

## Lady Cats go 2-2 at ET Shootout

The Lady Cat varsity basketball team recently competed in the annual East Texas Shootout in Brownsboro last weekend.

The Lady Cats played four games going 2-2 for the tournament. In Thursday's opener, the Lady Cats defeated Eustace 45-21.

Caroline Perrier led a balance scoring attack with 8 points followed by Kayla Mason, Alicia Cordova, and Brittani Toole with 6 each. Cordova would also have 11 rebounds while Ericka Taylor had 8 boards.

In Friday's action, the Lady Cats would have a big second half to defeat host Brownsboro 50-45.

The Lady Cats would outscore Brownsboro 17-6 in the third quarter to surge ahead. Cordova would lead all scorers with 16 while Mason added 13, and Toole had 7 points along with 7 rebounds.

In the second game on Friday, the Lady Cats would see a defensive collapse in the second quarter against North Lamar which cost them the game, 57-47.

North Lamar would go on a 25-9 run in the second quarter and then hang on in the second half for the win. Toole, Cordova, and Mason would carry most of the scoring load with 17, 10, and 10 points, respectively.

In Saturday's matchup, the Lady Cats would put up a good fight but would come up short to a very talented Crockett team with a score of 60-43. Cordova would have 13 points and 11 rebounds while Perrier would heat up from the outside to hit for 13 points.

## JV drops close match with Lee

The Lady Cat JV suffered a close loss at home last week to Robert E. Lee by the score of 39-37.

The Lady Cats would take a three-point lead to the half only to see the Lady Raiders surge ahead in the third quarter and then hang on for the win.

Regan Hawkins would have a strong game for the Lady Cats leading in scoring with 15 while Haley Aldridge would follow with 13 points.



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## JV, freshmen girls compete at JT tourney

The Lady Cat JV and freshman basketball teams played in the John Tyler Tournament last weekend, with both squads going 1-2 in their three games played.

The JV Lady Cats would fall to Robert E. Lee in the first game 40-26 as Kaycee Renn would lead all scorers with 8 points while Haley Aldridge and Regan Hawkins would add 6 points each.

In the second game, the Lady Cats would dominate Chapel Hill by the score of 57-37. The trio of Aldridge, Renn and Hawkins would again provide the scoring punch with 17, 16, and 12 points, respectively.

In the final game, the Lady Cats would take on Paris and would lose a heart breaker 41-40 as Aldridge would bust loose for a game high 22 points.

The Lady Cats would end the tournament with a 6-5 season record headed into the district opener against Henderson.

### FRESHMEN

The Lady Cat freshman basketball team competed last weekend in the John Tyler Tournament.

In the first game, the Lady Cats took on

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## Whitehouse wins Abilene tournament

The Whitehouse Wildcats headed west to Abilene last week with one goal in mind: to get the championship title back.

The December trip to Abilene has become a tradition of Whitehouse basketball over the years, and the Cats have claimed several tournament titles but coming off of last year's disappointment, they were determined to bring the title back to Whitehouse.

In the first game on Thursday evening, the Wildcats faced Graham who found themselves to be overmatched by the Wildcats in a 77-46 blowout win for the Cats.

Cade Clark led all scorers with 19 points followed by Kyle Ford's 13. Kye Heck would add 9 points while Mitch Marquis would add 7 on a night that saw eleven players in the scorebook.

On Friday, the Wildcats would match up with Brownfield

and would use strong second and third quarters to pull away with a 73-57 victory. Clark and Marquis would provide most of the scoring punch with 24 and 17 points, respectively, while Luke Shivers would add 11 on the night.

With the win, the Cats set up a championship game with the hometown team from Abilene Wylie on Saturday.

Wylie got blitzed early as Clark would pour in 10 of his game high 24 points in the first quarter helping Whitehouse stake an early 21-6 lead. The hot start by the Wildcats would be too much for Wylie to overcome, as Whitehouse would cruise to a 65-49 victory claiming the championship and meeting their goal of bringing the title back home.

Ford would follow Clark with 21 points as he would heat up  
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## Junior high hosts tourney

Three Whitehouse Junior High teams competed in the Whitehouse Tourney this past weekend against teams from Moore Middle School, Jacksonville, and Lufkin. The tournament was a round robin format giving each team three games each.

The Whitehouse 7<sup>th</sup> grade team played its first game against Moore and came out on the short end of a close game, 27-29. Nick House and Gunner Dorsey held the scoring load for the Wildcats knocking down 15 and 10 points, respectively to keep the Wildcats in the game the whole way.

In the second game, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade was defeated by Lufkin 43-37. House led a balanced scoring attack with 9 points, while A.J. Minter had 8, Ross Viergever had 6, and Jordan Peoples and Hunter Taylor had 4 each.

In the third game against Jacksonville, the Wildcats would jump out to an early lead and hang on in the second half to defeat the Braves, 26-21. Peoples would provide most of the scoring punch with 13 while Taylor and House would have 4 each.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade "B" team would face Moore for its first game and would come out on top, 26-12. The Wildcats would have a balanced scoring attack led by Austin Moore, Garrett Clark, and Simon Webb with 4 points each.

Logan Morris and Ryan Ralson would add 3 points each, and Matt Lockwood, Cameron Varing would each have 2 points.

