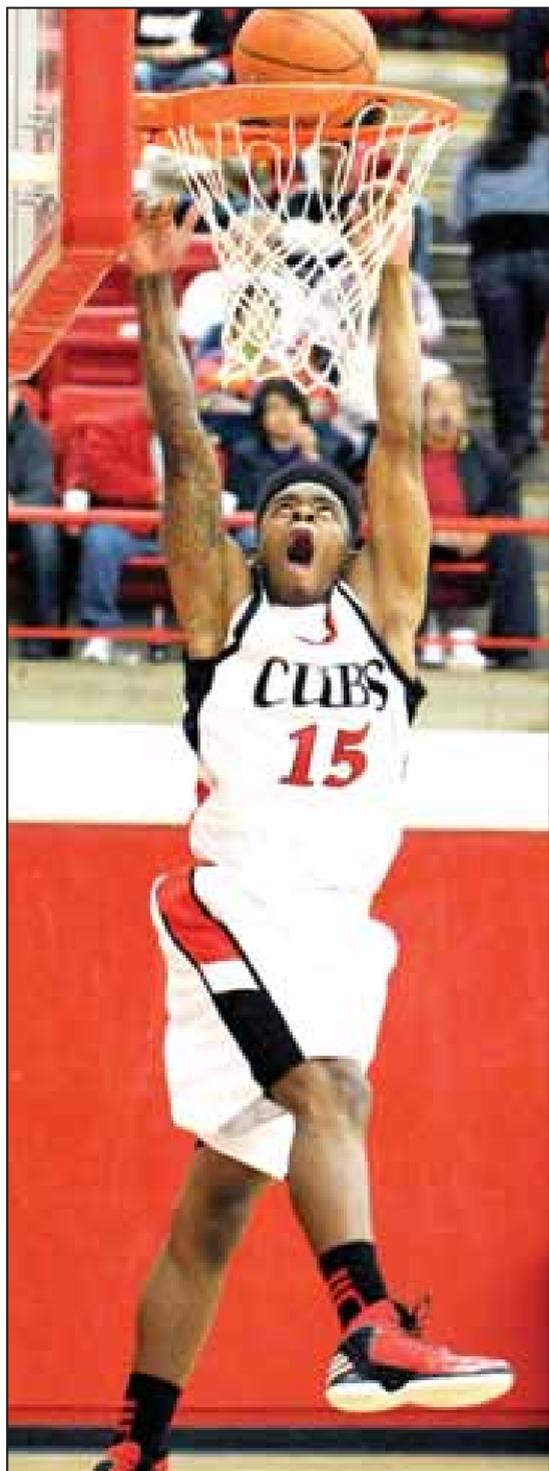


DOMINATING PLAY

Runnin' Cubs too much for out-matched Bulldogs



The Brownfield Cubs dominated the visiting Coahoma Bulldogs Friday night and hardly broke a sweat doing so.

The Runnin' Cubs overwhelmed the Bulldogs from the get-go, forcing three turnovers and running up a double-digit lead in under two minutes after the tip-off.

The Bulldogs simply had no answer for the Cubs' impressive speed and smothering full-court press.

By the end of the first quarter, Brownfield was on top, 31-9.

The second quarter was just as lopsided as the Cubs continued to outpace the Bulldogs at every spot on the court and on both sides of the ball.

Brownfield outscored Coahoma 21-4 in the quarter and went into the locker room for half time with a 39-point lead, 52-13.

The Cubs called off the dogs in the third and let the 'Dogs do a little scoring of their own, but not enough to close the gap. At the end of the third frame, the Cubs still enjoyed an insurmountable lead, 67-27.

The Bulldogs grew more physical in the fourth and the Cubs continued to back off, allowing the frustrated visitors more looks at the basket.

When the final buzzer sounded, Brownfield won by 35 points, 80-45.

The Cubs clinched the District 4-2A title last week with their win over Colorado City, but are keeping their eye on long-time rival Denver City.

"We pretty much knew how this game was going to go," said Head Coach Dustin Faught after the rout. "We haven't really been challenged on the court since we were in Denver City a few weeks ago. So we have to get set for them to come over here next week and give us a game. It's not going to be easy, but that's exactly what I want. We need someone to challenge us and make us sharpen up before we head into the playoffs."

