

Sports

Whitesboro JV Tennis team brings home gold

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After recent freezing weather delayed competition, the Junior Varsity Tennis team finally got to get on the court and compete.

The tournament was hosted in Whitesboro and the JV players did outstanding.

Leighton Todd and Luke McAdoo both brought home singles gold medals, and the duos of Kaisei Coppinger/

Easton Patterson and Rylee Athey/Brendon Simpson each brought home gold medals for doubles.

Also medalling were Ryan Rutledge and Riley Malone/Rylie Thomas for second place silver medals.

Bringing home the bronze medal for third place were Allison Eldredge, Logan Booth/Bryce Thompson, and Lynlie Riley/Tucker Berry.



Photo Courtesy Whitesboro Tennis

Easton Patterson (left) and Kaisei Coppinger show off their gold medals from the JV Tennis Tournament for finishing first in the Boys Doubles.



Staff Photo by Jessica Edwards

The Lady Cats couldn't hold off the Lady Cards in last Friday's second round playoff game held at Sherman High School.

Whitesboro falls to Potttsboro in second round of playoffs

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The Whitesboro Lady Cats basketball team faced the Potttsboro Lady Cardinals last Friday night at Sherman High School. It was round two of the district playoffs, but unfortunately, the Lady Cats were defeated 35-19,

ending their season. Whitesboro defense played well, but the team struggled to get ahead from the beginning of the game. At the half, the Lady Cardinals were up 16-8. In the third, Olivia Hildebrand shot a three-pointer to bring the Lady Cats within 5 points of their opponent. Unfortunately, it wasn't

enough, and they ended the quarter with a score of 26-13. The fourth quarter only saw one basket from Whitesboro, a three-poniter from Hildebrand with less than 4 minutes left in the game. A free throw by Avery Howerton brought the 'Cats within 12 points, but the

team couldn't gain on the Lady Cards. Potttsboro advances to the next round of the playoffs where they will face Edgewood in the region quarterfinals. It's the team's first time to make it to the third round of playoffs since 2018.

Lady Cats attend Celina Tournament, shut out Sanger

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Whitesboro High School softball participated in a five-game Celina tournament this past week. The Lady Cats had matchups with the Howe Bulldogs and the Decatur Eagles on Thursday, Feb. 16.

The Lady Cats went 1-1 that day with a 2-1 win against 3A Howe and a 9-6 loss against 4A Decatur. This matchup between the Lady Cats and the Eagles went four innings.

After Whitesboro beat Howe on Thursday, social media went on to congratulate the Lady Cats on their win.

The Lady Cats and Eagles tied 2-2 in the first inning. In the second inning, they remained tied with both teams adding no additional points

to the board. During the third inning, the Lady Cats blew the eagles out by adding four additional runs to the board. The Eagles added two runs of their own. Making the score at the end of the third 6-4, the Lady Cats leading. However, during the fourth and final inning, the Eagles swept the Lady Cats by adding five unanswered runs, making the final score 9-6. After going 1-1 on the first day of the tournament, the Lady Cats remained hopeful for day two against the Frisco Reedy Lions and the John Paul Cardinals on Friday, Feb. 17. Unfortunately, the Lady Cats were unsuccessful against both teams. The Lions went up against the Lady Cats and came out on top, winning 12-0. The Lady Cats met the Cardinals

and were also unsuccessful, the final score for the Cardinals and the Lady Cats being 14-0, John Paul on top. After an unsuccessful tournament day for the Lady Cats, the Whitesboro High School Softball social media went on to post "Rough day at the field, but progress means getting better every pitch... every day! Back at it tomorrow with our last game of the tournament. #10SHIPS". Lady Cats Coach Preslee Gallaway explained that, due to some softball players still being "involved with basketball," the varsity and JV had to combine for day two of the tournament against the Lions and the Cardinals. The Lady Cats turned the tournament around with their final game on Saturday, Feb. 18 against the

Frisco Memorial Warriors. The Lady Cats pulled out a win against the 5A Warriors. The game ended in a 5-4 win for the Lady Cats. The Lady Cats ended the tournament 3-2 with three losses and two wins. The Lady Cats played the Sanger Indians on Monday, Feb. 20. The Lady Cats and Indians went three innings with the Lady Cats ending up on top with a score of 16-1. During the first inning, the Indians scored one run and the Lady Cats scored two. However, during the second inning, the Lady Cats blew the Indians out by adding 14 unanswered runs. During the third and final inning, the Indians failed to bring in any runs, resulting in the Lady Cats ending up on top with 16 runs, making the final score 16-1.



