

HIGH SCHOOL

GIRLS NOTEBOOK

Aransas Pass back in quarterfinals

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State-ranked Class 2A Aransas Pass is headed back to the Region IV quarterfinals for the first time since 2003 when the Panthers were in 3A.

The 22nd-ranked Panthers (25-8) have won 11 of their past 12 games entering Tuesday's 6 p.m. girls basketball playoff showdown with 29-2A runner-up San Antonio Cole (29-6) at the Victoria ISD Events Center.

Aransas Pass' strong perimeter shooting helped the District 30-2A champion Panthers get to the third round of the playoffs.

Overshadowed by Panthers senior guard Brianna Cribb's 24-point, 21-rebound effort in their recent 50-35 area playoff win over George West, Aransas Pass freshman guard Aylenn Cabrera and junior guard Keeli Oliver helped Aransas Pass set the tone early in that game.

Cabrera and Oliver combined for four 3-pointers during the Panthers' decisive 24-11 run to close the first half. Cabrera finished with 16 points and four 3s, while Oliver tallied 10 points and one trey.

"If we're going to hit 3s — they're going to keep shooting," said Aransas Pass coach Deborah Boudoin, whose team atoned for last season's first-round playoff loss in 3A. "These girls aren't selfish. They'll pass the ball to whoever has the hot hand and they'll keep looking."

That opened up the lane for Cribb, who scored 14 points in the second half to cap the Panthers' first area playoff win in 10 years.

"As long as Aylenn and Keeli keep knocking down shots, that lets me and Jackie (Jasper) stay open so that we can get easy buckets," Cribb said.

Aransas Pass will look to keep it going against San Antonio Cole.

"The sky's the limit," Cribb said. "We've basically just got to keep going hard."

IWA

IWA (27-10) avenged an earlier season overtime home loss to San Antonio Christian this past Saturday while winning the TAPPS 3-4A girls basketball tournament.

The Angels, who have won 10 consecutive games, used a 19-7 third-quarter run in beating the Lions on the road, 52-36 in the tournament's title game.

Bianca Valderrama scored a team-high 21 points for IWA, which also got 12 points from Christina Matl.

The Angels also stopped Port Aransas' 14-game winning streak with a 45-43 overtime win in a warm-up game earlier in the week. Annika Johnson and Maggie Pesek combined for 21 points for IWA in that game.

KING

Previously state-ranked San Antonio Jay knocked King out of the Class 5A bi-district girls basketball playoffs, 81-32 last week.

Junior post/guard Jennifer Ortiz's 13 points led the Mustangs (16-17), who also got 10 points from senior guard/post Natalie Hessong.

LONDON

Leakey's 69-32 Class 1A, Division II area-round win last week may have ended London's girls basketball season, but not before the Pirates posted their program's first playoff win.

London (20-11) used a 30-11 second-half run to erase a 16-point deficit in beating Austwell-Tivoli, 44-41 in the bi-district playoffs earlier in the week.

Freshman guard Jalin Lawver scored a game-high 18 points for the Pirates in their first-round playoff win, while London freshman forward/post Jade Sendejar had 10 points in that game.

MOODY

District 31-4A champion Moody already is looking forward to next season, despite losing four key seniors from this year's 23-13

Class 4A area playoff team.

The Trojans girls basketball team will have three starters back next season: junior guard Jahnae Franklin, junior guard/forward Taylor Jones-Williams and junior forward Yliana Salinas. Among Moody's other players coming back will be junior guard Courtney Cano, whose game-winning basket against Alice in a 51-50 victory in the 31-4A finale gave the Trojans their first district title since 2004 when they were in Class 5A.

"We're definitely going to miss the seniors, but we have a good little core coming back and we moved up some young girls for the playoff experience," Moody coach Myra Nerios said. "So, we're going to build on that."

PORT ARANSAS

State-ranked Port Aransas is one victory away from making it the Region IV-1A, Division I tournament.

The ninth-ranked Marlins (29-5) put themselves in that position by holding off Ganado, 46-43 in the girls basketball area playoffs Friday.

Madison Ray scored a game-high 22 points for Port Aransas, which also got 10 points from Summer Hernandez. Anna Roberson, Hernandez and Ray also combined for the Marlins' seven 3-pointers.

Port Aransas will look to punch its ticket for the regional tournament when it takes on regional quarterfinal opponent Weimer at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Victoria West High School.

