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GLORY FROM THE HIGHWAY

TEMPLE-EASTEX has moved into its new office complex in Diboll and the three story structure is truly breathtaking. But what is most impressive is the huge 20 × 30 foot American flag at the Highway 59 entrance to the complex. It spreads graciously above the entrance night and day, floodlighted at night. Temple-Eastex employees and their families will be invited to open house at the new offices on Saturday, October 20.

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School's vending machines rapped

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll School Board members also spent nearly an hour Tuesday night discussing the pros and cons of having vending machines on school campuses.

Mrs. Rita Shepherd and Mrs. Ellen Temple spoke to the board concerning their objections to having vending machines available to sell candy and soft drinks to students on the junior and senior high campuses, and the vending machines which dispense frozen confections at the elementary school campus.

"We are very interested in our schools, and nutrition concerns us a lot," said Mrs. Shepherd. She told board members that when she had asked why vending machines were allowed at the schools, the only reason she was given was that they were placed there for "the revenue."

"I feel strongly that we need to emphasize what we teach in school about good nutrition, and not any of these vending machines dispense anything of any real value — it's all non-nutritional snack food," Mrs. Shepherd added.

Mrs. Shepherd also told the board that she feels that excessive sugar in a child's diet can affect a child's behavior, and thus is harmful to children in school.

She said that problems one of her children had in school for three years was traced by doctors as being caused by sugar-induced hyperactivity. "Sugar definitely affects my child," she added.

"For the school to be in the position of selling this type of food while teaching good nutrition in the classroom just doesn't seem right," said Mrs. Temple. "You'll gain more credibility if you eliminate vending machines," she concluded.

High school principal Bill Greer said that vending machines on the high school campus were put there for convenience, and that without the machines, students could leave the campus to get soft drinks.

"We might have a higher degree of tardiness — students will skip class to go get that drink," said Greer.

Most of the board members agreed that the foods dispensed in the vending machines were probably not especially good for students, but expressed concern about banning the machines. Board member Ray Paulsey suggested that parents of students be polled, and that the board take its cue from such a survey.

Board president Nancy Holubec agreed — "If we don't have the backing of the parents on this, we can't even begin to make it work."

Board members agreed to call for a survey on the matter and thanked Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Temple for their interest.



THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF of Diboll public schools this year is composed of (front) Don Robbins, superintendent; Lucy Rector, deputy tax assessor-collector; Joyce Carr, bookkeeper; Ruby Smith, secretary to the superintendent; and Jim Dunlap, director of special services. In back are Richard Sheridan, DHS assistant principal; Jerry B. Gartman, Diboll Elementary principal; Bill Greer, Diboll High principal; James Porter, Temple Junior School principal; and Doyne (Pop) Rich, business manager and tax assessor-collector.

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OTHER FACULTY MEMBERS at Diboll High School this year are (front) Carol Drake, health-P.E.; Bettye Greer, secretary; Barbara Myers, English; Mary Ingram, counselor; Cindy Maddox, homemaking; and Judy Williamson, business. Second row: John Ingram, band; J. A. Stalsby, biology; Jesse Bradford, vocational agriculture; Burlon Wilkerson, English; and Mack Walker, government. Back row: Richard Sheridan, assistant principal, and Bill Greer, principal.

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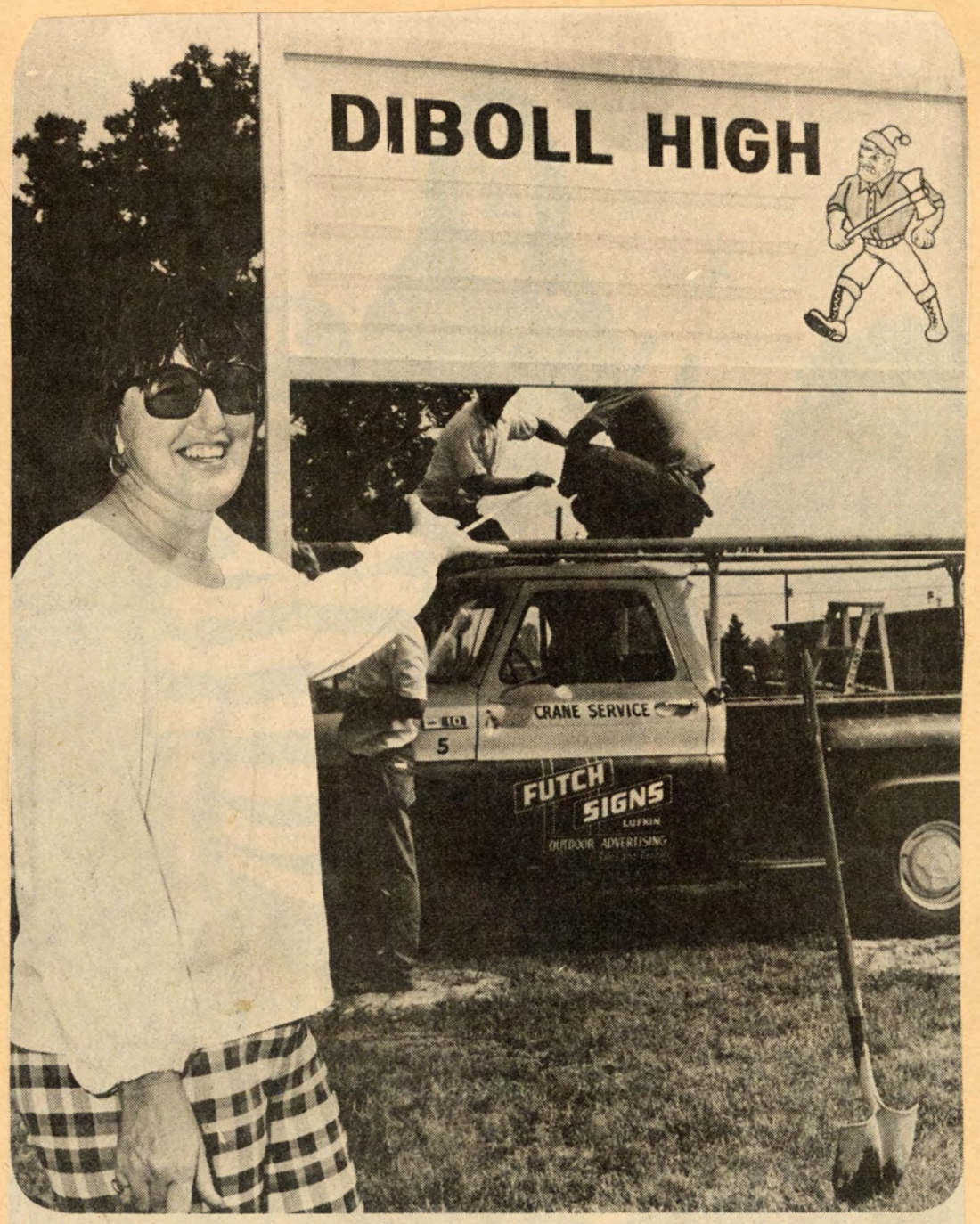
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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL faculty members this year include (front) Bob McCurry, vocational agriculture; Susan Holcomb, language and learning disabilities; Garvis Baldree, homemaking; Joan Doss, librarian; Tony McCall, math; and Marilyn McLarty, math. Second row: Ann English, business administration; Janice Cook, secretary; and Lois Clemens, math. Back row: Fred Douglas, English; Frank Lane, science; Fred Bland, coach-history; Roland Bates, coach-English; Johnny Brown, coach-P.E.; and Joe Powell, building trades.

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NEW AT DIBOLL HIGH

JANICE COOK, pep squad and cheerleader sponsor, points to the new marquee erected in front of Diboll High School this week. The marquee will carry various messages during the school year and was financed by gifts from students through sponsorship of the student council, pep squad, cheerleaders, Anchor Club and the Spanish Club. The first message on the marquee will proclaim that school starts August 24. (Free Press Photo)

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READY FOR FOOTBALL SEASON

THE COACHING STAFF at Diboll High School, featuring several new faces, is busy at work planning for the beginning of football workouts Monday. In front are new coaches Roland Ray Bates, offensive line coach; Johnny Curtis Brown, defensive backfield and basketball coach; Travis Weatherspoon, offensive backfield coach. Standing are Billy Wayne Clegg, junior high coach; Head Coach Fred Bland; Richard Sheridan and Lynn Johnston, junior high coaches. Not shown are the new girls coaches, Marilyn Fry in junior high and Carol Ann Drake, DHS. For more information on the new coaches, see the sports page. (Free Press Photo)

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DIBOLL HEAD COACH Fred Bland and his assistants began issuing shoes and socks Wednesday to about 60 prospective Lumberjack football players. Rudy Rodriguez was one of the first to try out his shoes. The Lumberjacks begin twice-a-day conditioning and technique drills next Monday, with first contact scheduled for Friday week, August 18. (Free Press Photo)

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FORTY SEVEN prospective players are going through two-a-day conditioning drills with the Diboll Lumberjacks. Here several watch as offensive backfield coach Travis Weatherspoon explains the finer points of agility drills. The Jacks don pads for their first contact this Friday and will scrimmage Alto next week. They open the season Sept. 8 at Livingston.

(Free Press Photo)

Coaches sweat 47 players through condition drills

By GERALD MALANDERS

Forty-seven players turned out for the first day of football conditioning drills here Monday morning, including ten lettermen, 12 seniors and 17 freshmen.

"I was really impressed with the condition of most of the players," said Head Coach Fred Bland, "and also with their enthusiasm and attitude. They came this year with the idea that they want to be winners."

The squad will work basically on conditioning this week before going into full uniform and their first contact drills Friday, August 18.

The Lumberjacks will host Alto in a scrimmage on August 25 at 7:30 p.m. and then scrimmage Trinity there on September 1 the following week.

The ten returning lettermen this year are guard John Porter, 5-8, 150; tight end Ricky Kyle, 6-4, 251; center-linebacker Brian Burnett, 5-11, 184; tackle John Cheavens, 6-2, 157; and tight end Derrick Hall, 5-10, 164.

Also, cornerback and defensive end James Stalsby, 5-7, 152; tackle Brandell Porter, 6-0, 194; quarterback and safety Gregg Spivey, 6-1, 153; linebacker Randy Cook, 5-10, 174; and tackle Kevin Blount, 5-10, 188.

Other seniors joining the varsity squad this season are end Michael Hicks, 5-9, 161; probably noseguard Johnny Flowers, 6-0, 190; back Irvin McWilliams, 5-6, 148; tackle Tony Homan, 5-10, 186; back Jim Grossman, 5-11, 157; and wingback-cornerback Rudy Rodriguez, 5-7, 135.

The Jacks will follow the same 5-2 defense used last year. On offense the Jacks will use the power I as well as the pro set with split flanker.

Says Coach Bland, "I feel we can be competitive with everybody. Crockett will be tough since they have so many people on their squad and also since they are picked to win district this year.

"However, the Livingston ball game will determine how we may do this year because they will be our hardest test in pre-district. If we can stay or win I feel like we can have a good competitive year.

"But I really won't know anything until Friday. All we are finding out now is who is in shape."

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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

FOOTBALL SEASON kicks off for the Diboll Lumberjacks this Friday night when they travel to Livingston to do battle with the Class 3A Lions. A big part of football season is always the bands, cheerleaders, pep squad and the pretty twirlers. Leading the Diboll Lumberjack Band this season are (front) Suzanne Burkhalter, Drum Major Kim Milligan and head majorette Deborah Donahoe. Standing are twirlers Sherri Smith, Gay Sample, Mary Maynard and Susan Barkley. (Free Press Photo)

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RANDY COOK was a workhorse on offense and defense for the Diboll Lumberjacks in their season opener, but the Livingston Lions prevailed in a big way, 50-8, over the Big Red.
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Jacks fall to Warren, 14-0



BRANDELL PORTER (61) closes in on Warren's Howard Wise after Wise took a short pass in the early going Friday night. Warren beat the Lumberjacks 14-0 on two first half touchdowns. Diboll travels to Groveton this Friday.

(Photo by Charles Havard)

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PUTTING THE PEP into pep rallies and football games this year at Diboll High are these members of Mrs. Janice Cook's pep squad. They are (front row) JoLynn Williams, Pam Jansen, Sherri Patton, Kim Sample, Diane Carrier, Deidre Breazeale and Bennie Vee Mark. Middle row: Melanie Edwards, Robbie English, Ethel Fowler, Brenda Lambert, Tanya Clark and Tammy Thompson. On the top row are Ramona Thompson, Pam Calhoun, Starr Shaw, Renee Presley and Teri Neyland. (Free Press Photo)



Campus Time

By Tina Grantham

Vending machines will stay in Diboll schools

Diboll School trustees Tuesday night voted to keep vending machines on the three school campuses here, after reviewing the results of a poll taken of parents which showed overwhelming approval for keeping the machines.

The school board agreed to survey parents and teachers several weeks ago after two parents appeared before the board asking that the vending machines be removed from the schools. Mrs. Ellen Temple and Mrs. Rita Shepherd spoke before the school board asking that the machines be removed for reasons dealing with proper nutrition.

The board voted to retain the machines "in view of the overwhelming response," but also voted to investigate the possibility of obtaining addi-

board:

• Heard a report from Superintendent Don Robbins noting that enrollment in all three schools has passed the projected enrollment and is now at 1,762 — up from 1,729 last month. Robbins told board members that "We're in great shape as far as classroom ratios go," citing a 24 to 26 student load in each classroom. Construction is now under way on two more portable classroom buildings at the elementary school and junior school campuses, which will further ease classroom loads in the district.

• Approved plans for a residential construction project by the Diboll High School building trades class. Members of the class will construct a home on lot 17, block 5 in the Shannan Forest subdivision. The school district will finance construction of the home, which is sold at a profit to the highest bidder upon completion. Joe Powell is building trades instructor.

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Don Robbins selected Texas educator of month

Diboll School Superintendent Don Robbins has been named "Educator of the Month" by Texas School Business magazine. Robbins is featured in a story which appears in the September issue of the magazine, which is mailed to school officials across the state.

Robbins learned of the high honor last week when he attended the annual convention of the Texas Association of School Administrators, of which he is vice president. School Board President Nancy Holubec made the public announcement of the achievement Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the school board.

Robbins, who has served as the top administrator in the DISD for five years, was quoted in the story as saying that most important to him is to "keep uppermost in mind the educational needs of children and stand up for what is right. It's time to talk about the good things happening in education...the future is going to be better than ever," said Robbins in the magazine article.

Robbins, in addition to serving as vice president of the TASA, holds membership in several professional organizations, the Masonic Lodge and the Rotary Club. A civic minded individual, Robbins is also on the administrative board of the First United Methodist Church and has served as co-chairman of the Diboll United Fund.

