

# WHAT A FINISH!

## Lady Cubs end season with overtime win

The Brownfield Lady Cubs had a packed house on its feet Tuesday night with a barn burner to close out their season against the Colorado City Lady Wolves with an overtime win that wasn't sewn up until the clock was counting down single

digits.

The final District match-up of the 2013 regular season was a game of runs as both teams put together double-digit scoring binges to either pull away or close the gap in the nail biter that saw the score knotted as many

times during the game as there were large differences.

The Brownfield squad, hanging on to a slim hope of earning a playoff berth, trailed by two at the end of the first quarter (13-11) and by four at the half (25-21).

The third frame saw the Lady Wolves extend their lead by another point, to 39-34, heading into the fourth quarter.

The Lady Cubs turned up the heat in the final period, pressing the visiting squad and causing several key turnovers.

A turnover in the other direction almost cost the Lady Cubs the game though, as the Brownfield squad attempted to thin out the Lady Wolves' defense for almost a minute as time dwindled, hoping for an opening in the land and a lay-up opportunity.

However with less than 30 seconds left in the game, a Colorado City defender stole the ball and charged down court, only to miss the lay-up under pressure.

Five different Lady Cubs got buckets in the fourth, to put together a 15-10 scoring run and tie the game at the buzzer, sending the contest into overtime.

C-City opened scoring quickly in the fifth period with a three-pointer.

The Lady Cubs knotted the score again with a trey by Tessa Hope, who also had a jumper in the paint and a pair of free throws in overtime to push the Lady Cubs ahead with under a minute to play.

With 20 seconds left, senior Tabby Castaneda pulled up for a shot from behind the arc. It fell and Lady Cub fans went berserk as the five point lead put the game out of reach for the Lady Wolves and Brownfield took the win, 60-55.

The Lady Cubs finished the

District 4-2A season with a 4-6 record, splitting with each district opponent, except Lamesa, who is undefeated in conference play this season.

The Lady Cubs were led Tuesday by Hope, with 18 points and eight each from Castaneda and Ashly Zambrano.

Mallorie Ellis and Sloane Holt both tallied seven points, followed by Destiny Jimenez and Dallas Bruns, with four each.

Madison Ellis and Lexi Cruz both added two points.

Head Coach Dustiin Faught

had high praise for his team after the overtime win, especially his seniors.

"These seniors have been with me since I got here and they have worked tirelessly to turn this program around," he said. "I wish we could have made the playoffs for them, but I'm so glad they got to finish their last game with a big win like this one tonight. They won three out of their last four games and this one was a great way to wrap up a season and a high school career."



AT LEFT -- Dallas Bruns works the ball under the basket.



AT RIGHT -- Tabby Castaneda looks for help on the baseline.



Lady Wildcat Abi Lindsey fights for the ball against an opponent Tuesday night.

## O'Donnell tops 'Cats, Lady 'Cats

The Wellman-Union Wildcats fell 31-58 to the visiting O'Donnell squad, following a 40-45 loss from the girls team.

The Eagles soared ahead by 13 points early in the first quarter while Wellman-Union's side of the scoreboard remained blank until sophomore Luis Gonzales finally scored for the 'Cats. They were still down 5-19 at the end of the first, 14-38 at halftime and 29-54 after the third. They landed only a couple free throws in the fourth.

"We had a lot of open looks in the fourth quarter and just didn't knock them down," said Head Coach JoeBob Ussery. "We have to stop coming out slow in the first quarter if we want to compete."

Gonzales led with 15 points, followed by Kirk Martin 7, Vincent Tedford 3, Braden Caldwell 3, Martin Loewen 2, Kirby Bailey 2 and Nathaniel Steiger 1.

The Lady Wildcats wrapped up a 6-19 season with the O'Donnell loss. They traded leads a few times and scored fairly evenly with the Lady Eagles in the first half, but missed shots and turnovers had them down by double digits by the third quarter. They narrowed their deficit to three the last minute of the game, but an O'Donnell bucket and free throw with just seconds remaining diminished much chance of a comeback.

"It didn't end as well as we would have had it, but it was fun," said Head Coach Todd Ellis. "The girls played hard for four quarters and tried to get the win. I think it will be a game to build on for next year."

Senior Tori Browne led the Lady 'Cats with 14, followed by Rosa Olivas with 10.

The Wildcats travel to Borden County Friday and host Loop Tuesday.

## Wolves pose no threat to Cubs' winning streak

As the old saying goes, the Colorado City Wolves got in free Tuesday night to watch the Brownfield Cubs play basketball.

The Cubs jumped out to an early insurmountable lead and never let the visiting district foes back into contention.

Brownfield's blistering speed and smothering defense quickly proved too much for the Wolves to handle.

At the end of the first frame, the Cubs were on top 26-11.

The second frame was just as punishing for the visiting squad, as the Cubs posted a 14-7 run to extend their lead to 40-18 at the half.

The third quarter was much the same, with the Cubs continuing to frustrate the Wolves and widening the gap to 61-26, heading into the final frame.

Cubs Head Coach Dustin Faught rotated the entire Cubs bench into the game as the game wound down.

Colorado City found its stride in the fourth quarter, but it was too little too late.

They outscored Brownfield 15-5 in the final frame, but the Cubs had a 25-point lead when the buzzer ended the District 4-2A match-up.

The Cubs were led on the night by sophomore Shacolby Hill, who contributed 27 points in the contest.

Hill had seven buckets from inside the arch and another four from outside the stripe.

He also had an assist, three rebounds, a block and a steal against the Wolves.

Senior Ricky Rodriguez had 10 points on the night, as well as

three assists, three rebounds, a block and a steal.

Following their lead were Shaun Paiva and Malcolm Rainwater with seven points each.

Paiva had two assists and five rebounds on the night, as well as two blocks and two steals.

Rainwater tallied four rebounds and a steal against the Wolves.

Senior Cade Powell added five points, including a bucket in the paint and one from behind the arch.

He also was credited with four rebounds in the game.

Eliseo Salas and Cole Garcia were good for four points each in the contest.

Salas had a pair of rebounds and one steal.

Garcia had two rebounds, one block and one steal.

Jordan Demps had two points in the game and three steals.

The win clinched the Cubs' District 4-2A Championship trophy, according to Faught.

"This one went pretty much like we thought it might," he said following the convincing win. "We're still concentrating on the games we have coming up. We still have to play Coahoma Friday and then we'll take on Denver City next week. Thankfully we'll have the advantage of home court, but their players will be fired up and looking for revenge since we beat them on their court the last time we played."

The Cubs held on to their 25th position in the TABC poll this week after obtaining the lofty spot last week.

Brownfield will host Coahoma Friday night in Cub gym.



Jordan Demps went head and shoulders over a defender for a shot Tuesday night in Cub Gym.

## Broncos secure playoff spot with win

By: JOSIE MUSICO

A longtime February tradition at Meadow has not been broken - the Broncos are in the playoffs.

What was long assumed this season is now official, following the Broncos' 44-38 road victory Tuesday night in New Home.

The Lady Broncos wrapped up their season with a 33-58 loss to the Lady Leopards.

The Broncos led 21-11 at the end of the first quarter and 30-19 at halftime.

"The first half I felt we played well and were pretty focused," he said. "The second

half we came out with no energy and almost allowed New Home to catch us."

Leading scorers were Mason Davila with 11 and Zach England with 10.

After wrapping up their regular season Friday in Southland, the Broncos will face a bi-district match the following week.