RAY

Coming into last week's playoff rematch with state-ranked Victoria East, Ray junior post Shanell Stewart said the previously state-ranked Texans (28-8) weren't consumed with avenging two previous playoff losses to the 20th-ranked Titans.

"We're just trying to go as far as we can this year," Stewart said.

District 31-4A runner-up Ray's season continues this week, while 2012 Region IV-4A champion Victoria East won't be returning to the regional quarterfinals.

That's because guard Jasmine Gomez scored a game-high 16 points in leading the Texans past the Titans, 56-52. Guards Dori Bonilla and Erin Longoria also combined for 21 points in that game for Ray, which beat 30-4A champion Victoria East for the second straight time this season.

The Texans now have a chance to avenge a recent 57-53 road loss to Laredo Cigarroa in their 31-4A finale, which cost Ray a share of a fifth consecutive district title.

The Region IV-4A quarterfinal showdown between the Texans and Toros, the fourth-place finisher from 31-4A, will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday in San Diego.

SAN DIEGO

Sirena Martinez scored more than half of San Diego's points, but it wasn't enough as state-ranked Marion beat the Vaqueros, 62-51 in the 2A girls basketball area playoffs Saturday.

The 25th-ranked Bulldogs used a 21-9 third-quarter run to break open a one-point game in taking it.

Martinez tallied 26 points, while Megan Cadena and Liana Laso also combined for 22 points for San Diego.

TULOSO-MIDWAY

Tuloso-Midway will have to wait to get its revenge on Floresville.

That's because the Jaguars knocked the Cherokees out of the 4A girls basketball playoffs for the second consecutive season with their 74-59 bi-district-round triumph recently.

Lexi Ruiz (who had a team-high 15 points) and Cami Horman (11 points) scored in double figures in that game for T-M (21-14), which also got a combined eight 3-pointers from Deserae Iglesias, Lauren Turner, Horman and Ruiz.

Baseball

MONDAY'S GAMES

S.A. CHURCHILL 3, KING 1
King 000 010 0-2 1
Churchill 000 120 x-3 5 4
WP — John Shull (1-0), LP — E.J. Aleyadre (0-1).
Records: King 0-1, Churchill 1-0

ALICE 4, TULOSO-MIDWAY 2
T-M 002 000 0-2 4 3
Alice 003 100 x-4 6 3
WP — Zach Martinez (1-0), LP — Mason Hellums (0-1), Sv — Ronnie Chaveria. 2B — T-M, Chris Martinets, Nathan Freitag. Highlights — Alice, Juan Gonzalez 2-3, run, SB; Preston Valenzuela 2-3, RBI; Ronnie Chaveria pitched scoreless three innings.
Records: Alice 1-0, T-M 0-1.

LAREDO UNITED 5, RAY 4
United 101 020 1-5 9 1
Ray 200 100 0-4 9 7
WP — Eddie Gonzalez (1-0), LP — Gilbert Trevino (0-1), 2B — Ray, Henry Hausman; United, Sergio Pollorena, Aaron Navarro. 3B — Ray, Matt Merino. Highlights — Ray, Hausman 2 RBI; Rudy Trevino RBI; Jonathan Martinez RBI; United, Sergio Pollorena RBI; Aaron Navarro RBI.
Records: Laredo United 1-0, Ray 0-1.

IWA 12, GOLIAD 1
IWA 430 50 0-12 9 0
Goliad 010 00 0-1 2 2
WP — C. Moreno (1-0), LP — J. Lujan (0-1), 2B — IWA, P. Hickham. Highlights — IWA, F. McNiff 3-3, 3 runs,

RBI: P. Hickham 2-3; C. Moreno 7 Ks. Records: IWA 1-0, Goliad 0-1.

TAFT 8, ARANSAS PASS 7
AP 200 203 0-7 9 4
Taft 030 014 x-8 8 3
WP — Justin Flores (1-0), LP — H. McElroy (0-1), 2B — AP, McElroy 2; Taft, Scott Longoria. HR — Taft, Nas Hiracheta. Highlights — AP, McElroy 3-3; Taft, Flores 2-3, 2 RBIs.
Records: Taft 1-0, Aransas Pass 0-1.