Photo Courtesy Morgan Baldwin

The Lady Cats softball team faced Sanger Monday night. Bradi Gallaway and Tyler Olsen both had home runs to help the team to victory. Once Sanger's pitcher took a line drive to her pitching hand, the team couldn't recover. Final score was 16-1.

The Lady Cats have a 4-3 record on the 2023 season. "I am super excited [for this season and] hoping to get past the third round [this season.]" Coach Gallaway said.

The varsity Lady Cats are participating in another tournament that started Monday and will go until Saturday. They will compete in the Denton Ryan Tournament with more details still to come.

TIOGA BOX SCORE					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Muenster	15	8	13	12	48
Tioga	4	10	8	17	39

Tioga Bulldogs stung by Muenster Hornets, 48-39

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The Tioga Bulldogs were game, but unable to topple Muenster at home in the regular season finale for both teams, on the short end of a 48-39 score.

The Hornets took a big lead in the first, holding the Bulldogs to just 4 points. However, the Bulldogs sligh-

htly trimmed the lead in the second quarter. But Muenster expanded it further after halftime. The Bulldogs brought the margin to under 10 late in the game, after it was otherwise out of reach. Austin Norwood and Johnny Dorpinghaus led Tioga with 12 points each. Evan Ballinger had 11.

Pirate boys win game, lose coin flip

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The Collinsville Pirate boys' basketball team played just one game last week, handily defeating Era with the final score of 86-52.

The victory earned them a tie with Lindsay for 2nd place in the district. Rather than play a game to determine playoff seeding, a coin flip was held between the two head coaches on Wednesday. Lindsay won the toss and earned the #2 seed, with Collinsville getting the #3 seed. The Pirates opened the game with a 3-point shot by Logan Jenkins that set the tone for the entire rest of the game. They would go on to

score 33 of their 86 points from beyond that 3-point arch. Jenkins went on to make 2 more from long range. Joining him in hitting first quarter threes were Landon Carpenter and Nathen Bocanegra. Carter Scott also added a 2-point shot to help the Pirates enjoy a 17-16 first quarter lead. Collinsville shifted to scoring points from inside the 3-point arch in the second quarter. Scott led the way with 6 points. Tyler Fogle, Jenkins, Rylan Newman, and Zeke Munoz each scored a basket as well. The Pirates shot well at the free throw line as they added 6 more points. They went to the halftime break up by 13 points and it was

clear they had the game well in hand. The third quarter was a fairly even affair, with Collinsville outscoring Era 20-17. Reed Patterson and Peyton Davidson added points to scoreboard as they each drained a basket. Scott scored twice more, and hit 2 free throw attempts. Jenkins hit another 3-pointer, followed by two 2-point shots. The biggest highlight of the night came as the buzzer sounded to end the 3rd period of play. Jenkins had the ball and threw a shot from half-court that went off of the backboard and through the net for his 4th 3-pointer of the night. The Pirates dominated the final period of regular seas-

on play, holding Era to just 8 points while scoring 26 more points to earn a blow out win. Bocanegra delighted the crowd by hitting two 3-point shots. Garrett Trevino and Daniel Taylor each made buckets, along with Jenkins, Patterson, and Munoz. Scott scored 7 more points and Davidson drained a shot from downtown. For the first time in all of the basketball games that this writer has covered, every single player from each team scored at least one basket. Because of the aforementioned coin flip, the Pirates will be the #3 seed and faced the Wolf City Wolves in Sherman on Monday.