Jacks drop third to Indians, 29-6, host Tigers next



EXPLAINING THE ISSUES — Texas gubernatorial candidate John Hill visited Angelina County last week on a quick campaign trip through East Texas, and had the opportunity to meet with members of a Diboll High School civics class at the Angelina County Airport. Hill made a brief statement, answered questions from the press and shook dozens of hands before flying on to his next campaign stop in East Texas. (Free Press Photo)

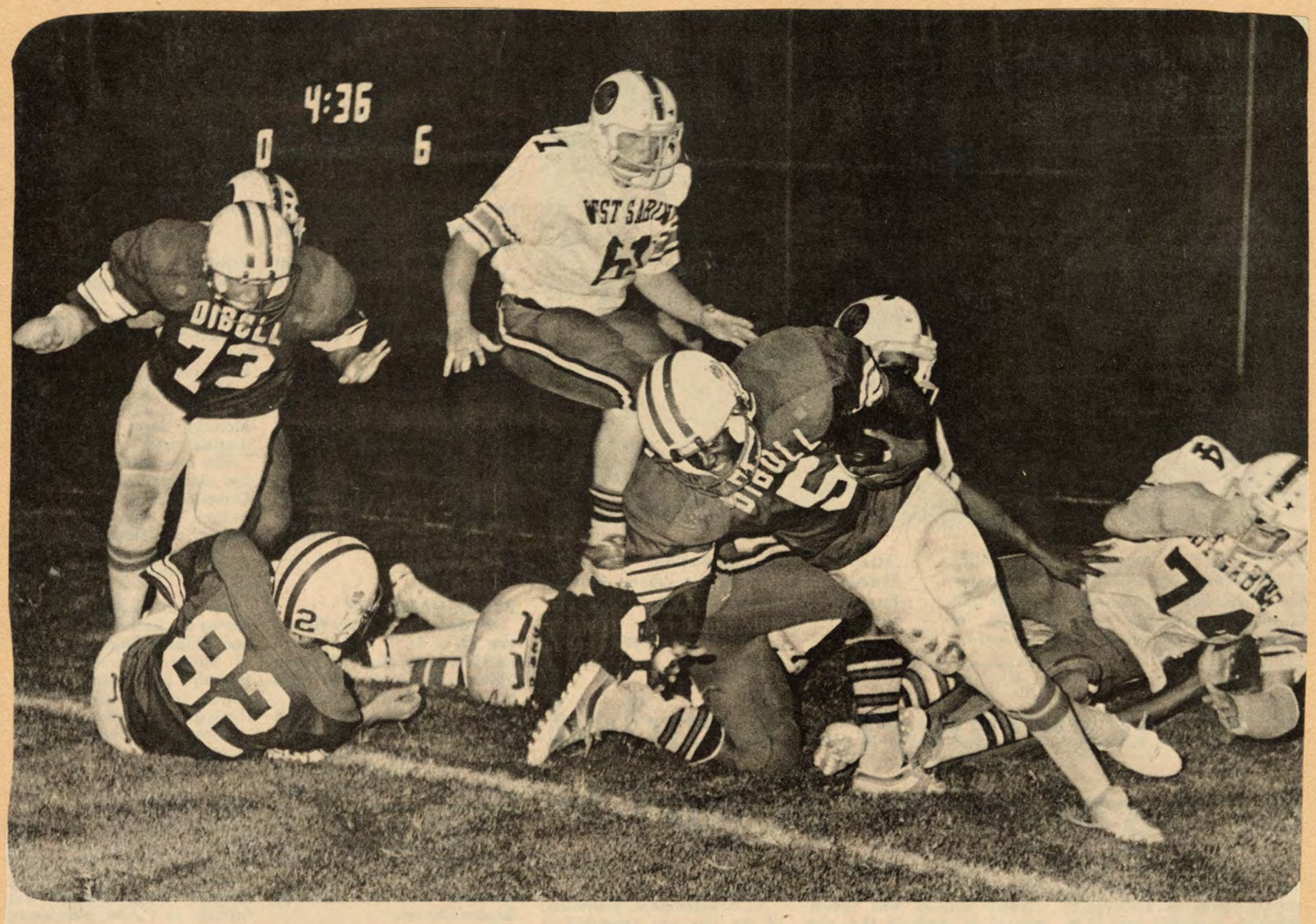
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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL homecoming queens Dorothy McCloud and Alice Jansen were recognized at Friday's football game, along with their escorts John Scott and Richard Crager, and the class princesses. Freshmen princesses were Michelle Hall and Carole Cooke. Sophomore princesses were Marty Grantham and Angela Gordon; Junior princesses were Charlotte Bray and Claudia Reed. (Free Press Photo)

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West Sabine posts 12-0 shutout over Lumberjacks



DIBOLL'S JIMMY TEAL (5) was caught sliding outside for yardage on this play Friday night. Teal was one of Diboll's bright spots as the Lumberjacks suffered their fourth straight loss, a 12-0 shutout at the hands of West Sabine. (Free Press Photo)

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Fairfield saddles Jacks with fifth defeat, 22-0



THESE ELEVEN LUMBERJACKS are playing their last season for the red and white. The seniors are (front row) Irwin McWilliams, Mike Hicks, Randy Cook, Brian Burnett and Rudy Rodriguez. In back are Tony Homan, Jim Grossman, Brandall Porter, Johnny Flowers, John Cheavens and James Stalsby.

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THE LADYJACK varsity volleyball team this season is composed of Odessa Vinson, Charlotte Bray, Susie Capps, Glenda Miller, Ethel Fowler, Coach Carol Drake, Robbie English, Tanya Clark, Charlotte Carroll, Belinda Tatum and Kim Sample.
(Free Press Photo)



DIBOLL'S JAMES STALSBY was looking downfield for running room after taking a pass from Gregg Spivey in Friday's game against Fairfield here. Fairfield prevailed 22-0 to hand the Jacks their fifth straight loss. Diboll plays favored Crockett in Crockett this Friday at 7:30. (Free Press Photo)

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THE LADYJACK junior varsity volleyball team at DHS is showing great promise this season. The team members are Velma Scott, manager, Christy McCollum, Lisa Harris, Peggy Chandler, Angela Capps, Tracy Chandler, Coach Myers, Ruth Rast, Carmen Levine, Connie Ward, Jennifer Turner and Cynthia Levine, manager.

(Free Press Photo)



DIBOLL HIGH'S freshman volleyball team this season is composed of Kathy Scarborough, Melissa Fairchild, Nola Fasske, Dessia Fowler, Coach Myers, Natalie Johnson, Cynthia Levine manager, Enga Hall, Nancy Wells, Connie Allen and Sherry Maley.

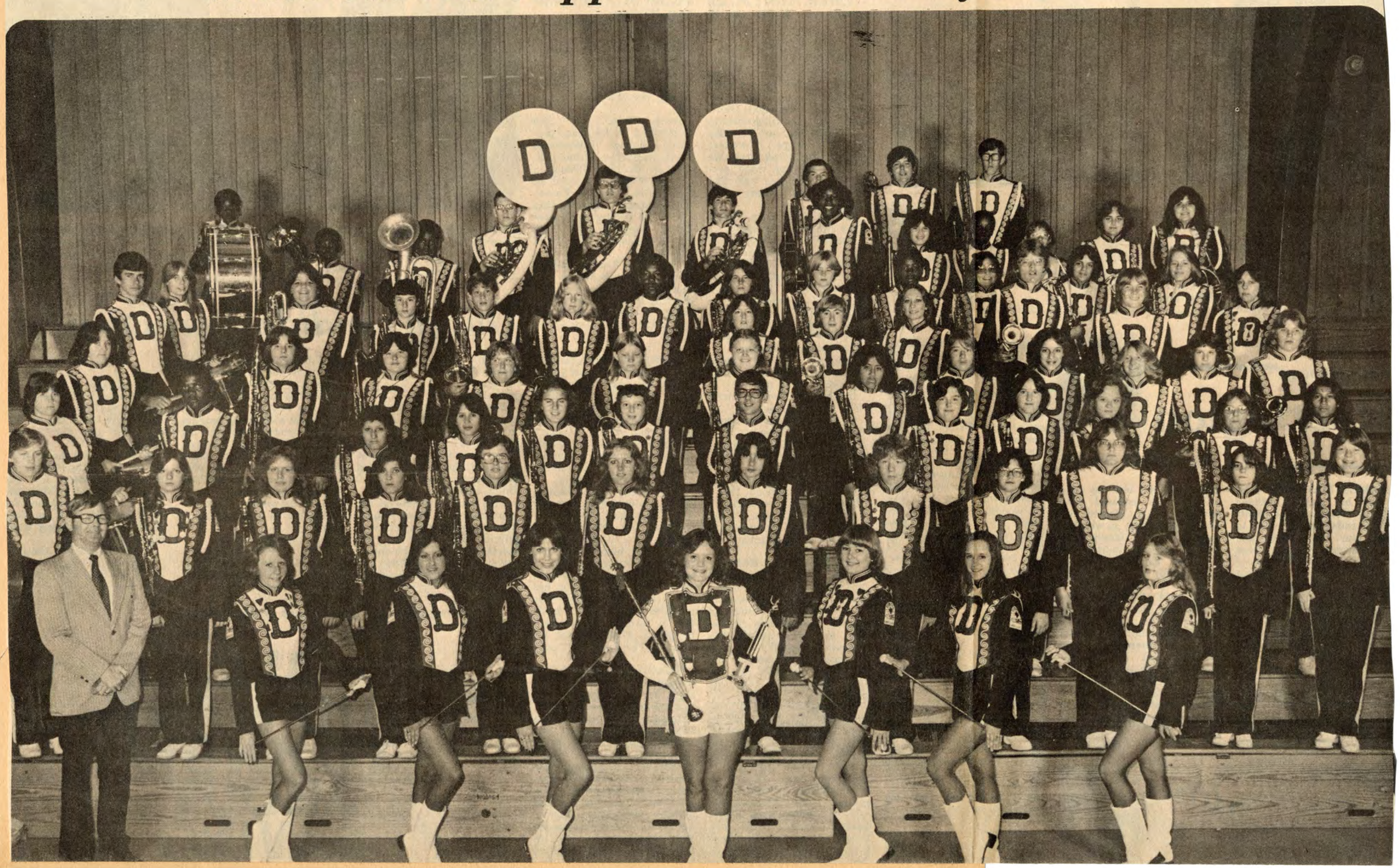
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Friday is BAND NIGHT at Lumberjack Stadium!

DIBOLL LUMBERJACKS vs FAIRFIELD EAGLES

Come out and support our Lumberjack Band!



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Westwood here Friday

Crockett mauls Jacks

By GERALD MALANDERS

The old expression that "you can't keep a good team down" doesn't want to work for the Diboll Lumberjacks. Last Friday night the Crockett Bulldogs pinned a 46-0 defeat on the Jacks, sending them to their sixth straight loss of the season.

Diboll has now lost 16 football games in a row over two seasons, is 0-6 on this season and 0-2 in district play.



DAVID EARL JOHNSON (21) is dragged down by a trio of Crockett defenders in this action from last Friday's game won by Crockett, 46-0. The Bulldogs built an early lead on Lumberjack mistakes and virtually shut off the Jack offense in handing them their sixth straight loss of the season. (Free Press Photo)

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Jacks eye win at Rusk after losing number 7



DIBOLL'S JAMES STALSBY (6) stepped in front of Westwood's Mark Kimbrough on this pass play in last week's game won by Westwood, 48-0. Kimbrough was the Panthers' big gun as he romped for 213 yards and four touchdowns. (Free Press Photo)

Diboll Honor Roll

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors, all A's: Suzanne Burkhalter, Richard Crager, Darlene Norris, Belinda Tatum and Shelia Wheeler.

All A's, except for one B: Ondrea Barlow, Barry Bell, Brian Burnett, Alice Jansen, Gerald Malanders, Nelda McDuffie, Lanny Wilkerson and Teri Neyland.

Juniors, all A's: Paul Bradshaw, Susan Maples, Gregg Spivey and Tonya Clark.

All A's, except for one B: Debbie Ellison, Diane Garrett, Becky Gray, Kathy Jennings, Mary Lester, Connie Maddox, Janet Price, Claudia Reed, Vonnie Ward and Becky Waller.

Sophomores, all A's: Robbie Cobb, Mark Holubec, Charles Mettlen, Brian Miller, Roy McCall and Cheryl Schmidt.

All A's, except for one B: Michael Amason, Jo Ann Harris, Bruce Jordan, Christy McCollum, Tammy Porter, Sherri Smith and Barry Tate.

Freshmen, all A's: Sharon Breazeale, Natalie Johnson, Kathy Scarborough, Jill Ward and Nancy Wells.

All A's, except for one B: Angie Barlow, Steve Capps, Carol Cooke and Melissa Fairchild.

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YEA FOR THE RED AND WHITE

ALL THE ACTION doesn't take place on the field at football games. The spirit is generated from the sidelines and these DHS cheerleaders do their part to keep spirits alive at Lumberjack games. They are (in front) Gwendy Hicks, Marty Grantham, Alice Jansen, Melissa Fairchild, Kathy Terrell and Tracy Chandler. On the top deck are Janet Price and Connie Maddox.
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Edge Rusk, 13-12

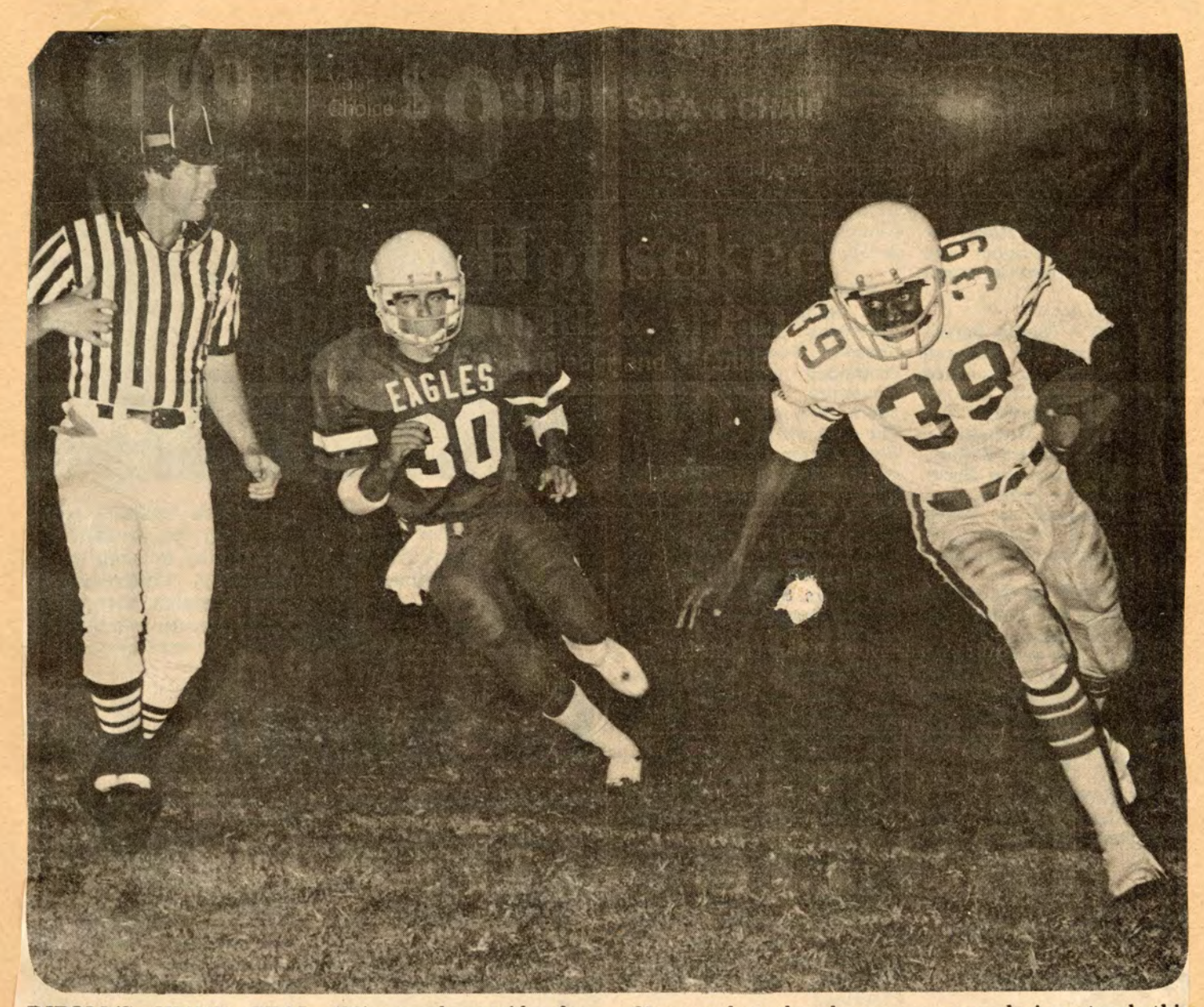
Axmen end long losing streak

By GERALD MALANDERS

The Big Red Machine has once again started rolling.