FREER 11, HEBBRONVILLE 1
Hebbron 001 00 0-1 2 2
Freer 302 51 -11 16 0
WP — Jacob Cantu (1-0), LP — J. Natividad (0-1), 2B — Freer, L. Balboa, J. Cantu, A. Trevino. HR — Taft, Nas Hiracheta. Highlights — Freer, Balboa 2-3, 3 runs, 3 SBs; J. Cantu 3-4, RBI, 4.2 innings, gave up 2 hits, one run, 11 Ks; M. Juarez 3-3, 2 runs; A. Trevino 2-2, 2 runs, 2 RBIs; Hebbroville, Natividad RBI; G. Trevino SB; E. Martinez SB.
Records: Freer 1-0, Hebbroville 0-1.

INGLESIDE 3, BANQUETE 2

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Robstown vs. Moody (at Whataburger Field), 6:30 p.m.
Kingsville at Gregory-Portland, 7 p.m.
West Oso vs. Miller (at Cabaniss), 6 p.m.
Rockport Fulton at Port Lavaca, 7 p.m.
Refugio at Ganado, 7 p.m.
Ben Bolt at Odem, 7 p.m.



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Brandon Burns stretches out for a close out at first base in the top of the second inning at Whataburger Field. Adrian Gonzalez was the runner for Victoria East.

CARROLL from 1C

With two outs in the top of the seventh inning, Victoria East's Tim Gleinser gave the Titans a 4-3 lead with a sharp single off the glove of diving Carroll third baseman Andrew Heitkamp, scoring Seth Christian, who had doubled with one out.

But Carroll wouldn't go away easily against reliever Hunter Perkins, who had struck out the side after entering in the sixth.

Michael Berglund led off the inning with a seemingly innocuous grounder that eluded second baseman Gleinser for the Titans' third error of the game.

Trey Flores then walked to put runners on first and second. Jared Lira, running for Berglund, pulled off a delayed steal of third, with Flores also advancing a base.

"(Lira) was a little more risky than I would've liked at that point," Yeager said. "But we talked to him last week about reading down angle and being aggressive, because that's going to be our trademark — being aggressive on the bases."

Ryan Gonzalez walked to load the bases, and Zach Alaniz greeted reliever Kyle Craft with a single to right that plated Lira to

knot the score at 4. After Heitkamp grounded into a force at the plate, Pineda brought in Gonzalez with a fielder's choice grounder to second to end the game.

Victoria East argued that Gleinser caught the ball on the fly for a double play, but that protest fell on deaf ears.

It wasn't exactly pretty, but plenty gritty for Carroll. It was the Tigers' second rally of the game. They trailed 3-0 in the fourth, but rallied for three runs with two outs, with Flores' two-run single tying the score.

"We stuck to our game plan and we executed well," Pineda said. "We got it done. It's just being consistent, sticking to what we have to do, playing small ball and getting wins."

"We're going to work hard to get it done and we're going to battle. We're hungry just like the (previous) guys were."

CARROLL 5, VICTORIA EAST 4
Victoria East 001 200 1-4 5 3
Carroll 000 300 2-5 6 0
WP — Rene Pineda (1-0), LP — Hunter Perkins (0-1), 2B — East, Jonathan Ortega, Seth Christian. HR — East, Tim Gleinser.
Highlights — East, Gleinser 2-3, R, 2 RBI; Ortega 2-4; Seth Christian 1-3, R; Carroll, Trey Flores 1-3, 2 RBIs; Pineda 1-4, RBI; Ryan Benavidez 1-3, R, RBI; Zach Alaniz, 1-4, RBI; Andrew Heitkamp, 1-4; Brandon Burns 1-3; Isaiah Lybarger 1-3, R, SB; Jared Lira, 2 R; Ryan Gonzalez, R.
Records — Victoria East 0-1, Carroll 1-0. A — 730.

BEEVILLE from 1C

Considering Beeville has eight seniors — which includes starters guard Tori Munoz, forward Brennan Holder, post Paige McKinney and Elizalde — the Trojans have an even greater sense of urgency to make it to the regional tournament this year.

"This is our last time together, and we definitely have to get it done," Elizalde said.

Beeville will have to go through an experienced Floresville team to get to regionals. The Jaguars are mak-

ing their fourth consecutive regional quarterfinal appearance.

"(The Trojans) have two strong posts and some quick guards," said Floresville first-year coach Terri Twilligear, who is also a former Gregory-Portland standout. "We play very similar. It should be a good matchup."

