

Disappointing district loss for LHS

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The Lady Badgers could not buy a shot early against Hendrickson. Despite playing an inspired fourth quarter, Lampasas' 19-point outburst was not enough to overcome its first-half shooting woes on the road, and the Lady Badgers fell to the Lady Hawks by 24 points, 62-38.

"It was the first time in quite a while that we played without effort," head coach Stuart Beckwith said. "I was a little disappointed."

"The second-half effort was a little better, but we missed some shots we normally make."

The Lady Badgers shot just 13



Head coach Stuart Beckwith, center, shown talking to his team during last week's game versus Hutto, watched his girls shoot 13 percent and commit 16 first-half turnovers in Friday's 62-38 loss to Hendrickson.

percent and scored a mere 12 points in the opening half, including a four-point first quarter, while committing 16 turnovers before the break.

Lampasas' inability to score did not truly affect it in the first period as it limited the Lady Hawks to just seven points.

The second quarter was a different story, however, as Hendrickson built a 13-point halftime advantage by outscoring the Lady Badgers 18-8 in the period.

Junior post Lauren Barlow led the team with 16 points.

After emerging as a consistent scorer for the Lady Badgers (5-16, 0-2 district) over the past several

weeks, Sarah Bishop hit a wall against Hendrickson, scoring just five points.

"She's taking the same shots from the same spots, and she just couldn't get them to fall," Beckwith said.

The Lady Hawks' advantage grew to a 42-19 lead by the end of the third quarter and they never looked back, cruising to victory.

"They were kind of like sharks, and once things got going well for them they [could smell] blood and the more they shot, the more they went in," Beckwith said.

"[The girls] were very disappointed in themselves. They know they are better than that."

One player who did not disap-

point was sophomore guard Marisa Bogart. She finished the contest with four points, four assists and four steals while serving as motivator both on and off the court.

"Bogart displayed a never-give-up attitude," the coach said. "She was constantly encouraging, constantly telling kids not to give up and to play hard."

"It didn't matter what the score was; on the bench and in the game she was supporting her teammates. She was hollering and screaming and when she got in the game, she hustled her tail off."

Like the boys' squad, the Lady Badgers are off today but return to the court Friday evening when they

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Nov. 11	at China Springs	Loss 31-61
Nov. 15	at Llano	Loss 39-44
Nov. 18	Comanche	Loss 39-43
Nov. 21	Brownwood	Win 62-37
Nov. 24	Harker Heights	Win 55-51
Nov. 25	at Killeen Ellison	Loss 53-57
Dec. 2	Belton	Loss 60-62
Dec. 4-6	at Cowtown Classic Tourn.	1W, 2L
Dec. 9	OPEN	
Dec. 11	at Cross Timbers Tourn.	0W, 4L
Dec. 16	at Burnet	Loss 44-55
Dec. 19	Marlin	Loss 56-66
Dec. 23	OPEN	
Dec. 27-30	at KSA Tournament	2W, 1L
Jan. 6	at Hutto	Loss 67-58
Jan. 9	at Hendrickson	Loss 62-38
Jan. 13	OPEN	
Jan. 16	Lake Travis	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 20	at Marble Falls	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 23	Killeen	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 27	Hutto	7:00 p.m.
Jan. 30	Hendrickson	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 3	at Lake Travis	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 6	Marble Falls	7:00 p.m.
Feb. 10	at Killeen	7:00 p.m.

Bold indicates District 25-4A games.

host Lake Travis at 7 p.m. Then they head back out on the road to face the 20th-ranked Lady Mustangs of Marble Falls next Tuesday. Led by Jules Crooks' team-high 15 points, the freshmen easily won 52-9, while the junior varsity lost 28-24.



Sophomore Marisa Bogart, seen attempting a layup during practice last week, displayed a "never-give-up attitude" against the Lady Hawks, scoring four points to go with four steals and four assists.

2009 is off to a good start

It doesn't seem possible, but it is 2009 already. I vividly remember when the new millennium came, and all computers and everything were supposed to go to heck in a hand basket. I knew some people who hoarded ammunition, food and even toilet paper.

Of course nothing happened, but I can't believe that was almost 10 years ago. As I get older, the time flies by.

At least for me, 2009 got off to a good start. I am almost back to 100 percent after having heart surgery last June. My wife and I take a long walk every day, and I try to eat the right things, but that is hard to do.

Another good start was finally having rain last week. We received 0.8 inches at the ranch. There also was ice on the trees and fences. The moisture hopefully will result in some growth of winter weeds and grasses. My cows and the deer sure need some fresh grazing.

I don't have to tell you that last year was drier than a bone. My rain gauge measured a little over 20 inches for 2008. That is about 12 inches below normal. The dry weather has had an impact on wildlife, and more deer are coming to my corn feeders, as there is not much forage in the pasture.

Our farm pond, like most others, has been declining slowly for months, and some shallow ponds already have gone dry. Normally this time of the year there would be winter grasses and weeds. This winter they are not there, and wildlife food plots planted in oats

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and other plants have withered and died due to the lack of rainfall. I hope more rains are on the way and we will have a normal spring.

