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Athletic Schedules



Wylie High School

Girls Basketball

Jan. 17 @ North Garland, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 vs. Lakeview Centennial, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Jan. 17 @ North Garland, 7 p.m.

Jan. 20 vs. Lakeview Centennial, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Jan. 12-14 @ Princeton Cup

Jan. 17 vs. South Garland, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Jan. 12-14 @ Wylie Tournament

Jan. 17 @ South Garland, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Jan. 13-14 @ Trojan Classic

Jan. 18 vs. Wylie East, 6 p.m.

Jan. 21 @ Frisco Heritage tournament



Wylie East High School

Girls Basketball

Jan. 13 @ Naaman, Forest, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 17 vs. Sachse, 5:30 p.m.

Jan. 20 @ Garland, 5:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball

Jan. 13 @ Naaman, Forest, 7 p.m.

Jan. 17 vs. Sachse, 7 p.m.

Jan. 20 @ Garland, 7 p.m.

Girls Soccer

Jan. 12-14 @ Longview Tournament

Jan. 20 @ Naaman Forest, 7:30 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Jan. 12-14 @ Wylie Tournament

Jan. 20 vs. Naaman Forest, 7:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Jan. 11 vs. McKinney

Jan. 13-14 @ Trojan Classic

Jan. 18 @ Wylie

Jan. 21 @ Frisco Heritage tournament

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Wylie Girls Basketball

Set back

Loss moves Wylie to second in 9-6A

By Kyle Grondin
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The Pirates losing streak extended to three games before it came to an end last Friday in district play.

Wylie (7-1, 18-7) ended the skid last Friday, Jan. 6 with a 67-30 win over Garland to end their three-game skid. The Pirates had six different players score five or more points, with Donnesia Skinner's 17 points leading the way from the field. The Pirates jumped out to a quick 27-3 lead in the first quarter before putting in several of the reserve players in the game. Head coach Joel Zuniga was happy to right the ship, setting up a dramatic finish to the season as the team is now halfway through its district play.

"We can only focus on one game at a time," Zuniga said. "We have some long-term goals, but I would say the thing we're most concerned about is playing to the best of our abilities most of our games."

The victory put Wylie back in the win column and they remained in second place in the District 9-6A standings ahead Wylie East, a team they defeated 56-53 earlier in the season.

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Taylor McAfee scores over the Garland defender in Wylie's district win.



Donnesia Skinner scored 17 points in Wylie's 67-50 win on Jan. 6.

Wylie East Girls Basketball

Lady Raiders sweep week, continue winning streak

By Seth Dowdle
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The Wylie East Lady Raiders are rolling right now. After their three-point loss to Wylie back on Dec. 16, the team is 5-2 overall and has won three consecutive district games.

This past week featured two contests that both ended in the Lady Raiders' fashion with both also being blowouts.

The first featured a home bout with the Lakeview Centennial Lady Patriots. East dominated from start to finish, outscoring the visiting side in every quarter. From the jump, it was evident that the Lady Raiders were on a mission. They held Lakeview to zero points in the first quarter and never allowed more than six points in a quarter throughout the entirety of the game.

This strong defensive performance paired with

a quality night on the offensive side was good enough to give East a convincing 55-17 victory.

It was then on the final game of the week against Rowlett. Just as they did versus Lakeview Centennial, the Lady Raiders

were firing on all cylinders.

Rowlett only managed 21 points in all four quarters, a total that East was able to get in the first quarter alone. Those 21 points, along with the 50 others that East scored on the night, were able to give the Lady Raiders the 71-21 win.

Three players hit double-digits in the scoring column on the night. Leaire Nicks led the team with 17. Kerbie Cash, who returned from injury this past week, put up 15 points while Saliz Ward added another 14.

According to coach Hodapp, there are a couple things that the team needs to do to continue their hot streak.

"Overall, our team has to do better," she said. "Like Leaire [Nicks] has to continue her double-doubles. Saliz [Ward] has to bring

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Brooklyn King draws the foul in Wylie East's 55-17 win over Lakeview Centennial on Jan. 3.



Kerbie Cash scores inside for the Lady Raiders basket.

Richardson leads Wylie, East competes in Lamar

High School Wrestling

By Kyle Grondin
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The Wylie and Wylie East wrestling programs diverged paths during the week, with the Pirates traveling to Grapevine and the Raiders sending a few competitors to Lamar over the weekend.