The Diboll Lumberjacks broke a seven game losing streak this season and a two season 17 game losing skein last Friday night by edging the Rusk Eagles 13-12 in the final 25 seconds of play.

Diboll had lost 17 straight under Coach Fred Bland this season and last, but the drought was finally broken when Jim Grossman punched through the winning extra point kick in a drama that could have involved two unbeaten teams rather than two winless elevens. Rusk went 0-8 on the season.



DIBOLL'S JIMMY TEAL (39) raced outside for yardage against Rusk last Friday as the Lumberjacks won their first game of the season 13-12 over the Eagles. The Jacks scored the winning points in the final 25 seconds to break a seven game losing streak this season and a 17 game losing streak over the past two seasons.

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DIBOLL'S JAMES STALSBY (6) took a shot to the back as he moved to break up this Rusk pass play last Friday. The Jacks scored in the final 25 seconds t win their first game of the seaso 13-12. (Free Press PhotA

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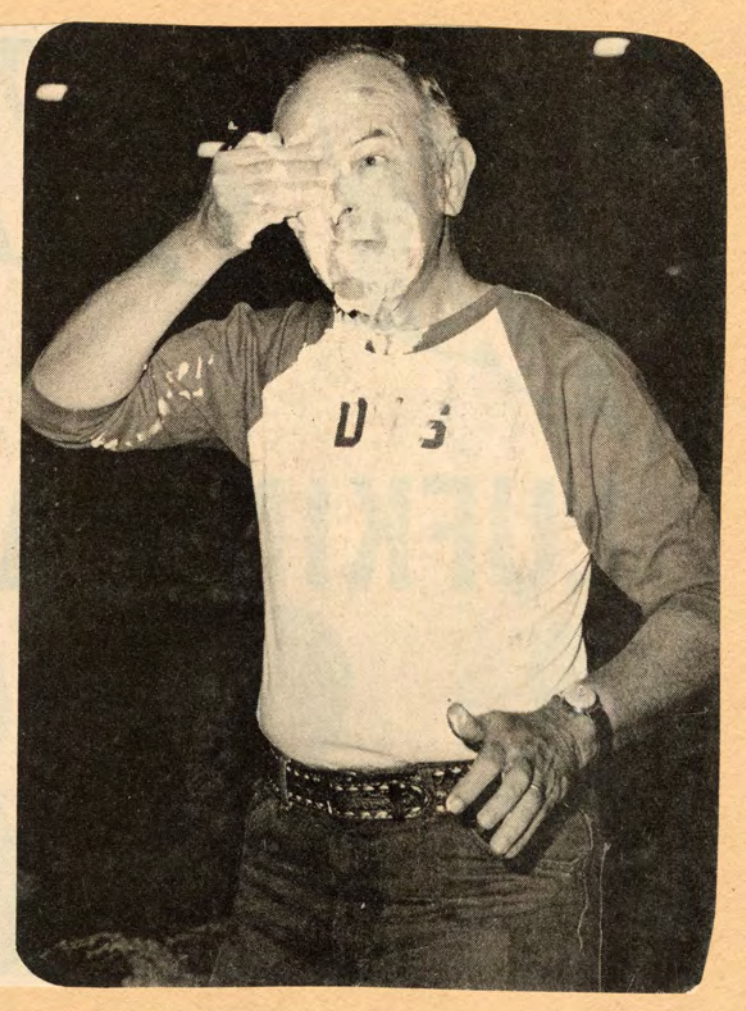
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Here's pie in your eye

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL Principal Bill Greer will do anything to help along the spirit at his school. He proved it last Friday when he took a pie in the face from Brandall Porter as the highlight of the weekly pep rally before the Diboll-Teague football game. Greer took the pie like a man, but he didn't get a single taste of it as most of the sticky stuff wound up in his eyes. It was fun while it lasted, but the heroics failed to pull the Lumberjacks through to victory as Teague prevailed at Friday's game, 57-7. (Free Press Photo)







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Second half Teague blitz buries Jacks



DIBOLL QUARTERBACK Gregg Spivey gained yardage on this play against Teague last Friday. Spivey maneuvered the Jacks to their only touchdown on their home field before going out with an injury and before Teague blew the Lumberjacks out of the stadium with a second half blitz that produced a 57-7 win.

(Free Press Pho

Jacks score only TD at home this season

By GERALD MALANDERS

The Diboll Lumberjacks were scratched, scraped, tattered and battered Friday night as the Teague Lions produced an explosive second half scoring spree that propelled them at a 57-7 victory.

The loss was the eighth of the season for Diboll against one win. Coach Fred Bland's teams over the past two seasons have now compiled a record of one win and 18 defeats. They are 1-8 this season and 1-4 in district.

Jacks get moral victory in 7-6 loss to Corrigan

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FOOTBALL QUEENS at Diboll High School were named at a pep rally last week. Queens Kim Sample (left) and Glenda Miller were escorted by Lumberjacks Brandall Porter, James Stalsby, Brian Burnett and Randy Cook. The football sweethearts were selected by members of the 1978 Lumberjack football squad.
(Free Press Photo)

Jacks open basketball season next Tuesday

New basketball coach Johnny Brown is whipping his Diboll Lumberjack team into shape with two practice scrimmages this week in preparation for the season opener next Tuesday night at Broaddus.

Brown sent his Lumberjacks against Woodville in a practice game Wednesday and is scheduled to scrimmage John Tyler there Saturday afternoon.

But the season opener is next Tuesday against the always tough Broaddus Bulldogs at Broaddus. Next Friday night the Jacks will play the Lufkin Panthers in Lufkin.

The Lumberjacks' home opener will be Tuesday, Nov. 28 when they host the Huntington Red Devils.

The locals enter the Lufkin tournament Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and 2. They will be in the Hudson tournament Dec. 7, 8 and 9, and in the Jacksonville tournament Dec. 14, 15 and 16.

Brown expects to field a freshman team that will play a separate schedule from the junior varsity and varsity, which play the same schedule.

Play bi-district Monday

Ladyjacks win district

By GERALD MALANDERS

The DHS Ladyjack varsity volleyball team beat Hudson last week for the District 21-AA title and will meet the Robinson Rockets in bi-district next Monday in Madisonville at 6:30 p.m.

Robinson is located near Waco. Madisonville was chosen as the neutral site because it is located halfway between Robinson and Diboll.

The Rockets are 20-4 on the season. Coach Judy Dolzell's team has won District 22-AA the past three seasons and went to the region finals in 1976.

Coach Carol Drake's Ladyjacks soared past Hudson in the district tournament at Crockett last Saturday.

The Ladyjacks opened the tourney on Thursday and eased by Corrigan, 10-15, 15-11 and 15-9. Corrigan is the only team to beat the Ladyjacks this season.

Friday the Ladyjacks eased by Hudson in the first game, 15-13, lost the second 12-7 and the third 14-12 when time ran out both times.

"My athletes began to worry about the clock too early and simply lost it on their own mistakes," said Coach Carol Drake.

Two hours later the Ladyjacks swept past Rusk 15-3, 15-6.

The Ladyjacks racked up their last win on Friday by pinning Corrigan, 13-8 and 15-10.

On Saturday the Ladyjacks wrapped up the district championship and brought it home to Diboll.

They met Hudson again in the finals but defeated them 12-10 and 15-5. The Ladyjacks made the tie-breaker interesting by disposing of Hudson with a breath-taking 13-15, 12-10 and 14-12 wins and the title.

Coach Drake previously taught at Mart, which is in the same district with Waco Robinson and she feels the Ladyjacks have a good chance of winning bi-district.

She added, "I feel the ladies proved to themselves that they are winners and are capable of overcoming tough obstacles to achieve a worthwhile goal. The Diboll Ladyjacks have always had a great record. They won bi-district in 1971 and 1972 and they won district in 1974, 1975 and 1976.

"I think this background will be an inspiration to us at the bi-district game. I want to personally thank Coach Linda Dunlap and Coach Charyl Palsha for preparing the ladies for me."

Ladyjacks are beaten

The DHS Ladyjack volleyball team lost its bi-district playoff game to Waco Robinson in Madisonville Monday night.

Robinson won the first game 15-7. The second game worked to a 14-14 standoff before Robinson pulled away to win, 17-15.

The Ladyjacks of Coach Carol Drake finished the season with a 15-7 mark and won the district title with an 8-2 slate.

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DIBOLL'S STEPHAN HANDY (13) sailed high to sink this layup Tuesday night as Huntington's Wade Herbert (24) and Craig Belk (12) watch helplessly. Huntington blitzed the Jacks in the third quarter to win the game, 61-49. Diboll returns the game in Huntington next Monday, then hosts Broaddus here Tuesday night.

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Board will take bids on high school parking lot

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll High School students who are used to wading through mud in the school parking lot during the rainy season may get relief soon, courtesy of the Diboll school board.

After more than a year of consideration, delays and more consideration, the school board finally voted to ask for bids on resurfacing the high school parking lot, which is nothing more than a quagmire when it rains.

School Board President Nancy Holubec brought the matter to the board's attention, and board member Ray Paulsey called on the board to ask for bids on the project. Current estimates put an estimated price tag of some $25,000 on the resurfacing project.

The current surface is composed mostly of a foundry slag material which is hard to clean from hallways and floors once it is tracked inside the school building. One suggestion which was vetoed called for an oil-topped surface — but oil will not adhere to the slag material, according to school business manager Doyne (Pop) Rich.

Board member Stacy Cooke suggested that the district might hire an engineer to study the parking situation and come up with a site plan which would make maximum use of the area available. The board is due to give the proposal further consideration at its next meeting in January.

als to 70 years, in accordance with federal regulations, and increased the substitute teacher pay scale to $25 per day.

• Voted to ask the city to assist the school in land grading work which would enable the elementary school to use an additional acre of playground which does not drain properly.

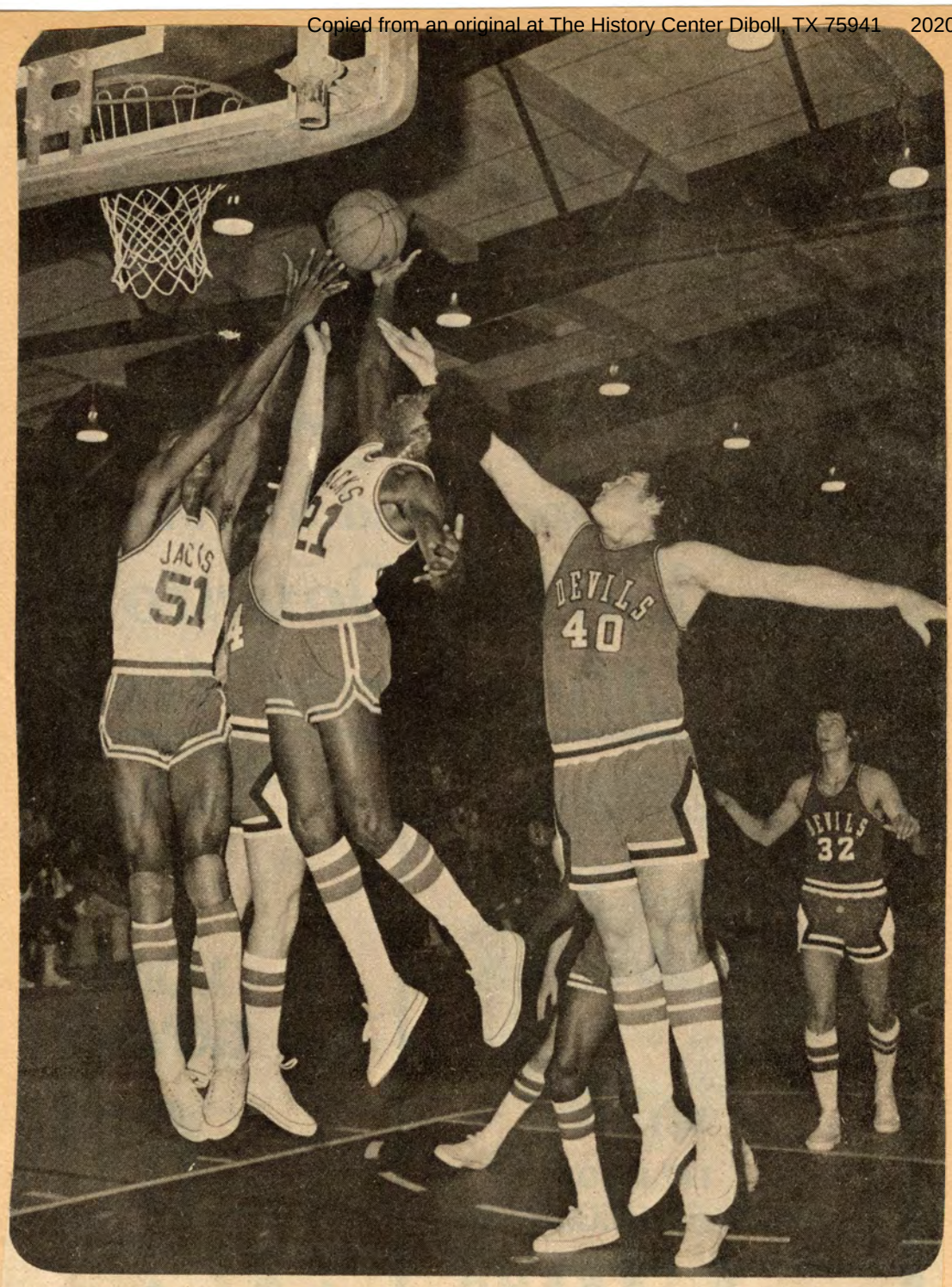


HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT

DHS BUILDING TRADES students are busily working on this year's construction project — a residence in the Shannan Forest subdivision. Instructor Joe Powell (right) and construction foreman Randy Cook took up a high perch Tuesday to check the fit of a skylight — one of the many added features of the 1,600 sq. ft. home. The students have been working on the framing stages of the project, which is now in its sixth week, and will do the majority of construction work as part of their studies in the DHS vocational education program.

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JACKS BATTLE RED DEVILS

DIBOLL'S MICHAEL HARRIS (51) and Amos Alexander (21) battle the boards for a rebound with Huntington's Ross Pinner (40) and another Red Devil in Tuesday's game here won by Huntington, 61-49. It was the home debut for new Coach Johnny Brown, who sends his Lumberjacks into the Lufkin Tournament beginning Thursday. They play in Huntington next Monday night, then host Broaddus here next Tuesday night. (Free Press Photo)

Lumberjacks All District

The Diboll Lumberjacks placed two men on the second team offense and two on the second team defensive when coaches selected the 21-AA all district teams last week.

The Jacks, who had a 1-9 record this season, had seven players on the honorable mention list.

Tackle Brandall Porter and wide receiver Jimmy Teal were named to the second team offense, while linebacker Randy Cook and defensive halfback James Stalsby were selected to the second team defense.

Named to the honorable mention offensive team from Diboll were Ricky Kyle, Lynn Williams, Ricky Coleman and Gregg Spivey.

Brian Burnett and Johnny Flowers were placed on the honorable mention defensive unit.