I recently talked with Derrick Wolters, TPWD wildlife biologist for Bell, Coryell and Lampasas counties. He said unless there is a dramatic increase in rainfall, the fawn crop will be smaller this spring, and buck antler development also will be affected.

Wolters added that the recent deer season was about average, after a slow start. With more deer coming to feeders, there should have been more does harvested, he added.

Sulphur Creek Taxidermy and Deer Processing owner Jed Dunning said the number of deer processed at his facility this season was slightly above that of the previous season.

Wolters and Dunning both mentioned the special youth-only deer season this Saturday and Sunday. It would be a good time to take a young hunter, 16 years of age or younger, to your deer blind. It also would be a good time to reduce the doe population more

than usual to prepare for potential drier weather ahead.

On our family ranch, only one buck and two does were harvested. My brother and I are encouraging his grandsons to hunt and kill a couple more does during the youth-only season this weekend.

In a previous column, I reported on some proposed changes to hunting and fishing regulations. Another change the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department is considering is a switch in deer management from political boundaries (counties) to Resource Management Units.

TPWD has identified 33 unique RMUs across the state with similar soils, vegetation types and land use practices. The department believes the RMUs will more accurately address deer population management issues. Its intent is to develop deer season bag limits based on these units, although implementation still would track county boundaries to avoid confusion for hunters.

A map of Texas with RMU boundaries shows most of Lampasas is included with all of Coryell, Hamilton and eastern Bell counties. A narrow strip of land along the Colorado River is included with San Saba, Llano and other counties in the Hill Country.

Will the new RMUs assist TPWD in helping landowners and managers to do a better job of managing the deer herd? Only time will tell.

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The 2008-09 general deer season is over, and these two young white-tailed bucks made it through unscathed, probably due to the antler restrictions in Lampasas County that specify bucks with only one unbranched antler or those with an inside spread of 13 inches are legal.



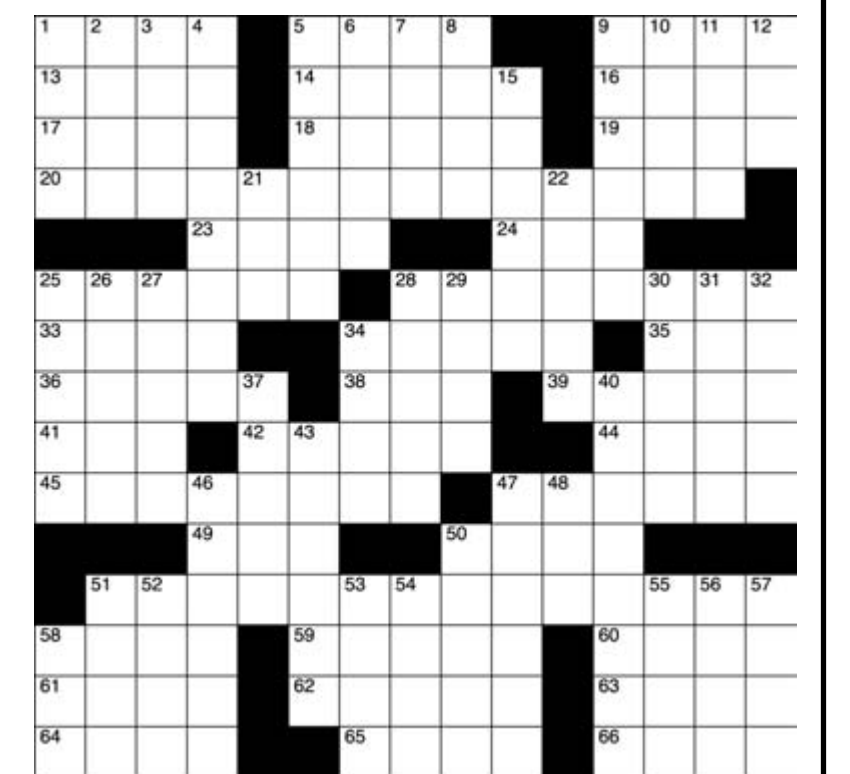
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 - Potter Professor Severus
 - A long narrow opening
 - Swiss river
 - Popular herb seed
 - Common trellis designs
 - Quahog or Littleneck
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 - Macaws
 - Currant genus
 - Universal standard time
 - Chair back slat
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 - Donkeys
 - If not, then
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 - Of all time
 - African hunting expedition
 - As fast as can be done (abbr.)
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 - ...ky: bonkers
 - Artificial and inferior
 - Ornamental shade tree
 - TV characters Archibald & Fisher
 - Lean end of the neck
 - Omit or slur over
 - Wooden shoe
 - Emits coherent radiation
 - Small island (British)
 - Doctor visits
 - Delete recorded information
 - Dulled by surfeit
 - Very active
 - Lumberjack
 - Boy band manager Lou
 - Dark brown fur pelts
 - A deficiency of red blood cells
 - State categorically
 - ...liff: court officer
 - Utah town
 - The bottom of a doorway
 - Afrikaans
 - Current war zone (alt. sp.)
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 - Cast a ballot
 - Son of Aphrodite
 - Dream states
 - Taoism



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- PUZZLE SOLUTION**
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