The Pirates competed in the Grapevine Duals on Jan. 6 and 7, getting victories over Burleson Centennial and The Colony before losing to district foe Plano East. Wylie opened the tournament with a 68-12 win over The Colony before the Plano East dual to place them in the fourth-place bracket. From there, the Pirates defeated Anna 42-33 for the fourth-place finish.

Tristan Richardson was the bright spot for the Pirates over the weekend, winning several of his matches in the 157-pound weight class to improve to 18-6 on the season. Despite his efforts, the Panthers managed six pins in the final to win 44-26.

Against Anna, Wylie pinned seven opponents for their 42 points and the victory, with wins from Richardson and Brayden Collier leading the way. Collier

improved to a team-best 23-4 on the season to push the Pirates into fourth place and continued his dominant wrestling for the season.

“He’s putting in some great work this season and is set to do some big things for us,” head coach Tracy Cleveland said.

Dane Farley improved to 13-3 on the season with a pin over Anna’s Colton Bridwell, continuing his strong senior season for the Pirates as he hopes to earn a second state qualification. Wrestling up in weight at the heavyweight division, Farley did lose one match to Plano East but showed his competitiveness against some of the top wrestlers in a bigger weight class.

“He’s an all-around really good athlete,” Cleveland said. “Last year, he was wrestling at about 212 for the 220-pound weight class. He’s playing right now at about 218 and we’ll cut a few pounds when he comes back from football, but he’s definitely got leaner and stronger.”

Meanwhile, Wylie East sent a few competitors to the Lamar Invitational over the weekend, but they were unable to place in the tournament. Ryan Lobato



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The Wylie wrestling team finished fourth overall at the Grapevine Duals on Jan. 6-7.

reached the quarterfinals of the tournament in the 144-pound weight class, but was unable to compete from there and had to forfeit. Lobato is a returning state qualifier for the team and

hopes to keep pushing the Raiders to compete in their first season at 6A. Competing in a tough tournament should only help the Raiders prepare for district play. “Since we attend some

pretty tough tournaments, which should prepare us for the post-season,” head coach Tad Hazlewood said. “Staying healthy and learning from our mistakes will go a long way to

helping achieve our goals.” Wylie and Wylie East compete next in the Trojan Classic at Eules Trinity High School over the weekend in their next tournament.

Wylie East battles for standings

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something to the table every game. Brooklyn [King] must bring something to the table every game. We don’t have to rely on just one person to bring up the ball. So, just those little jobs are not so dependent on just one person or two people to do it.”

Sitting at 6-2 in district, the team has a couple of big games coming up. On Friday Jan. 13 they’ll do battle with Naaman Forest who is just a couple spots below the Lady Raiders in the standings. Then it’s a huge game against Sachse the following Tuesday, Jan. 17.

The Lady Mustangs are one game above East in the district standings as the Lady Raiders hope to compete better than they did the first time around, when they lost 69-50 at Sachse High School.

Winning that game could prove pivotal in where Wylie East is seeded going into the playoffs and give them a shot at a co-district championship.



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Leaire Nicks shoots over the Lakeview defensive player in Wylie East’s win on Jan. 3.

Pirates snap losing skid

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Wylie fell into second place with a loss earlier in the week to Sachse on Tuesday, Jan. 3 as the Pirates struggled offensively against the Sachse defense. Wylie was outscored 19-4 in the first quarter on the way to a 51-28 loss. The victory gave the Lady Mustangs sole possession of first place in the district standings with an undefeated record. Charish Thompson dominated the game inside, scoring 25 points and pulling in eight offensive rebounds in the victory.

“It’s huge because we had to block out and keep their big players off the glass,” Sachse head coach Donna McCullough said. “We convinced the kids it was important, and our team defense did a really good job of keeping them off the glass as well. It was a priority for us this game and the team did a good job.”

Wylie turned the ball over several times in the game, including six Sachse steals led

by their full court pressure. Neenah George had just one steal, but her pressure proved difficult for the Wylie offense to crack.

“She has no fear on defense,” McCullough said. “She’s a little intimidating and isn’t afraid to use her body to separate players from the ball and she has great quickness and anticipation for

us. She’s just a great basketball player all around.”

Wylie and Wylie East remain locked in to the second and third spots in the standings, with Rowlett two games behind the Lady Raiders. The Pirates travel to North Garland next Tuesday, Jan. 17 after a bye day this Friday and the second half of the season.



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Neenah George reaches in to steal the ball from Taylor McAfee in Sachse’s district win over Wylie on Jan. 3. The victory put the Lady Mustangs in sole possession of first place in the 9-6A standings.

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