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, All A's: Melissa Fairchild, Michelle Hall, Natalie Johnson, Wesley Saxton, John Smith and Nancy Wells.

All A's and one B: Sharon Breazeale, Dessia Fowler, Cathy Scarborough and Jill Ward.

Sophomores, All A's: Mike Amason, Mark Holubec, Roy McCall, Brian Miller and Tammy Porter.

All A's and one B: Robby Cobb, Angela Gordon, Tammy Halsey, Jo Ann Harris, George Mendoza, Charles Mettlen, Keith Rains, Barry Tate and Kathy Terrell.

Juniors, All A's: Paul Bradshaw, Tonya Clark, Dianne Garrett, Kathy Jennings, Susan Maples, Janet Price, Claudia Reed and Vonnie Ward.

All A's and one B: James Gann, Connie Maddox, Kathy McWilliams, Troi Russell and John Wojhan.

Seniors, All A's: Suzanne Burkhalter, Alice Jansen, Nelda McDuffie, Darlene Norris, Laura Register, Belinda Tatum, Shelia Wheeler and Lanny Wilkerson.

All A's and one B: Don Easley, Glenda Miller and Teri Neyland.

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Jacks rip Broaddus



DIBOLL SCORING LEADER Amos Alexander went in clear for this layup in a recent game against Huntington with **the Red Devils' Steve Truett defending on the play. The Jacks lost to** Huntington a second time Monday, 44-40, but came back Tuesday to beat **Broaddus, 62-54. (Free Press Photo)**

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FLUTE IN A BOX

MEMBERS of the Diboll High School Band were all decked out in their Christmas finery for the annual Christmas concert Tuesday night. The packed house got a real treat when the band marched in wearing costumes which would make Santa's elves jealous. Cheryl Schmidt (left) and Cheryl Williams were really dressed in style for the concert, which featured members of the junior high and beginner band as well. Band director John Ingram had band members playing in an informal living room setting, decorated by members of the DHS Band Boosters.

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Bomb threat issued

The bomb threat fad reached Diboll Wednesday.

An unknown person called school officials at about 11 a.m. and said that buildings on all three campuses would "go up between 11 and 3 o'clock."

Superintendent Don Robbins almost immediately alerted school bus drivers and students on all campuses were sent home for the day.

A similar bomb threat occurred at Hudson schools on Monday. This is the first time a bomb threat has been made in the Diboll system.

Although no bomb threat has ever been carried out in area schools, officials say they cannot afford to take the chance that such a call might be the real thing.



STEPHAN HANDY (13) is one of Diboll's talented ball handlers this season, as well as one of the Lumberjacks' leading scorers. Here he dances around Huntington's Craig Belk on the way downcourt. The Lumberjacks play Slocum Thursday in the first round of the Jacksonville Tournament in an effort to improve on their 4-7 record. (Free Press Photo)



KIM SAMPLE was recently elected sweetheart of the Diboll FFA Chapter. She is congratulated by chapter president Lanny Wilkerson. Kim is a DHS senior and a member of the FFA Chapter here. (Free Press Photo)

Football stats not bad considering 1-9 record

The 1978 DHS Lumberjack football team won but one ball game, winding up with a 1-9 record to go with the 0-10 mark of last season, but the statistics for the season look better than the record.

Statistically, the Lumberjacks won some battles even though they lost the war.

The Jacks scored but 42 points during the ten games while giving up 297 to their opponents. The first quarter was their most productive, as they scored 21 of their 42 points in the first period. They scored six in the second quarter, none in the third, and 15 in the fourth.

Their opponents scored 63 in the first, 98 in the second, 61 in the third and 75 in the fourth.

Diboll stayed close to opponents in first downs, chalking up 99 to 108 for their opponents. Total yardage wasn't that bad as the Jacks managed 1,634 yards to 2,996 by their opponents.

Of the total, 1,080 was by ground and 554 by air, compared to the opponents' 2,282 on the ground and 714 in the air.

The Jacks, chiefly QB Gregg Spivey, completed 45 of 133 passes, compared to 51 of 113 for their opponents.

Time of possession is interesting. The Axmen had the ball three hours, 43 minutes and 50 seconds, compared to three hours, 43 minutes and 12 seconds for their foes.

QB Spivey was the leading rusher with 304 yards on 118 carries. David Johnson rushed 79 times for 252 yards, Jimmy Teal 61 times for 197 yards, Ricky Coleman 55 times for 191 yards, and Randy Cook 35 times for 106 yards.

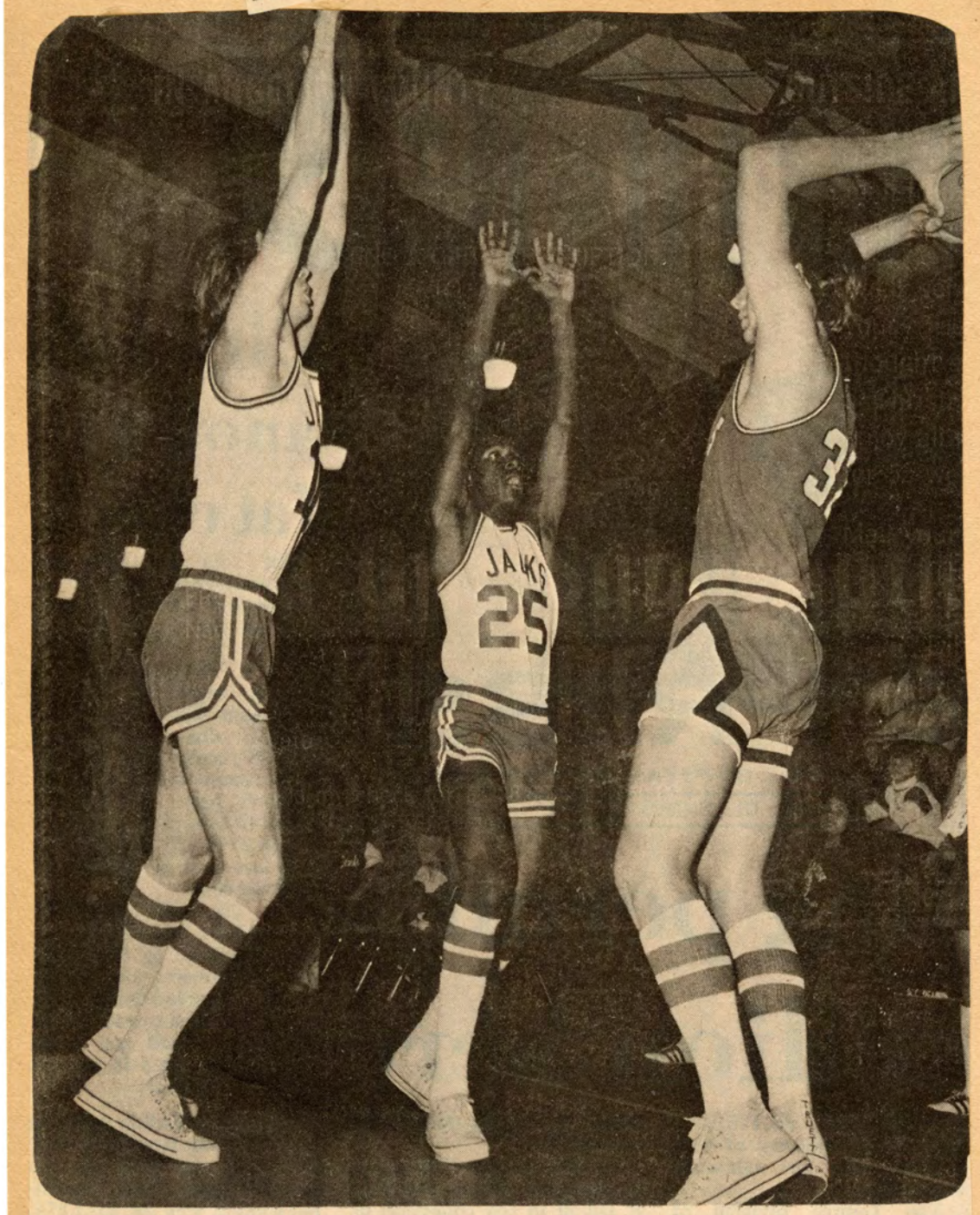
Spivey completed 33 of 87 passes for another 396 yards, Michael Amason threw 25 times and completed six for 109 yards, Cook completed two of five for 49 and Teal completed four of 11 for 33 yards.

Jimmy Teal was the leading pass receiver, catching 16 for 246 yards. Other leaders were Derrick Hall who caught eight for 96 yards, Ricky Kyle six for 72 yards and David Johnson five for 63 yards.

Jim Grossman averaged 26.0 yards as a punter and Derrick Hall managed a 29.0 per boot average.

The Jacks lost 35 of their 54 fumbles, while the opposition lost 25 of 47.

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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACKS have shown good defensive traits at times this season and have been successful in recent games in drawing fouls while fouling their opponents sparingly. Here Richard Crager and Jimmy Teal put up a high guard against Huntington's Steve Truett in a recent game.

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School board will look for new football coach

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll High School will have a new head football coach and athletic director next school year, as a result of action taken by the Diboll School Board Monday night.

School trustees, after meeting in a closed executive session, voted unanimously not to renew Coach Fred Bland's contract for the 1979-80 school year. The decision does not affect the remainder of this school term, and Bland will continue his duties until the end of the spring term.

"The record speaks for itself," said board member Ray Paulsey, who instigated the move to oust Bland after the school board had concluded its regular slate of business Monday. Paulsey asked that the board meet in executive session with high school principal Bill Greer to discuss personnel matters, and the vote was taken less than ten minutes later. Bland was not present at the meeting.

The record to which Paulsey referred was Bland's football coaching win-loss record at DHS for the past two seasons. The Lumberjacks managed only one win in 20 starts during the past two seasons on the gridiron — the only victory coming late last season with a 13-12 win over the Rusk Eagles.

Bland took over the head coaching job in 1977 when Joe Wyatt left Diboll after compiling a record of nine winning seasons during his ten year tenure at DHS. Dibollians got into the habit of having a winning football team during Wyatt's reign as head coach — two district and bi-district champs — so there were some big shoes to fill when Bland took over in 1977.

A former assistant coach at South Park High School in Beaumont, Bland had held several jobs as assistant coach before coming to Diboll in his first head coaching stint.

Even in defeat, Bland praised the attitude of his players during the past two seasons, saying that the squad kept on trying despite dismal defeats. Throughout the 1978 season the Lumberjacks were ranked near the bottom of the Class 2-A ladder.

It was that record which produced dissatisfaction among members of the school board, some of whom had called for Bland's dismissal at

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FRED BLAND
Won't be coming back

School board will look for new football coach

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the end of the 1977 season. Superintendent Don Robbins said that the board reached its decision at this time to give themselves plenty of time to search for a new coach. "It is also because we wanted to give Coach Bland time to look for a new job," said Paulsey.

Robbins said that although the coaching job and classroom teaching job are normally tied together, Bland could remain at DHS in a classroom teaching situation "if there are any openings." Robbins added that Bland has made no indication of his intention to ask for a job as a classroom teacher.

No date has been set for taking applications for a new head coach, but Robbins said that the district would be sending out feelers shortly just to see what the market has in the way of coaches. He added that the board will probably want to set up some guidelines for interviewing prospects, and will want to set up some procedures for selecting a candidate.

About 20 candidates applied for the head coaching job last time it was open, and school officials hope to interview that many or more before arriving at a decision on the new head coach for DHS.

The only other item of business on the school board agenda Monday night also involved personnel matters. The board voted to accept the resignations of Mack Walker and Mary Ann Hall as teachers and gave Celia Martinez maternity leave of absence.

The board also voted to hire Miss Dianne Pavlic of Diboll to teach second grade. Miss Pavlic is a December 1978 graduate of Baylor University and holds a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

Also hired was Mrs. Harriet Jones. Mrs. Jones is a December 1978 graduate of SFA University and will teach history and government classes at DHS.

Diboll High School will have a new librarian also. Miss Susan Frizzell of Huntsville will take the position vacated by Mrs. Joan Doss last semester. Miss Frizzell is a December graduate of Sam Houston State University.

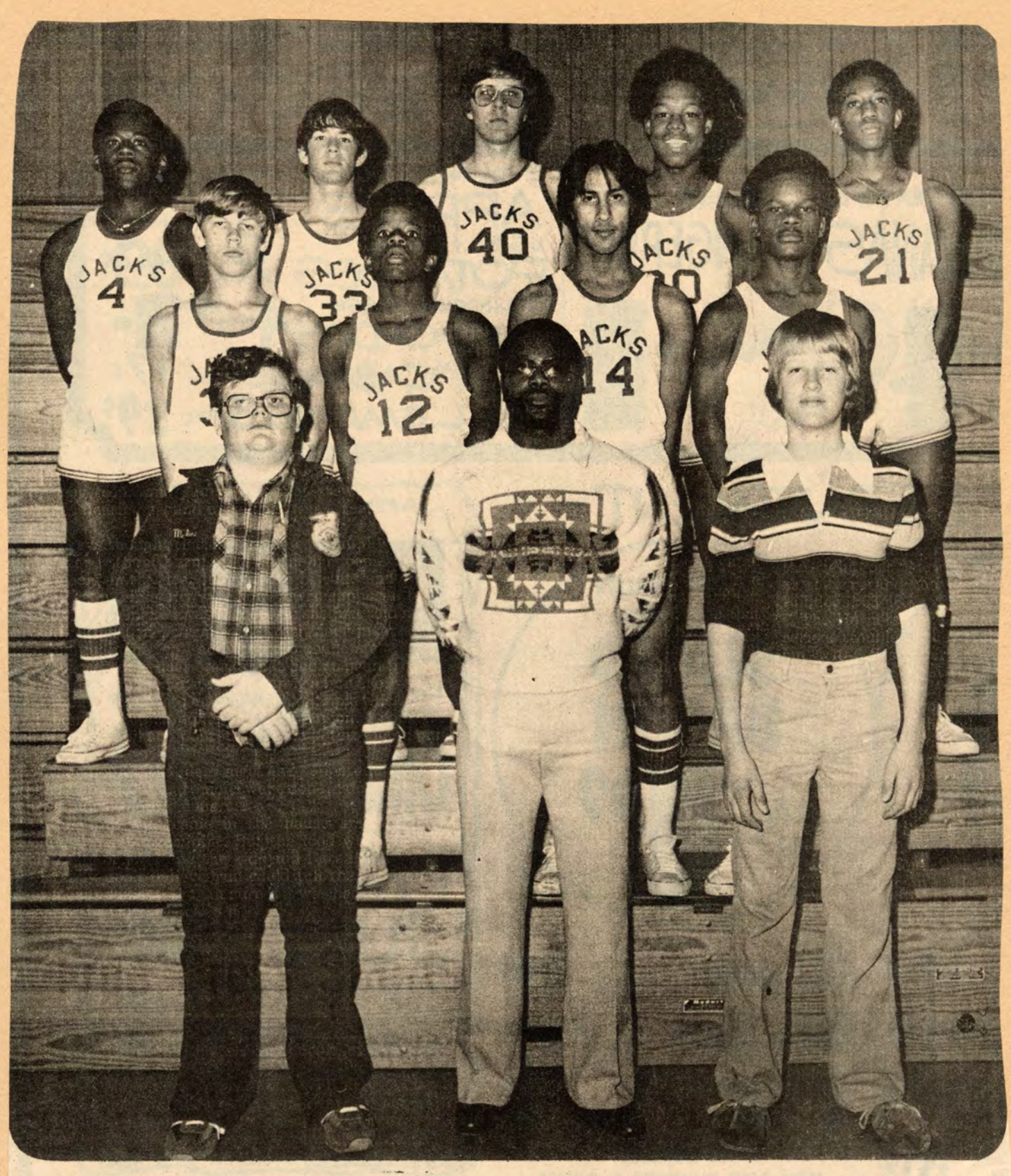
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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACKS of Coach Johnny Brown this season are (front) managers Johnny Mitchell, Charles Mettlen and Keith Nash and Coach Brown. Middle row: Dorsey Scott, Paul Bradshaw, Jimmy Teal, Gregg Spivey and Stephon Handy. Back row: Jeff Hearne, Stephan Rodgers, Ricky Kyle, Amos Alexander and Richard Crager.