The Cubs were led Friday night by sophomore Shacolby Hill, who wracked up 20 points against the Bulldogs. He also had three assists, three rebounds and four steals.

Two Cubs -- Ricky Rodriguez and Jordan Demps -- had 10 points in the game.

Rodriguez, a senior, also had two assists, a rebound and three steals.

Demps, a sophomore, tallied three assists and a rebound.

Senior Ryan Caballero scored nine points in the game, with two assists, a rebound and a steal.

Junior Eliseo Salas had eight points for the Cubs, with three assists, a rebound and three steals.

Cade Powell, a senior, also had eight points, including a pair from behind the arch. Powell added two rebounds and a steal.

Cub posts Shaun Paiva and Cole Garcia both pitched in with six points against the Bulldogs.

Paiva, a senior, also had three assists, five rebounds and a steal.

Garcia, a junior, had one assist and one steal. He cleaned the glass better than anyone else Friday night with seven rebounds.

Junior Malcolm Rainwater rounded out the Cubs' scoring exhibition with three points on the night, as well as four rebounds and a pair of steals.

The Cubs, now 9-0 in District play will attempt to go undefeated through their conference schedule when they host long-time rival Denver City Tuesday night at 6:30 in Cub Gym.

AT LEFT --
Brownfield Cub Shacolby Hill jumped head and shoulders above everyone else to net two points early in the game Friday night.

AT RIGHT --
Brownfield Cub Jordan Demps went up for a jumper just outside the lane Friday night in Cub Gym.



Coyotes outrun Wildcats

Wellman-Union played a great first half against Borden County Friday night, but unfortunately for them the game had a second half.

The Wildcats ultimately suffered a 65-22 loss to the state-ranked Coyotes, whose size and aggression could have easily scared their young team straight off the court.

Instead, the visitors managed to barely trail the Coyotes 10-15 at the end of the first quarter and were down by just seven at halftime.

But after the break, Borden County's constant interceptions followed by quick lay-ups allowed the 'Cats to score only five points the third quarter and a single free throw in the entire fourth.

"We played a really good first half and then in the second half everything just fell apart," said Head Coach JoeBob Ussery. "(The Coyotes) scored easily - we didn't make them run any offense."

Scorers included Luis Gonzales 7, Braden Caldwell 5, Vincent Tedford 4, Kirby Bailey 3, Martin Loewen 2 and Nathaniel Steiger 1.

Not exactly playoff-bound the 'Cats will wrap up their as-yet-winless season Tuesday with a home match against Loop. An early tip-off is set for 6:30 p.m.



Meadow Bronco Christian Herrera goes up for a shot against Southland Friday night in the final game of the regular season.

Broncos top Southland; prepare for playoff run

A longtime Meadow tradition will not be broken this year at least - the Broncos are in the playoffs.

And if they keep playing the way they did Friday in Southland, they'll stay in them a good while. The boys in purple and gold wrapped up their regular season with a stampeding 90-26 road victory over the Eagles, lining them up for a bi-district match Feb. 19 against an as-yet-determined opponent.

"The thing I was looking for us to do (Friday) was to play hard consistently, and I think we did a good job of that," said Head Coach Kyle Johnson.

The Broncos constantly sank shot after shot from the field, as a low foul kept the free-throw line mostly empty and the clock ticking quickly. They were ahead 24-6 at the end of the first quarter, then 44-8 at halftime and 71-11 at the top of the fourth.

Johnson took advantage of his herd's big lead to send some junior varsity Broncos onto the court, and was pleased how they handled his instructions - a couple of non-starters even scored in the double digits.

"It was good to get everybody some playing time," he said.

Scorers included Zach England 7-0 1-6 15, Ralph Urias 3-2 0-1 14, Mason Davila 5-0 3-3 13, Adrian Flores 5-1 13, Trey Herrera 5-0 10, Tyler Harrison 3-0 3-4 9, Brandon Flores 4-0 8 and Abel Portales 0-0 2-2.

The frustrated Eagles managed to sink only four buckets the entire first half, but brought their scoreboard up slightly in the last few minutes with three-pointers from freshman Kevin Dorman and junior Chance Wood.

For a preview story of the Broncos' upcoming bi-district match, keep checking your hometown newspaper.



Meadow Bronco Ralph Urias passed into the lane in Southland Friday night in the final game of the regular season.