Beeville will need another stellar effort from its posts, considering they will be guarding Jaguars' 6-foot-2 senior post Shelby Leinneweber.

The Trojans' inside game was instrumental in Beeville overcoming a 12-point deficit against Moody, as senior forward/post Theresa Amador and sophomore post Ciara Gar-

cia combined for 22 points and 18 rebounds.

"Our posts made the difference," Walker said. "Even though we had two foul out, they were still blocking out and taking it to them."

The Trojans also will lean heavily on their defense to try to get past the Jaguars. Beeville held Moody to 17 second-half points in advancing to the first round of the playoffs for the first time in six years.

"We're going to have to handle their pressure like we did in the second half (of the area playoff game), and our defense is going to have to be top-notch," Walker said. "Defense is the key."

WEST OSO from 1C

The Bears scored the first four points of the second quarter — on Blankenship's layup and forward Regine Griffin's long bank shot — to break an 8-all tie and take a four-point lead.

Blankenship later hit a 3-pointer with a little more than one second remaining in the second quarter to push West Oso's lead to 15-10 going into the break.

Blankenship then scored the first 11 points of the third quarter to extend its lead to 26-10 with less than three minutes to play in that frame.

Blankenship scored on a putback, and guards T'Aundrea Davis and Valdez added layups to start that key spurt for the Bears. Davis' bucket came following a nice steal and assist by West Oso forward A'keyla Mitchell.

Blankenship followed with a three-point play, before Clark later added a steal and a driving layup. Clark appeared to injure her ankle on the play but returned in the fourth quarter and played most of that frame.

Rio Hondo wouldn't come closer than 11 points in the final quarter, as a jumper by Clark, five points by Blankenship — on another layup and a 3-pointer — and a layup off



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West Oso's T'Aundrea Davis fights for a rebound against Rio Hondo in the first period of Monday's regional quarterfinals.

a steal by Valdez pushed West Oso's lead to 20 with a little more than three minutes remaining.

"At halftime, we said if we can get to 22 points, we'll have enough points to win this game because our defense was going to hold them to 11 (points) in the second half and, we did

that," Williams said.

WEST OSO 38, RIO HONDO 21
West Oso 8 7 12 11-38
Rio Hondo 8 2 1 10-21
West Oso — T'Aundrea Davis 2, A'keyla Mitchell 4, Lizzy Valdez 6, Britany Clark 9, Regine Griffin 4, Victoria Blankenship 13.
Rio Hondo — Ashley Canas 4, Janna Jaramillo 6, Samantha Atkinson 5, Andrea Rodriguez 5, Natalia Jaramillo 1. 3-pointers — WO, Blankenship 2, Mitchell 1, RH, Canas 1.
Records: W. Oso 29-7, Rio Hondo 28-4.

Basketball playoffs

BOYS

BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS

CLASS 5A
Carroll vs. S.A. Jay, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Floresville

CLASS 4A
Port Lavaca Calhoun vs. S.A. McCollum, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Beeville
Tuloso-Midway vs. Floresville, 8 p.m. Tuesday at Beeville
Flour Bluff vs. Roma, 7 p.m. Tuesday at A&M-Kingsville
Valley View at Ray, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday
Miller vs. Mission Veterans Memorial, 8 p.m. Tuesday at Bishop

CLASS 3A
Orange Grove 40, Lytle 39
Sinton vs. Devine, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Three Rivers Activity Center

BYES: West Oso, Kingsville
Taft vs. Santa Gertrudis Academy, 7 p.m. Tuesday at King High School
Banquete vs. Falfurrias, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Orange Grove

BYES: Aransas Pass, Skidmore-Tynan

CLASS 4, DIVISION I
Woodsboro vs. La Villa, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Bishop
Premont vs. Monte Alto, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Riviera

BYE: Port Aransas

GIRLS

REGION QUARTERFINALS

CLASS 4A
Ray vs. Laredo Cigarroa, 7 p.m. Tuesday at San Diego
Beeville vs. Floresville at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Woodsboro

CLASS 3A
West Oso 38, Rio Hondo 21

CLASS 2A
Aransas Pass vs. S.A. Cole, 6 p.m. Tuesday at Victoria Events Center

CLASS A
Port Aransas vs. Weimar, 7 p.m. Tuesday at Victoria West