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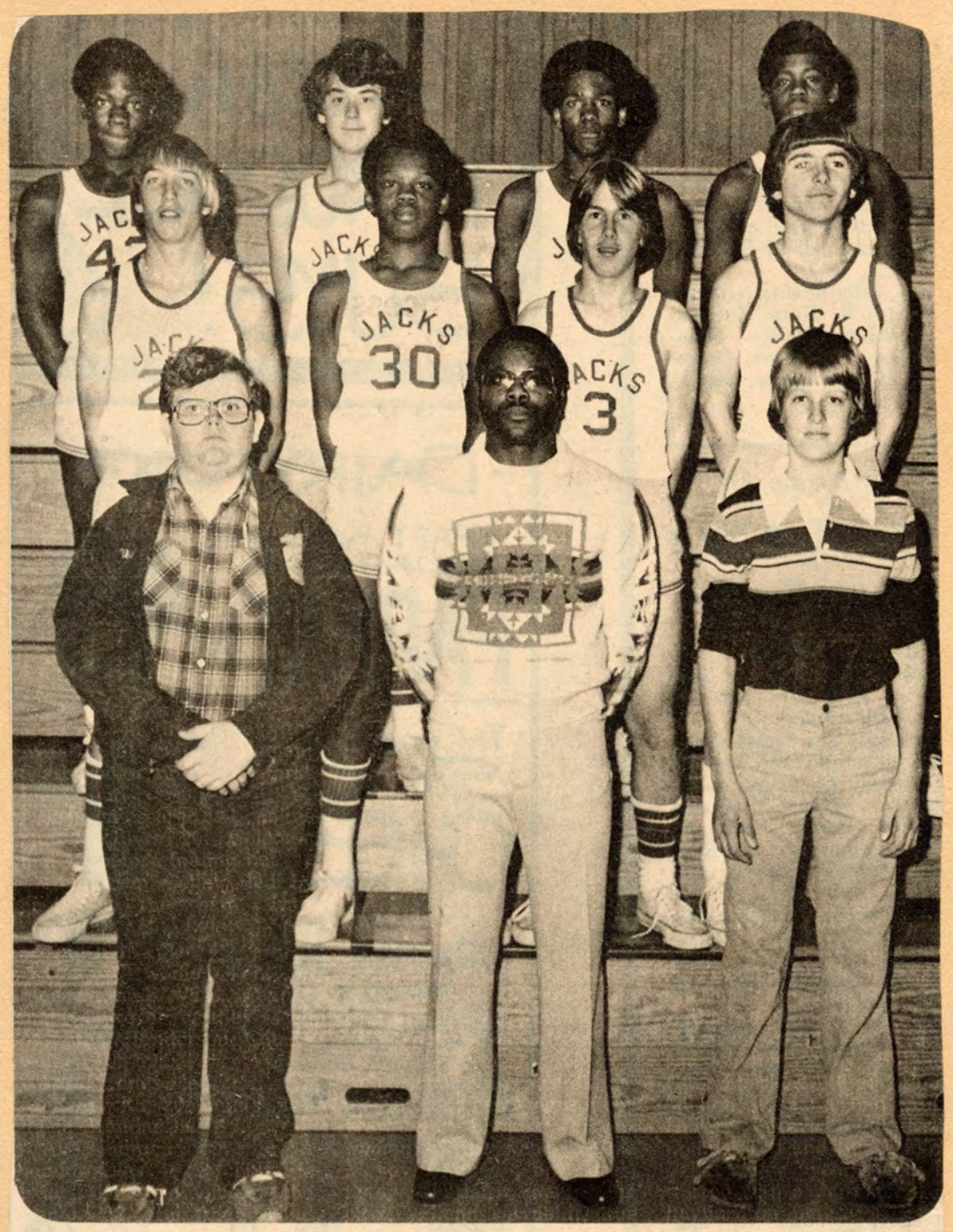
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THE LUMBERJACK junior varsity team this season is composed of (front) Eric Mettlen, manager; Coach Travis Weatherspoon and manager Chuck Grossman. Middle row: Mike Amason, Von Hubbard, Rudy Esteves and Leonard Gibson. In back are Ricky Coleman, Barry Tate, Mark Holubec, Donald Hamilton and Darrell Coleman.

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THE LUMBERJACKS have a freshman team this season that is composed of (front) manager Eric Mettlen, Coach Travis Weatherspoon and manager Chuck Grossman. In middle are Doug Glover, Johnny McCloud, Chris McGilvra and Gary Dover. In back are Dwight Brown, Jimmy Mettlen, David Earl Johnson and Edwin Mitchell.
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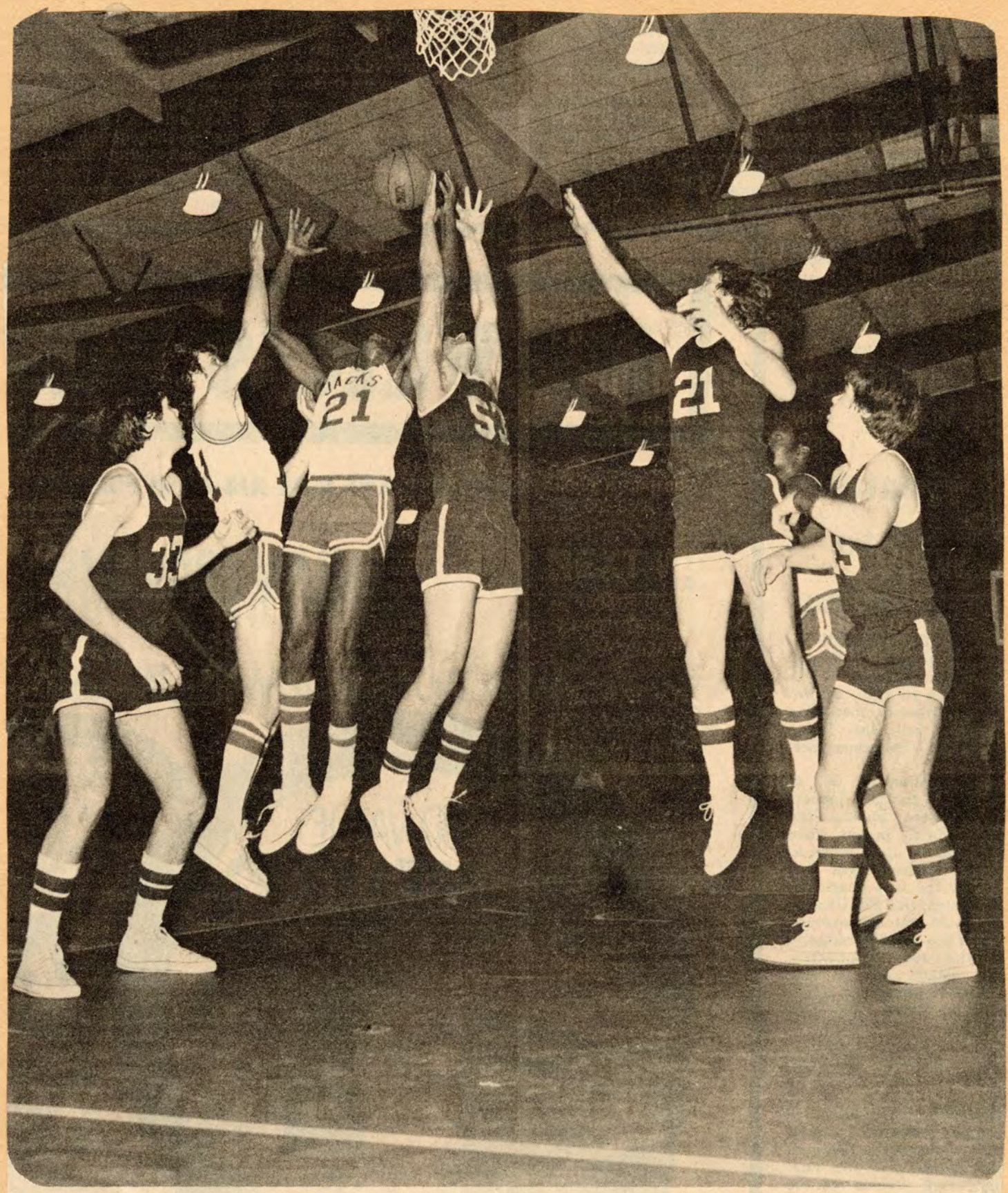


LUMBERJACKS TOPPLE HORNETS

HUDSON'S GREG DOTSON (33) pulls down a rebound in Tuesday night's battle here that was won by the Lumberjacks, 47-45. Teammate Richard Spring (21) watches the action as Lumberjacks Richard Crager (11), Stephan Rodgers (55) and Amos Alexander (21) try to get a hand on the ball. The win by Diboll puts them in a tie with Hudson for the zone lead, each with 3-1 records.

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HUDSON AND DIBOLL PLAYERS all look upward as they search for a handle on the basketball in this action from Diboll's 47-45 win over Hudson here Tuesday night. The win ties Diboll and Hudson for the 21-2A zone lead with 3-1 records. Diboll hosts Rusk here Friday night in the second round of zone play.

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Jacks tie Hornets for zone lead, 47-45

Teams tied at 3-1; Eagles here Friday



S AMOS ALEXANDER (21) for a shot as two Hudson stand helplessly by Tuesday big zone game won by Diboll, 47-45, in a thrilling finish. Alexander is Diboll's leading scorer, although he was held to six points by the defense-minded Hornets. (Free Press Photo)

The Diboll Lumberjacks surprised the Hudson Hornets with a 47-45 victory in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium here Tuesday night, throwing the Jacks and Hornets into a tie for the 21-2A zone lead with 3-1 records.

It was even-steven right down to the wire, from start to finish.

Amos Alexander's inside layup gave Diboll a 46-45 lead with about a minute left in the game. Seconds later Stephon Handy was fouled and hit Diboll's only good free throw of the game to make it 47-45.

Hudson got the ball down court but missed the shot, then missed the free throw with just 11 seconds left. Jimmy Teal then stole the ball seconds later after Hudson came in bounds and was fouled. Teal misssed the free throw with three seconds left.

Rodgers then missed a free throw on a technical foul on Hudson with three seconds left. Diboll got the ball in and controlled it the final three seconds for the victory.

Hudson took a shaky 11-10 first quarter lead, but Diboll had a 12-11 edge in the second quarter that evened it up at 22-22 at the half.

Each team scored 12 points in the third period to keep it even at 34-34 going into the final period, and the Jacks scored 13 to Hudson's 11 in the final period to ease away with their third zone win.

Diboll's only blemish thus far in zone play is a 54-58 loss to Rusk. Since that loss in the zone opener the Jacks have throttled Central, 49-40, and blasted Corrigan-Camden 68-46, before the Tuesday win over Hudson.

Hudson's only loss thus far is of course to Diboll.

Coach Johnny Brown's Lumberjacks host the Rusk Eagles here this Friday, then host the Central Bulldogs next Tuesday in the second round of zone play.

Stephan Rodgers had the hot hand for Diboll in the first quarter against Hudson with six of Diboll's ten points. Hudson's Larry DuBose was matching him with six as Hudson took a one point lead.

Diboll's scoring was well spaced in the second quarter as Rodgers pumped in four, and Paul Bradshaw, Jimmy Teal, Stephon Handy and Richard Crager scored a bucket each. DuBose continued to lead the Hornets with another six as the half ended at 22-22.

DuBose really got hot for Hudson in the third with four baskets good for eight points.

Paul Bradshaw countered for the Jacks with six points, while Amos Alexander, Teal and Rodgers hit two apiece and the score stayed even at the end of the third period, 34-34.

The Jacks silenced Hudson's DuBose in the final period, while Alexander and Bradshaw picked up the slack for Diboll with two buckets each, Gregg Spivey and Teal hit a basket each and Stephon Handy hit Diboll's only free throw of the night.

Greg Dotson was Hudson's scoring ace in that fateful fourth period as he hit three from the floor and three free throws for nine of his 11 points.

Rodgers and Bradshaw were Diboll's scoring leaders with 12 each, Jimmy Teal hit eight, Alexander had six, Crager hit four, Handy had three and Spivey two.

DuBose led Hudson with 21 points, Greg Dotson and Gary Stephen had 11 each and Richard Weaver hit two.

The big scoring story was that one fourth of Hudson's points came at the free throw line. The Hornets hit on 11 of 15 charity tosses while Diboll was getting only four attempts at the line and hitting on one of those.

The Lumberjacks had a big edge in field goals, 23-17.

The Diboll junior varsity fell to the Hudson reserves, 52-41 in the preliminary game despite an 18 point effort by Donald Hamilton.

Coach Brown's Lumberjacks had warmed up for the Hornets by racing past the Corrigan-Camden Bulldogs here last Friday, 68-46, in one of their better games of the season.

Amos Alexander led the way with 24 points, Jimmy Teal hit 19 and Stephan Rodgers scored nine for the Jacks.

Diboll was never in trouble as they staked a 20-10 first quarter lead and were ahead at the half, 39-22.

Coach Travis Weatherspoon's junior varsity also chalked up a victory over the Corrigan-Camden JV, 70-46, as Hamilton poured in 22 points and Von Hubbard hit double figures with ten markers.

The Lumberjack varsity is now 11-13 on the season and 3-1 in zone play. The Jack JV is rolling along with a 10-6 record.

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Diboll Honor Roll

The third six weeks honor roll has been released by Diboll school officials.

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Seniors, All A's: Jeanne Carter, Belinda Gay, Alice Jansen, Gerald Malanders, Darlene Norris, Laura Register, Shelia Wheeler and Lanny Wilkerson.

All A's except for one B: Suzanne Burkhalter, Charlotte Carroll, Glenda Miller, Melissa McCall, Nelda McDuffie, Irvin McWilliams, Teri Neyland and Brian Burnett.

Juniors, All A's: Linda Bolt, Paul Bradshaw, Tonya Clark, Karen Gay, Kathy Jennings, Connie Maddox, Susan Maples, Janet Price, Claudia Reed, Patsy Rivers and Vonnie Ward.

