silva protects the ball from a Wilson defender in Friday night's home match-up.

Wildcats, Lady 'Cats lose contests in Grady

The Wellman-Union Wildcats suffered a 19-72 loss in Grady, but played great the first two quarters against that school's 11th-ranked Wildcats.

"We played our best half of the year," said head coach JoeBob Ussery.

Wellman-Union was down 10-20 at the end of the first quarter and 15-30 at halftime, but scored only four points in the third and not a single basket in the fourth.

Scorers included Kirby Bailey 7, Kirk Martin 4, Vincent Tedford 4, Braden Caldwell 2 and Luis Gonzales 2.

Now 0-13, the 'Cats are aiming for their first season victory when they host Klondike Tuesday.

The Lady 'Cats suffered a frustrating Grady loss of their own, 16-60. They landed only a basket or two each quarter, while their opponents never stopped moving the scoreboard.

"We let too many things take us out of our game," said head coach Todd Ellis. "It got ugly quickly, and there was no recovery."

Tori Browne led the Lady 'Cats with six points. The team is now 2-3 in district and 4-12 overall.

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