

Sports

Whitesboro playoff run ends in 4th round

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The Whitesboro Bearcats faced the Mineola Yellow Jackets at Prosper High School in round 4 of the playoffs last Friday night. Although it was a hard-fought game, the Bearcats ultimately lost 55-45, ending their season for the year.

The regional semifinals game started out strong, with Whitesboro taking the lead with a three-pointer from Karter Sluder. The team maintained the advantage for the duration of the half, ending the second quarter with a three-pointer from Mac Harper that barely beat the clock.

When the teams reclaimed the court after halftime,

Mineola came with a clear goal to flip the script. Despite a couple of free-throw sinkers from Bearcat Kason Williams, the Yellow Jackets fought hard to gain the lead for the first time all game, and they didn't let up.

They continued to apply pressure throughout the quarter, hindering Whitesboro's offense.

On their first possession of the fourth quarter, Whitesboro's Jacob Knight brought the Bearcats back into the lead, but it couldn't last.

Mineola quickly took the lead and held onto it for the remainder of the game.

It was an exciting final minutes of game play as Williams scored a three-pointer to tighten the gap, but with Mineola shooting 12 of 13

from the free-throw line, the Bearcats couldn't catch up.

Considering the team began the season with a rocky 0-10 start, it was quite an accomplishment to have made it this far into the playoffs.

After defeating Paradise just a few months later, the Bearcats secured their regional position. This hadn't happened in three years.

It's been a big year for Bearcat Athletics. Many of these players were also members of the football team, which made it to the regional final. Several of these players will go on to compete in other spring sports.

Whether on the field, on the court, or in the community, Whitesboro's student athletes continue to make their town proud.



Photo Courtesy Whitesboro Bearcat Basketball

The Bearcats made it to round 4 of this year's playoffs, but ultimately fell to Mineola in a hard-fought game.

Varsity Lady Cats win track meet

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Whitesboro High School track and field hosted their first full track meet of the season on Thursday, March 3 with a win for the varsity girls.

The meet began with a 3200-meter run, with junior varsity girls starting first then varsity girls, followed by JV boys and then varsity boys.

The running events started with the 4x100m, 800m, 110m hurdles, 100m, 4x200m, 400m, 300m hurdles, 200m, 1600m and lastly the 4x400m.

Several teams attended this meet, including Whitesboro, Gunter, Valley View, Pilot Point, Tioga, Callisburg and Pottsboro.

The winners of the girls running events were Gunter's Elle Whitteker in first and Whitesboro's A'nyiah Shaw in second in the 100m. In the 200m, Gunter's Ava Cantrell got first and Whitesboro's Brylee Weddle got second.

In the 400m, Pilot Point's Addison Hite received first and Whitesboro's Maci Graves received second. In the 800m, Windthorst's Cameron Belcher got first and Whitesboro's Zalenka Brannan got second and Isabel Gabbert got third.

In the 3200m, Pilot Point's



Staff Photo by Jessica Edwards

Whitesboro's Zalenka Brannan won 1st place in pole vault.

Addison Hite received first and Whitesboro's Aubrey Beam received second.

Whitesboro varsity girls won their home meet with 164 points. Gunter was 54 points behind them in second.

In the 4x100 relay, Whitesboro's relay team, Isabel Gabbert, Zaniyah Shaw, Zoie Palmer and A'nyiah Shaw, received fourth. In the 4x200 relay, Whitesboro's relay team, Z. Shaw, Gabbert, Weddle, and A. Shaw, received third.

In the 4x400m relay, Whitesboro's relay team, Addisen McBride, Graves, Weddle, and Brannan, received third.

The winners of the men's running events were Gunter's Collin Peacock in first and Whitesboro's Brett Donaldson in second in the 100m. The winners of the

200m dash were Gunter's Adam Reed in first and Whitesboro's Brett Donaldson.

In the 4x100m relay, Gunter's relay team, Walker Overman, Ethan Sloan, Adam Reed and Mason Sadler got first and Whitesboro's relay team, Kaisei Coppinger, Gavin Brown, Landon Davis and Reese Huhnke, received fourth.

In the 4x200m relay, Whitesboro's relay team, Coppinger, Brown, Davis and Huhnke, received fourth. In the 4x400m relay, Whitesboro's relay team also received fourth.

Whitesboro varsity boys received fifth at the Whitesboro track meet tying with Valley View for 66 points. The winner of the varsity boys was Gunter with 117 points.

Collinsville powerlifter qualifies for State



Photo Courtesy Collinsville Athletics

Collinsville's girls' powerlifting team attended the regional meet last Saturday. Angie Aguilera qualified for the state meet by winning her class. In each respective class, Zoey Ward placed 3rd, Raeli Hall placed 5th, and Kayce Ford placed 5th.

Whitesboro softball dominates final tournament of season

Varsity softball blows competition away in last season tournament.

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The Whitesboro Lady Cats varsity softball team dominated the competition at their last tournament weekend on Friday, March 3 in Bells against the Denison Yellow Jackets and then against the Trenton Tigers.

"We have a couple of girls from select softball, so many have advantages. They work hard during practice [on batting] and defense [so] that when they face competition they are ready to go," Coach Preslee Gallaway said.

Whitesboro kicked off their first game against Denison with three unanswered runs in the first inning. They followed with another answered run in the second inning.

The Yellow Jackets followed with their first and last run of the game in the third inning. At the end of the fourth, the score was 4-1, the Lady Cats winning.

In the second game of the tourney, Whitesboro played Trenton. The Lady Cats and Tigers went through three innings without scoring any runs.

In the fourth inning, the Lady Cats and the Tigers

scored one run each. Making the score at the end of the game 1-1.

"Lady Cats finished today with a DUB [win] against 5A Denison and a tie against 2A Trenton due to time expiring! Come see us tomorrow in Bonham," the WHS Softball Facebook page said.

Whitesboro resumed its final day of the tourney in Bonham on Saturday, March 4. They played the Anna Coyotes first, then the Cooper Bulldogs, and lastly the Pottsboro Cardinals.

The game against Anna resulted in a 3-0 win for the Lady Cats. For the next game of the tourney, the Lady Cats went up against Cooper.

The Lady Cats got a huge win over the Bulldogs. The Lady Cats scored eight runs in the first inning with the Bulldogs only scoring one run.

In the second inning, the Lady Cats scored one unanswered run. In the third and final inning, the Lady Cats scored six additional unanswered runs.

The Lady Cats ended the game with a 15-1 win over the Bulldogs.

Whitesboro ended their final game of the tourna-

ment against Pottsboro. The Lady Cats scored three unanswered runs in the first inning.

The Cardinals scored one run in the second inning and the Lady Cats scored two runs. In the third inning, the Lady Cats scored their final run of the game, resulting in a 6-1 win for the Lady Cats.

"Another three wins today to end Bonham/Bells tournament 4-0-1. District starts next Tuesday [at] Callisburg," the WHS Softball Facebook page said.

"[We started] district [Tuesday, March 7] at Callisburg and then [we are] home against Ponder [tonight.] [We're hoping for a] good run and are looking forward to this year," Coach Gallaway said.

The Lady Cats have kicked off district and will be playing the Ponder Lions in Ponder at 6 p.m. tonight. The Lady Cats' next home game will be against Boyd at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 13.

"Our district is not easy; we have some good competition and we [are] preparing for payoffs with how good our district is. [We have good] opponents coming up and [are] preparing," Coach Gallaway said.

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