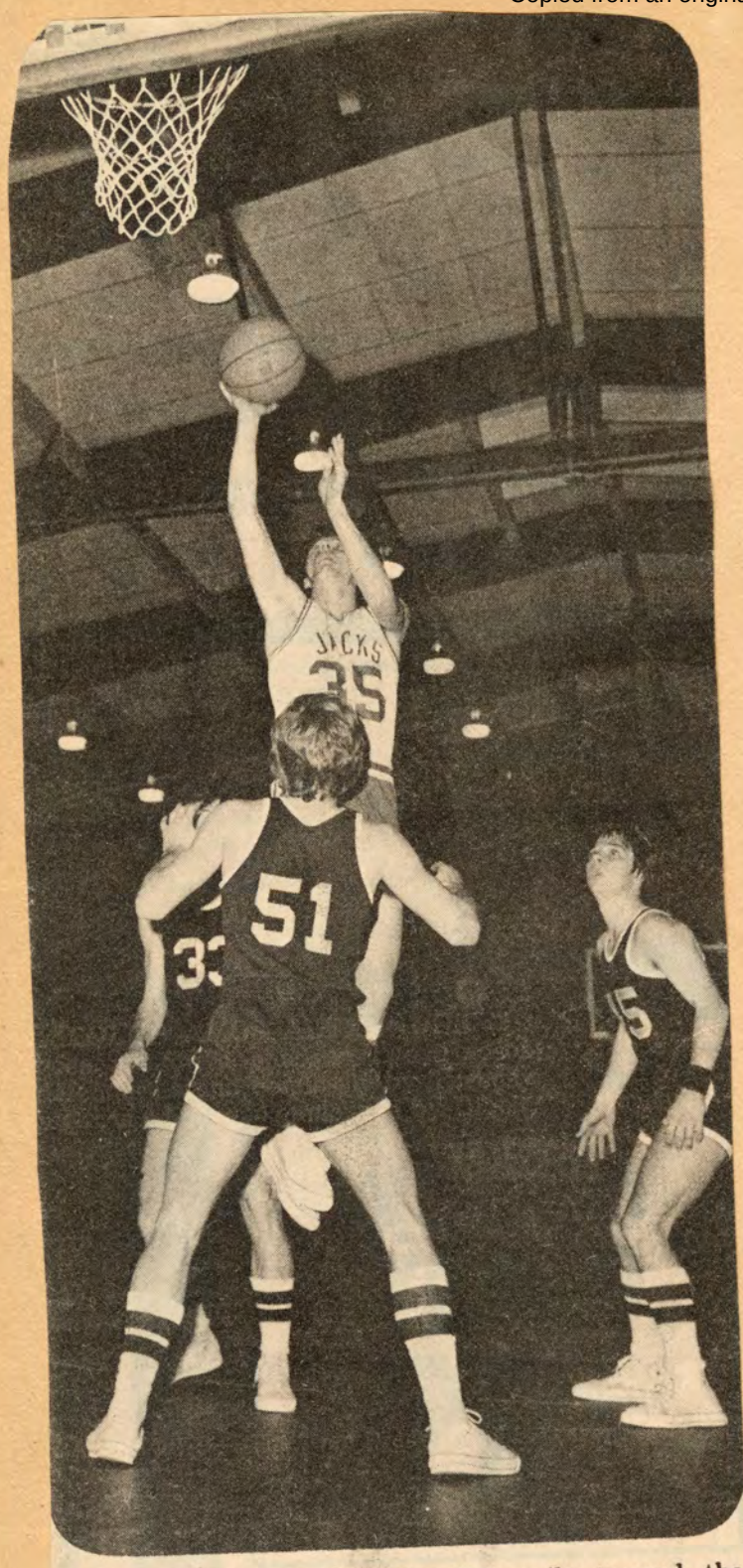
All A's except for one B: Susie Capps, Tracy Chandler, Debbie Ellison, Robbie English, Mary Maynard, Kathy McWilliams, Troi Russell, Gregg Spivey and John Wojhan.

Sophomores, All A's: Robbie Cobb, Mark Holubec, Roy McCall, Brian Miller, Tammy Porter and Barry Tate.

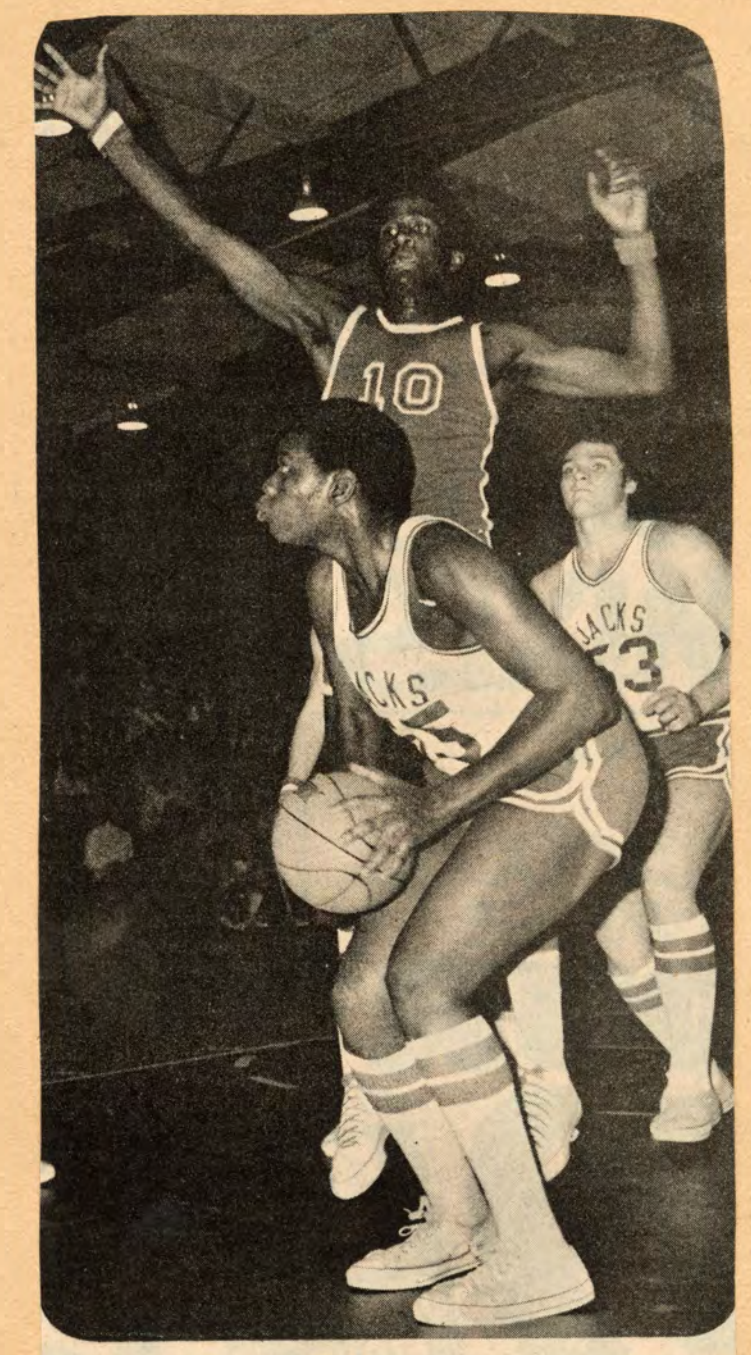
All A's except for one B: Angela Gordan, Marty Grantham, Charles Mettlen, Cheryl Schmidt and Sherri Smith.

Freshmen, All A's: Sharon Breazeale, Carole Cooke, Melissa Fairchild, Natalie Johnson, Jill Ward and Cathy Scarborough.

All A's except for one B: Shannon Capps, Dessia Fowler, Michelle Hall, Margie Harris, Doreen Holt, Monica Reeves, John Smith, Cheryl Williams, and Howard Windham.



DIBOLL'S GREGG SPIVEY (35) sails toward the basket with a shot against Hudson here Tuesday night in Diboll's thrilling 47-45 win over the Hornets. Defending for Hudson are Greg Dotson (33) and Larry DuBose (51). (Free Press Photo)



STEPHAN RODGERS (55) tries to get free of a Central defender to make an assault on the basket in Tuesday night's game here. Rodgers scored eight points in Diboll's 51-37 win over the Bulldogs. (Free Press Photo)

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School board election scheduled for April 7

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll school trustees have set Saturday, April 7 as the date for school board elections. Two members of the board are up for reelection. James Rhone has indicated that he will seek another term, while Charles Havard said that he has not made a decision yet.

School officials said that no one has yet officially filed in the election as of Wednesday morning.

The school board also gave final approval on bids for renovating the high school parking lot at their regular meeting Tuesday night. Jordan and Davis Construction of Lufkin was low bidder on the project with a total bid of $20,869 for surfacing approximately 4,700 sq. ft. of parking area adjacent to the gym.

The price quoted does not include an extra charge for striping of the individual parking slots and installation of the concrete bumper blocks of the kind normally found in parking lots. Cost of striping is 15 cents per foot extra, and the concrete bumpers add another $20 each to the total cost, but school officials haven't yet decided how many parking places to provide so that part of the cost is still uncertain.

The contractor told board members that he could possibly do the entire job during the spring break week, but said that would depend on weather and availability of hot mix materials. If the job is not done during spring break, then the parking lot project will be put off until summer vacation.

The board also accepted the bid of Bartlett, Baggett and Shands Insurance of Lufkin for casualty insurance on school property. Aetna Insurance Co. was the low bidder on the insurance provided by BB&S at $35,667. The insurance policy will be in effect for three years.

Another set of bids, those for sound system improvements to the high school gym and football stadium plus the addition of several speakers in portable buildings, were tabled pending further consideration of the technical needs the school has for the sound systems proposed.

Trustees also voted to purchase a new 19 passenger bus for use in the special education program. The small bus will be used to transport students enrolled in the Lufkin ISD special education program at Hackney School. The vehicle can also be used for other school functions requiring a vehicle smaller than a regular bus.

The bus will be purchased through the state transportation agency which handles all school bus purchases. The estimated cost of the bus is $13,500 — some of which will be paid through cooperative grant agreements.

Board members also reviewed current policy regarding multi-year contracts for administrative personnel. Meeting in a closed executive session, board members discussed and informally agreed to begin considering administration's contracts on a year to year basis, as is specified in the board's policy manual.

The issue which triggered that consideration was the annual renewal date of Superintendent Don Robbins' contract. It has been a long standing unofficial board policy that the superintendent's contract be renewed annually for a three year period. Official policy, however, dictates that all administration personnel shall have contracts spanning one year, unless modified otherwise by the school board.

The fact that the board did not vote to renew Robbins' three year contract "is not because we felt like he isn't doing his job," said board member Stacy Cooke. The agreement among board members stems rather from the feeling that a multi-year contract "tends to perpetuate that office...and we don't feel like the job should be any different than any of the jobs that we hold," Cooke continued.

Cooke stressed that the decision reached by the board was strictly informal, did not reflect on anyone's job performance, and could be changed during negotiations with school employees or prospective employees. He added that a similar move would likely be forthcoming concerning the contracts for principals, which are to be reviewed next month. Principals have a maximum two year contract.

Cooke also noted that the decision by the board has no effect on the remaining two years of the superintendent's contract. The only change is that there is no longer a three year span under which that contract runs.

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DIBOLL FFA STUDENTS John Wojhan, Ronnie Pavlic and Dale Day show salt and mineral feeder they built.

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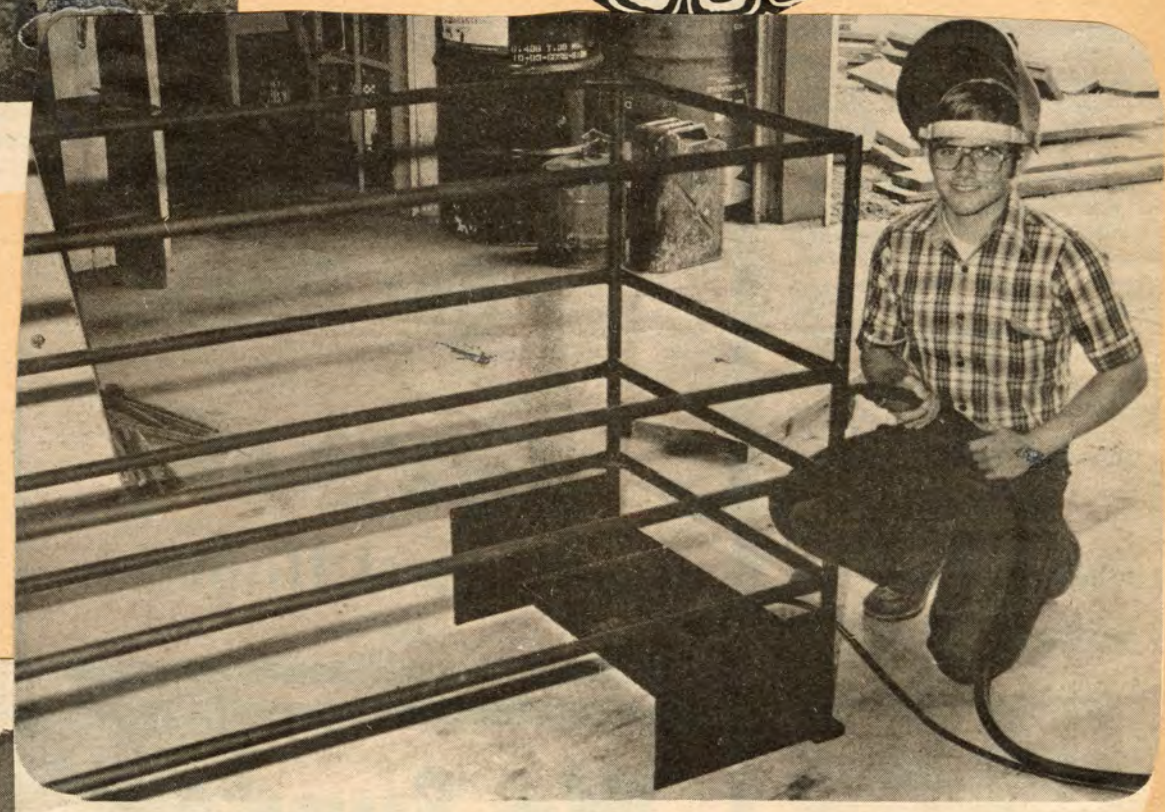
MAYOR C. H. SHEPHERD has proclaimed February 17-24 as FFA Week in Diboll. He is joined in this picture by Lanny Wilkerson, president of the FFA Chapter at Diboll High School, and by Cary Cheshire and his Angus cross steer "Snowball." This annual tabloid section is devoted to the activities of the FFA chapters in the county whose members are preparing for the Junior Livestock Show on March 13 in Lufkin. The Free Press is indebted to DHS agriculture instructor Jesse Bradford for taking the photographs and directing this effort to spotlight FFA and vocational agriculture activities.

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DIBOLL AG I student Perry Beaty shows his Charolais cross steer.



RICKY KEE of Diboll FFA welds on a farrowing crate at the Diboll shop.



ROBBY COBB and Kent Havard of Diboll FFA Ag II show the cattle feeder they worked on.



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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS — Six Angelina County young ladies were recognized for their service, leadership, dependability and patriotism" by the Anthony Smith Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at an awards ceremony Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Robert Poland. Mrs. Milton Hickman, chairman of the Good Citizen Award Committee, presented pins and certificates to (standing, left to right) Kay Berry, Lufkin High; Kim Sample, Diboll High; and Debbie Collins, Hudson High. Seated are Paula Allen, Central High; Lisa Katherine Selph, Huntington High; and Kelly Flowers, Wells High.

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18 students chosen for Select Band

Monday afternoon tryouts were held for the Select Band made up of students from bands in Diboll's football district.

Students chosen for the band will attend an all day clinic in Crockett this Thursday, Feb. 16.

Lufkin Bank Director Waymon Bullock will preside at the clinic and conduct the band in a free concert at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Crockett High School auditorium.

Crockett placed 28 students in the band, Diboll 15, Teague 14, Rusk 11, Westwood eight, Fairfield five and Corrigan four.

Diboll students named to the Select Band are:

Karen Ingram, piccolo; Kathy McWilliams, Lori Lee, Troi Russell, Kim Goins, Sandra Blount and Diana Santana, clarinet; Pam Halsell and Thomas McGhee, tenor sax; Shannon Capps and Damon Baker, cornet; Rosalynd Blount, trombone; Mary Maynard, baritone; Barry Tate and Mark Holubec, bass horn.