In the game against Lufkin, the "B" team would fall to the Panthers, 46-43. Clark would lead the way scoring with 9 points followed by Ralson with 7, Lockwood with 6, and Varing with 5.

In the final game against Jacksonville, the Wildcats would get scalped by the Braves 35-20. Cody Bryant would lead the 'Cats in scoring with 6 points while Ralson would add 4.

The "B" team would end the tourney 1-2 moving their season record to 2-4.

The Wildcat 8<sup>th</sup> grade "A" team would show its athleticism in its first game against Moore taking a 62-39 win over the Mustangs.

Quincy Aldridge would provide most of the scoring punch with 24 points while Trey Metoyer would pour in 13, and Ryan Speake and Conner Cashion would add 6 points each.

In the game against Lufkin, the Wildcats would jump out to a commanding 45-18 lead at the half and never look back as they would defeat the Panthers, 72-36.

The Wildcat pressure defense would prove to be too much for Lufkin as Aldridge would lead the

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## Lady Tigers play 3 preseason tournaments

### Ross, Darden earn recognition at Harmony

Heading into their first district game against Arp on Tuesday, the Troup Lady Tigers sharpened their skills with three tournament appearances, including a second-place finish at Harmony.

Most recently, the team earned seventh place at the Gladewater Tournament on Dec. 7-9, downing T.K. Gorman but losing to Chapel Hill and Gilmer in three tight match-ups.

In the 46-50 overtime loss to the Bulldogs, Janna Ross led her team with 13 points and 14 rebounds. Alysha Barton and Shunacee Stewart chipped in 8 each, followed by Abby Darden with 7, Diyamon Martin 6 and Lauren Worl 4.

Darden paced her team against Gilmer, contributing 12 points in the 29-35 losing effort. Casey Smith contributed 8, with Barton, Worl and Martin adding 2 apiece. Ross added 3 points and led her team with 8 rebounds. Martin recorded 3

steals. The Lady Tigers recovered from the losses to edge past T.K. Gorman 54-51. Ross also recovered from her less-than-usual scoring performance against the Buckeyes to pour in 32 points, while pulling down 14 boards.

Darden added 8 points, 3 steals and 10 assists.

Others scoring for the Lady Tigers were Stewart with 8, Worl 4, Barton 3 and Martin 2.

Darden and Ross were selected all tournament at Harmony, with Darden racking up 26 points, 13 steals and 11 assists over three games, and Ross contributing 44 points and 31 rebounds.

In their first match-up, the Lady Tigers overpowered the Harmony JV 42-18. Barton led Troup in scoring with 14 points and 3 assists. Other scorers were Darden with 9, Worl 6, Ross 6, Smith 5 and Stewart.

Next up for Troup was a 48-22 win over Christian Heritage. Ross had her biggest game of this tourney, pouring in 21 points and collecting 10 rebounds.

Darden followed with 10 points, 6 steals and 3 assists.

Smith, Barton and Stewart

contributed 8, 5 and 4 points, respectively.

The Lady Tigers lost the title game in a close game with the Harmony varsity. Ross had another balanced performance, pacing Troup with 17 points and 10 rebounds, followed by Barton with 9 points, Stewart 8, Darden 7, Smith 4 and Worl 2.

Troup also took part in the Grace Tournament at the University of Texas at Tyler on Nov. 16-18.

The girls suffered a 36-63 loss in the first round against Bullard, with Ross contributing 17 points and 7 rebounds. Barton and Stewart chipped in 6 each, followed by Darden 5 and Smith 2.

Darden led the Lady Tigers in assists with 5, and Courtney Stovall had 2 steals.

Troup bounced back with a strong win over district rival Arp, 40-29. Ross led scoring and rebounding with 19 points and 14 boards, while Darden picked up 7 steals and 4 assists.

Other scorers were Barton with 5, Stewart 4 and Smith 2.

First Baptist Academy defeated Troup in their last game, 43-32. Tiger scorers were Ross with 12, Stewart 9, Darden 4, Worl 3, Smith 2 and Martin 2.



## Junior high girls teams split against Henderson

The Whitehouse 8<sup>th</sup> grade Lady Cat basketball teams were in action last Thursday hosting Henderson at C.L. Nix gymnasium.

In the "B" game, the Lady Cats played hard but just did

not have enough down the stretch and were defeated by the Lady Cubs 13-24.

The "A" team would get some revenge as they would pull out a close one defeating Henderson 17-13.

## JV Cats take consolation

The Whitehouse JV basketball team took home the consolation trophy claiming third place in the Longview Tourney last weekend.

In the first game of the tournament on Thursday night, the Wildcats defeated the host Longview Lobos, 48-41.

Blake Anglin led the scoring attack with 18 while Seth Cashion followed with 7 points. Drew Flynn and Justin Wood would chip in 6 points each in the win.

The following night, the 'Cats would take on Nacogdoches and would come out hot from the field, and led by Cashion's 10 first half points, they would take an 8 point lead at the half.

However, the second half would see the 'Cats grow cold from the field, and the Dragons would take advantage and would storm back with a 20 point fourth quarter to claim a 53-47 win over the Wildcats.

Brady Attaway would have the hot hand for the 'Cats in the second half finishing the night with four three-pointers and 15 points followed by Cashion with 12 and Anglin with 9.

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