Also, Diane Mills, alternate trumpet; Bryan Holubec, alternate trombone; and Greg Sudduth, alternate bass horn.

Hudson edges Diboll for south zone title

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No word on coach

The Diboll School Board will likely meet early next week in special session to again consider the applications which have been received seeking the position of head coach and athletic director for Diboll High School.

Superintendent Don Robbins said that the administrative staff is currently going over references sent in by various school districts regarding several applicants the board selected for further consideration.

The board has not ruled out any applicant from the running, however. In fact, the district has received an additional 11 applications since the last board meeting, and will consider those at the next special meeting, said Robbins.

The district has now received some 63 applications from interested parties, including some from 4-A school head and assistant coaches, according to Robbins. Although there has been no formal cutoff date for consideration of applications, Robbins said that he expects that the board will begin weeding out some of the applications at the next meeting, and could possibly reach a final decision within two weeks.



GETTING READY — DHS vocational agriculture teacher Jesse Bradford gives this steer a manicure in preparation for the Junior Livestock Show in Lufkin on March 13. First year ag students watched the procedure on the nervous calf at the DHS calf barn here. (Free Press Photo)

Jack team looks good on defense

By GERALD MALANDERS

The Diboll Lumberjack baseball team is tuning up for its March 1 opener against Hemphill and Coach Roland Bates says he is happy with the progress of his 21-man squad.

Bates is readying his Lumberjacks for a possible 31-game schedule, an average of about four games a week.

The Jacks are headed by eight returning players from last season, including left-handed pitcher Jeff Hearne, shortstop Gregg Spivey, catcher Bruce Jordan, third baseman Richard Crager, pitcher-centerfielder John Porter and rightfielder Billy Ivey.

A tentative lineup could look like this says Coach Bates:

Guerrero, Arnold Turner, Billy Ivey, Johnny Mitchell and Dwight Brown.

Catcher, Bruce Jordan and Dwight Brown; pitchers, Kent Havard, John Porter, Rudy Esteves, Ronny Jones, Gary Dover and Jeff Hearne; utility men, Wesley Saxton and David Johnson.

Says Coach Bates: "I feel that baseball has been neglected. I have been getting good response from the players; they have a good attitude. Their interest in baseball is there. We don't have an over-powering team, but we do have quality players who can adjust to most positions."

Coach Bates feels the club already shows signs of being a good defensive unit. "I'm not sure about offense because we haven't worked on hitting

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More work slated for girl tracksters

By GERALD MALANDERS

The DHS girls track team took part in the Woodville track and field meet last Saturday but Coach Carol Drake was unimpressed with their performance.

"I think we could have done better," said Coach Drake. "We need to start working a little harder and also instill the winning attitude in these girls."

Placing in the meet for Diboll were Dessia Fowler with a second in the 220, Loretta Hubbard with a fifth in the long jump, Carmen Levine first in the shot put, and Cynthia Levine third in the discus.

The Diboll team will enter the Hardin-Jefferson meet March 16 and 17, go to Warren March 23 and 24, to Buna March 30 and 31 and then participate in the district meet at Teague on April 5.

Coach Drake has her charges lined up this way for the various events:

Angela Capps, 100 yard dash, shot; Connie Allen, discus; Dessia Fowler, triple jump, long jump, 220 mile and mile relay; Ethel Fowler, triple jump, long jump, 880, 100 dash and mile relay.

Also, Angela Gordon, 440, 440 relay and 880 relay; Loretta Hubbard, long jump, discus, 220 and mile relay; Carmen Levine, shot; Cynthia Levine, shot and discus; Sherry Maley, mile, 440 relay and 880 relay; Glenda Miller, triple jump, long jump, hurdles and mile relay; Teri Neyland, 880; Laura Register, hurdles and mile relay; Jennifer Turner, 100, 440 relay and 880 relay; and Pamela Lewis, 440, 440 relay and 880 relay.

DHS track team at Woodville Saturday

By GERALD MALANDERS

Coach Travis Weatherspoon's DHS track team is hard at work this week preparing for the season's first track and field meet this Saturday in Woodville.

"We're not interested in winning right off," says Coach Weatherspoon. "At the moment I'm interested in conditioning these men."

Here is the way the coach has his 26 member squad lined up for Saturday's events:

Rudy Rodriguez, 880 and mile run; Bruce Jordan, hurdles; Alvin Parrish, 880 run and mile; Michael Amason, 220 dash and hurdles; Dorsey Scott, 220 dash and hurdles; Arnold Turner, 440 and 880; and Dwight Brown, discus and shot put.

Also, Clifford Allen, 880; Michael Brown, 220, 100 yard dash and 440; David Johnson, 220, 100, 440 and broad jump; Ronny Jones, 220 and hurdles; Ricky Coleman, discus and shot.

Also, Cranston Hunt, 440 and 880; Wesley Saxton, 880, mile, discus and shot; Doug Glover, half mile, 880 quarter mile and mile relay; Vernon Stewart, 440, mile relay, quarter mile, discus and shot; Johnny Flowers, discus and shot.

Also, Greg Spivey, quarter mile, mile relay, high jump and hurdles; Kent Havard, 220, quarter mile, hurdles and pole vault; Gerald Ligon, half mile, mile and quarter; Richard Crager, hurdles, half mile and high jump; Brandall Porter, discus and shot; Lynn Williams, discus and shot; Lynn Ray Turner, discus, shot and pole vault; and John Smith, mile.

After this Saturday's meet in Woodville the Lumberjacks will compete in the Livingston meet on March 10, at Hardin-Jefferson on March 17, in Warren on March 23, and at Buna on March 30-31.

The district meet will be held April 20 in Teague.

Baseball team is off to good start

By GERALD MALANDERS

Tuesday night the Diboll Lumberjacks literally took batting practice as they raced past Brookeland 16-2 in a game played at Louis Jordan Memorial Park here. The game was called after four and a half innings.

In the second game of the double header, Diboll mastered Brookeland 15-1 in a short two inning contest.

Diboll fans got their opening view of the 1979 Lumberjack baseball team last Thursday as the Jacks tied the first game of a double header with Hemphill, 2-2, but lost the second game, 5-4.

Diboll claimed the first run when Richard Crager whacked a double to left. Ricky Carroll eased a bunt down toward first and the Hemphill pitcher overthrew first. The error allowed Crager to score, sending Carroll to second.

David Johnson made the score 2-0 in the third after he came in on Gregg Spivey's double.

Hemphill conjured up a rally in the seventh to knot the score at 2-2.

Kent Havard pitched the first four innings for Diboll, allowing no hits and striking out two. Roy McCall finished up the game and gave up three hits and struck out three.

In the second game Richard Crager again was the first man to cross the plate for the Jacks. Spivey, Crager and Arnold Turner all scored in the third inning, but Hemphill pushed across five runs to take a 5-4 decision.

Monday night the Jacks split a double header with Huntington's varsity and junior varsity, 11-7 and 7-1.

David Johnson gave Diboll its first run in the first inning to make it 6-1 Huntington.

Huntington added another run in the second inning to give them a 7-1 lead.

Crager and Johnson gave Diboll two more runs in the third but the Devils tacked on two of their own to take a 9-3 advantage.

In the fourth it was 10-6 Huntington after Kent Havard, Gary Dover and David Johnson brought home runs for Diboll. Crager got the last run as the game ended with Huntington on top, 11-7.

Diboll blasted the Huntington JV 7-1. Bruce Jordan started the rally with his run in the second. The Jacks went on a scoring spree in the third. Rudy Rodriguez, Gregg Spivey, Richard Crager, Ricky Carroll, Ronny Jones and Jimmy Mettlen all crossed the plate for the Jacks.

Coach Roland Bates throws his Lumberjacks against Woden on Thursday in another double header with the first game starting at 4 p.m.

JACK SCHEDULE

March	8	Woden	H 4:00
March	12	Hudson JV	H 6:00
March	13	Hudson JV	H 6:00
March	15-17	Hudson Tourney	
March	22	West Sabine	H 4:00
March	22-24	Livingston Tourney	
March	27	Huntington	T 2:00
March	29	West Sabine	T 4:00
March	30	Jasper JV	H 4:00
		DISTRICT	
April	3	Rusk	H 4:00
April	6	Central	H 6:00
April	17	Corrigan	T 4:00
April	19	Hudson	T 7:00
April	24	Rusk	T 7:00
April	26	Central	T 7:30
May	4	Corr. JV	H 4:00
May	8	Hudson	H 7:00

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DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL'S vocational agriculture department's Bruce Jordan, instructor Bob McCurry and Ron Turner this week set about the task of repairing a yard table and benches built just a year ago by the Hudson ag department. It will be returned to South Meadows Nursing Home after it is repaired and repainted, McCurry said. (Free Press Photo)

Diboll scoring leader unanimous zone choice

Two Diboll Lumberjacks were named to the 21-2A east zone basketball team this week and a third was named honorable mention.

Amos Alexander and Jimmy Teal were named to the elite all-zone team, while Richard Crager was given honorable mention.

Alexander, Larry DuBose of Hudson and David Hullett of Corrigan were unanimous selections to the all-zone team.

Other members of the first team, in addition to Diboll's Jimmy Teal, are Gary Stephenson of Hudson, Wendell Tinsley of Central and Alan Sanders and Raymond Skinner of Rusk.

Joining Richard Crager in the honorable mention list are Larry Weaver of Hudson, Tracy Christopher of Rusk, Keith Spencer, Randy Nerren and Mike McClendon of Central, and Stephen Baker and Raymond Woodard of Corrigan.

Coach says track team just needs more work

The DHS boys track and field team competed in the Livingston meet last Saturday, but bad weather again slowed their efforts.

Coach Travis Weatherspoon had this to say: "Even though the weather did cause us some difficulties, I don't feel it was that much of a factor because the other teams had to compete on the same field and under the same conditions.

"Our performance wasn't that great, but I do feel the men are improving and will be competitive in the meets to come."

Placing for Diboll were David Johnson, who took sixth in the 220 dash with a time of 24.3 seconds and a second in the long jump with a distance of 20'-2".

The mile relay team came in sixth with a time of 3:47.2. Members of that team are Michael Brown, Richard Crager, Doug Glover and David Johnson.

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Champion steer sells for $9,045

LUFKIN — Two Diboll boys showed the grand champion and reserve champion steers at the annual Junior Livestock Show Tuesday as the show set a new sale record of over $80,000, besting last year's record $60,800.

Temple Junior School student Eddie Clark, a 4-H member, received $9 a pound and a total $9,045 from purchaser Texas National Bank for his grand champion Limousin Angus cross steer. Last year's champion brought $7,880.

Eddie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hulen Squyres of Beulah.

Kent Havard of the Diboll FFA had the reserve champion steer that sold to Gerland's Food Fair for $4.25 per pound. The 1,100 pound steer brought a total $4,675 to the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Havard, including his bonuses.

Of the 60 steers sold at auction, none sold for less and $1.02 per pound.

The steer auction brought in $75,164.32, the hog auction $5,110.25, the lamb auction $1,935, the rabbit auction $180 and the broiler auction $190 for a sale total of $82,579.57, which easily surpassed the 1978 sale total of $60,800.

Diboll FFA had four of the six grand champions. In addition to Havard, James Stalsby had the grand champion Hereford; his brother John Stalsby had the grand champion English cross; Bruce Jordan had the grand champion Charolais.

Diboll also had two reserve champions with Kim Sample showing the other-cross and Perry Beaty the reserve champion Charolais.

Jubilant Diboll instructors Bob McCurry and Jesse Bradford also announced that Diboll showed the grand champion and reserve champion rabbits. Gerald Ligon had the grand champion breeding rabbits, with Martin Lewis showing the reserve champions.

Ron Turner of Diboll showed the grand champion hog. Texas National Bank paid $7.25 per pound or $1,703.75 for Turner's entry.

And Diboll's Jeff Ferguson exhibited the grand champion Brahman cow.

Darrel Hanks and Clint Dickerson had the top rabbits, bought by J.W. Lout for $60. Champion broilers were shown by Keith Weathers of Central and purchased by Jim Pluss for $85.

Andrew Moore, 4-H student, had the grand champion beef female, and Lufkin FFA student Terry Vann had the champion dairy female.

The beef showmanship award went to Richard Richardson of Lufkin FFA, and Cary Cheshire of 4-H won the dairy showmanship award.

The market hog show award went to David Riggs, 4-H, and the market lamb show award went to Anita Arnold, also a 4-H student.

Ricky Coleman's hog was purchased by J.W. Lout for $281.25, and First Bank & Trust paid $376 for Mark Turney's hog entry.

Steers owned by two Diboll students had the best gain of the show and both steers came from the Bob McCurry ranch here in Angelina County.

Kent Havard's reserve champion Brahman-Simmintal cross gained 565 pounds over the 123 day feeding period.

But Richard Capps of Diboll FFA showed the largest steer ever entered in the Junior Livestock Show. His Main Anjou from the Bob McCurry ranch weighed 1,150 pounds. The calf gained 620 pounds during the feeding period, or about five pounds per day.

Starting weight on all calves in the show is a maximum 550 pounds.

Cary Cheshire of Diboll FFA captured the dairy showmanship reserve award with his Brown Swiss cow.

It was a big day for three Diboll boys as senior James Stalsby showed the grand

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BRUCE JORDAN of the Diboll FFA displayed the champion Charolais at the Junior Livestock Show held Tuesday. Of the 60 county calves sold at the **auction, none brought less than $1.02** per pound, up to $9 for the grand champion.

(Cameracraft Photo)

Steer brings $9,045

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champion Hereford, John Stalsby had the grand champion English cross, and 4-H'er Bill Stalsby showed the grand champion Angus. They are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Stalsby, and their father teaches biology at DHS.

Of the 20 Diboll FFA steers, 17 made the sale. The lowest price paid for any of the 60 calves in the show that made the sale was $1.02 per pound.

The showing of Diboll FFA students in the show, with the buyer and total sale price:

Kent Havard, Gerland's Food Fair, $4,675.

Kim Sample, Temple-Eastex, $1,336.50.

James Stalsby, Exeter Investment, $1,410.75.

Bill Stalsby, Lufkin Federal, $1,018.50.

Bruce Jordan, Monk and Richard Warner, $1,187.50.

John Stalsby, Big Tin Barn, $1,079.

Perry Beaty, Diboll Brookshire Bros., $1,052.25.

Richard Capps, Mimosa Camper Sales, $1,207.50.

Cary Cheshire, Buddy Temple, $1,107.75.

Kim Milligan, Paige Perry, $1,028.50.

Mark Hines, Temple Associates, $1,102.50.

Michael Amason, A&NR Railroad, $1,060.80.

Randy Murry, Diboll State Bank, $995.50.

Terry Glover, Southland Paper Mill, $919.13.

Jeff Rast, Earl Chance and Dr. Woody Ingram, $935.25.

Keith Morris, Ottis Lock, $961.88.

Gary Dover, Lufkin Redi-Mix, $1,063.13.

The Diboll FFA Chapter also won second in the shop show with nine blue and one red ribbons. Hudson took first place with 11 blues and one red.

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RON TURNER of Diboll showed the grand champion hog at Tuesday's Junior Livestock Show in Lufkin. Texas National Bank purchased the hog for $1,703.75 or $7.25 per pound. TNB officials Keith Perry, R. M. Shumaker and Larry Risinger pose with Turner (left). (Cameracraft Photo)



MES STALSBY of Diboll FFA show- he champion Hereford at the County ior Livestock Show Tuesday. Diboll entries captured four of the top six spots in the steer judging, including the reserve champion. (Cameracraft Photo)



JOHN STALSBY of the Diboll FFA showed this champion English cross steer at the Junior Livestock Show. He and his brothers James and Bill all took championship honors in the county stock show. (Cameracraft Photo)

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RESERVE CHAMPION AT $4.25 PER POUND

GERLAND'S FOOD FAIR of Lufkin paid Diboll FFA student Kent Havard $4.25 per pound or $4,675 for the reserve champion steer in Tuesday's Junior Livestock Show. Left to right are Ellis Crittington, meat operations for Malone & Hyde of Beaumont; Perry Stevens, Gerland's Lufkin store manager; Ralph Craven, general manager of Gerland's; a happy Kent Havard; and Dub Williams, meat operations manager for Gerland's.

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LEARNING THE ROPES — Members of the Diboll High School building trades class have been hard at work on their house which is under construction in the Shannan Forest subdivision. Hanging interior walls for the three bedroom home are (left to right) Darryl Jones, Kenneth Poole and Michael Hicks. The building trades class is under the supervision of instructor Joe Powell, who said that he expects the home to be finished by the end of the school term. It will then be put up for sale by the DISD.

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Ex-Lumberjack comes home

Baker new head coach

Bobby Baker is coming home.

The tall Lufkin High School varsity assistant Tuesday night was employed as the new head coach and athletic director in the Diboll school system.

Baker will officially join the Diboll school system August 1, succeeding Fred Bland. He becomes the 11th head football coach at Diboll since 11-man football began here 30 years ago, in 1948.

Baker got a unanimous nod from the Diboll school board at a special meeting Tuesday night. He was selected from more than 80 applicants for the job. The school board looked at applicants from Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana and personally interviewed what board members thought were the top 11 prospects.

Bobby Baker of course is a native Dibollian, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Baker. He graduated from Diboll High School in 1965 where he was an all sport athlete. He was the leading pass receiver on the 1964 football team, catching 29 passes for 376 yards.

Baker is one of six Bakers who had graduated from DHS over the years. His two sisters and three brothers are also DHS grads and one sister is a longtime Diboll Elementary School teacher.

After graduating from DHS in 1965, Baker got his degree from Sam Houston State University, where he played baseball. He then joined Lufkin Junior High as an assistant. Four games into that season he was named head coach. But before another season began, he was drafted into the army and served his two years as a member of the elite Honor Guard in Washington, D.C.

He returned to Lufkin in 1973 to become head coach in the athletic program at Lufkin Junior High East. He was then elevated to the varsity staff in charge of defensive secondary and offensive backs under Coach James Moffatt and served the past two seasons under Coach Ed Cauley as his varsity assistant over the defensive secondary.

Baker has seven years coaching under his belt in the Lufkin system and says he is grateful to have served under coaches Moffatt and Cauley, both of whom he greatly admires. Both taught him the importance of loyalty and organization in the coaching profession, he says.

How does the ex-Lumberjack feel about "coming home" to coach?

"It never entered my mind that this opportunity would someday arise," he says, explaining that he decided in his high school days that he wanted a career in coaching.

Baker says that his philosophy of coaching is that the head coach and his staff are solely responsible for the success or failure of a team. A head coach's life, morals and actions must be such that he

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Baker new coach

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is trusted by his fellow coaches and players, he believes.

Although he will be in charge of all athletics in the Diboll school system, Baker said in his opinion there is no head coach and his staff, rather it is "the coaching staff."

He hopes his tenure at Diboll also brings about a strong Fellowship of Christian Athletes, which has been successful in bringing about "closeness and unity" in the Lufkin athletic program.

The FCA teaches this closeness and unity, Baker says, and does not attempt to impress a single faith on any player. It simply means, Baker says, that a person is willing to stand up and say 'I am a Christian.'

The FCA is not imposed on any player not desiring it, he says.

Baker said that coming up under Christian parents and being trusted with responsibilities at an early age had helped him greatly in his adult life.

Baker said he had rather not comment on what formations or specific training he might have in mind for his Lumberjack football team. His first effort will be to stress fundamental conditioning and techniques and team loyalty, he said.

Baker will be taking a football program that has had a 1-19 record the past two seasons. Despite a winning ten year period from 1967-1976, DHS football teams since 1948 have a negative record of 115-189-7. There have been two district and bi-district championships during that time, in 1970 and 1971.

Baker was married in 1969 to Rose Mary Toney, a 1966 DHS graduate. They have a four year old daughter, Kimberly Renae. The Bakers are members of the Calvary Baptist Church in Lufkin.



NEW HEAD COACH

BOBBY BAKER (center) was welcomed Tuesday night as the new head coach and athletic director of the Diboll schools by school board president Mrs. Nancy Holubec and Superintendent Don Robbins. Baker, a native Dibollian, has coached for seven years in the Lufkin school system. He is a 1965 graduate of Diboll High School and a former Lumberjack player. (Free Press Photo)

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Jacks split pair with Huntington

The Diboll Lumberjack junior varsity romped past the Huntington JV 12-1 Tuesday night, but the Red Devil varsity came back with a 7-5 win over the Lumberjack varsity.

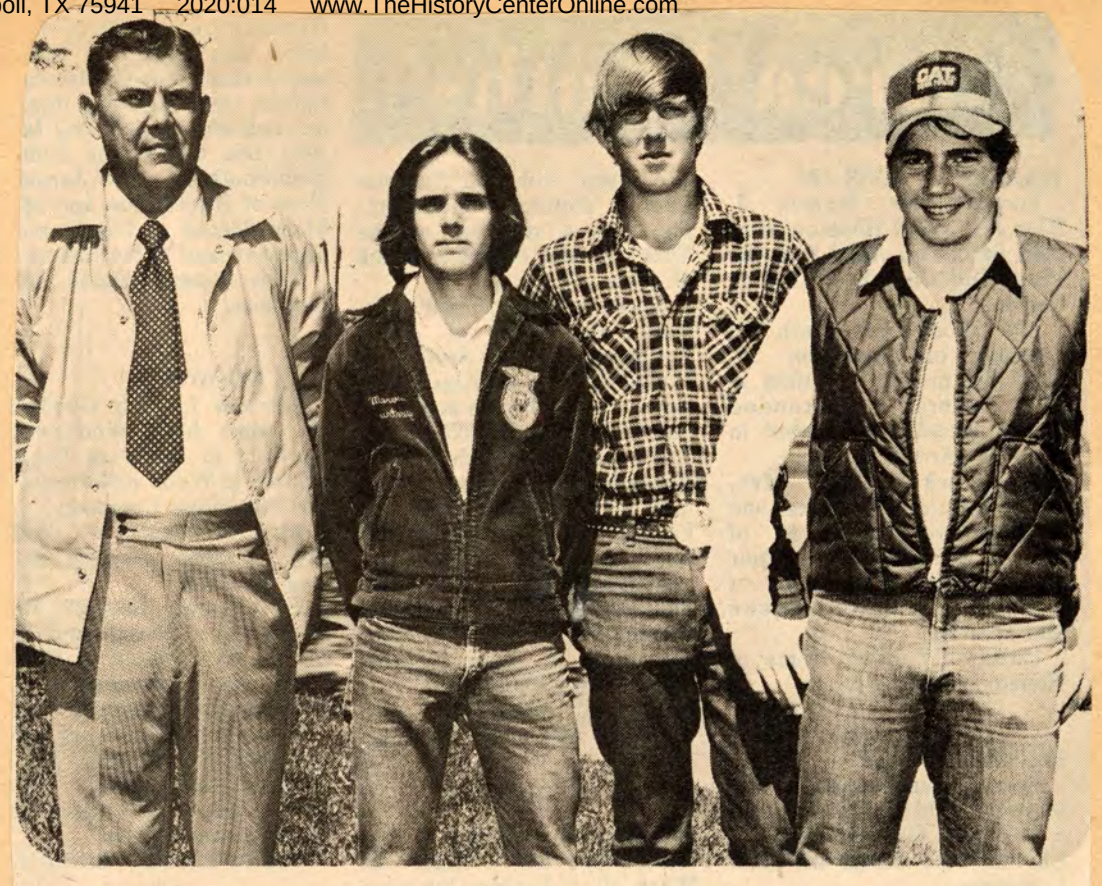
In the junior varsity opener, every Lumberjack crossed home plate with a run at least once. David Johnson, Billy Ivey and Rudy Rodriguez scored twice each, as John Wilson, Dionicio Guerrero, Gary Dover, Ronny Jones, Jimmy Mettlen and Wesley Saxton scoring once each.

Diboll scored once in the first, three in the second inning, then exploded for eight runs in the third inning. Huntington scored its only run in the third.

Getting Diboll's hits were Johnson with two singles, Wilson, Guerrero, Dover and Saxton with singles, and Ivey with a two bagger.

In the varsity game, Diboll matched Huntington's two runs in the first inning. Huntington went ahead 3-2 in the second and added two more in the third to make it 5-2.

Kent Havard, Bruce Jordan and Roy McCall scampered



DHS AG INSTRUCTOR Bob McCurry poses with the team that won second place in the pasture and range judging event sponsored last Wednesday by the Upper Neches Soil Conservation District. Team members were Marvin Courtney, Lonnie Kilgore and Richard Capps, who was the individual high scorer in the event.

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Ladyjacks run fifth

The Ladyjack track team lost a first place lead and ended up in fifth place in the Waller meet held last Friday.

The girls held second place after the field events with 21 points. Then after the running events started they dropped to third place before moving up to first place and holding that lead for quite awhile.

When the last two events — mile run and mile relay — had finished, the team dropped to fifth place and ended up there for the meet.

Bringing home first places for Diboll were Carmen Levine in the shot, Glenda Miller in the hurdles and Dessia Fowler in the 220 yard run.

Ethel Fowler took second place in the triple jump.

Finishing third was the 440 yard relay team of Loretta Hubbard, Glenda Miller, Ethel Fowler and Dessia Fowler.

In the hurdles, Laura Register was in fourth place. Glenda Miller also took a fourth in the long jump.

Cynthia Levine was fifth in the discus; Ethel Fowler was fifth in the 880 yard run and Glenda Miller finished sixth in the triple jump.

The girls will also be participating in the district track meet to be held April 5 at Teague.



DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL vocational agriculture students won first place in the annual land judging contest sponsored last Wednesday by the Upper Neches Soil Conservation District. Team members were (standing) John Stalsby, Laura Register and Kim Milligan. Kneeling are James Stalsby and Richard Capps. James Stalsby also captured individual high point honors in the event. Richard Capps was not a member of this team but was high point man in the pasture and range judging event.

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In Brenham this week

DHS girls going to region

By GERALD MALANDERS

Three members of the DHS girls track team qualified for the regional meet which will be held at Blinn College in Brenham, April 20 and 21.

Glenda Miller, Carmen Levine and Dessia Fowler all placed either first or second in the district meet held at Teague, thereby qualifying for regional.

Glenda Miller received a second in the long jump with a distance of 16'9''. Miller also took a third in the hurdles with a 12.1 second time, as well as fourth in the triple jump with a 33'11'' jump.

Carmen Levine took first place in the shot put event with a throw of 37'. Carmen has consistently placed first in all the meets in which Diboll has participated in this year. Levine's longest throw thus far is 38'5''.

Dessia Fowler earned second for her efforts in the 220 yard dash. Fowler posted a 27.7 second time. Fowler also took third in the triple jump with a distance of 34'2''.

Fowler will start her event at Blinn College Friday at 7 p.m. Miller and Levine begin Saturday at 10 a.m.

Diboll had several girls come close to making regional. Laura Register took fourth in the hurdles with a 12.5 time. Ethel Fowler was sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 32'9''.

The 440 relay team of Glenda Miller, Laura Register, Dessia Fowler and Ethel Fowler showed up in sixth place and clocked at 54.9 seconds.

Laura Register, Glenda Miller, Ethel Fowler and Natalie Johnson all combined to form the mile relay team and take sixth place in the meet.

Coach Carol Drake has worked extremely hard with her team and had a few comments to make concerning the year: ''All the ladies have worked real hard and are overcoming some of the obstacles which make good track athletes.

''The girls gained more confidence in their own abilities and have developed a deeper loyalty to team members. They are overcoming the pain threshold psychologically and are now understanding the reasoning for running 15 to 20 miles per week. I am hoping the upcoming ninth graders, from junior high will not get cold feet about participating in the high school level. Our junior high program is very strong and they will be as prepared as anyone for our level of competition.

''I would like to thank all the parents and teachers for being patient with our days of workouts and meets,'' she said.

Coach Travis Weatherspoon will take the DHS boys track team to Teague for the district meet this Friday, April 20.

DHS is second in literary meet

Diboll High School won second place in the District 21-AA literary meet held last Friday at Anderson Center in Palestine.

Fairfield won the event and Hudson was third.

Diboll winners included Stacie Ellison with a first place in informative speaking.

Ricky Cobb won first in persuasive speaking, while Brian Miller and Dianne Garrett teamed for a first place in debate.

Belinda Gay won first in shorthand, and Debbie Ellison captured a first in feature writing.

Keith Nash finished second in informative speaking, Brian Miller was second in number sense, Alice Jansen was third in shorthand, Mary Lester was third in typing, Shelia Wheeler was third in spelling, Janet Price was fourth in science and Christy McCollum was fourth in typing.

Richard Crager finished fourth in news writing, Kathy McWilliams was fifth in ready writing and Pam Halsell finished sixth in prose reading.

All first, second and third place winners are eligible to compete in the Region III literary meet at Blinn College in Brenham on Thursday and Friday, April 19 and 20.

National Honor Society to induct new members

The Diboll Chapter of the National Honor Society will induct new members on Monday night, April 23 at 7 p.m. in the Diboll High School library.

Students to be inducted are: Michael Amason, Robby Cobb, Mark Holubec, Roy McCall, Charles Mettlen, Janet Price, Troi Russell and Gregg Spivey.

Parents and friends are invited to attend the induction ceremony.

Membership in the National Honor Society is based upon excellence in four areas: scholarship, leadership, service and character. No student is inducted simply because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society strives to recognize the total student, one who excels in all areas.

Officers for the 1978-79 school year are: Gerald Malanders, president; Suzanne Burkhalter, vice president; Lanny Wilkerson, secretary; Sheila Wheeler, treasurer; and Belinda Gay, reporter.

Other members are Paul Bradshaw, Susie Capps, Tonya Clark, Dianne Garrett and Connie Maddox. National Honor Society advisors are Bob McCurry and Mary Ingram.

DISTRICT 21-AA
1979 BASEBALL
EAST ZONE

Apr. 10	Hudson	at Rusk
	Central	at Corrigan
Apr. 17	Diboll	at Corrigan
	Hudson	at Central
Apr. 19	Rusk	at Central
	Diboll	at Hudson
Apr. 24	Hudson	at Corrigan
	Diboll	at Rusk
Apr. 26	Diboll	at Central
	Rusk	at Corrigan
May 1	Rusk	at Hudson
	Corrigan	at Central
May 4	Corrigan	at Diboll
	Central	at Hudson
May 8	Central	at Rusk
	Hudson	at Diboll

All games will start at 4:15 p.m. unless agreed upon by coaches.

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NEW MEMBERS were inducted into the Diboll High School chapter of the National Honor Society Tuesday night in ceremonies at the high school library. Seated are new members Robby Cobb, Roy McCall, Gregg Spivey, Janet Price, Troi Russell, Mike Amason, Mark Holubec and Charles Mettlen. Standing are NHS sponsors Bob McCurry and Mary Ingram and veteran members Dianne Garrett, Paul Bradshaw, Suzanne Burkhalter, Gerald Malanders, Lanny Wilkerson, Belinda Gay, Connie Maddox, Susie Capps and Tonya Clark.

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Girls eliminated at regional meet

The DHS track girls wrapped up their season as their district winners were eliminated in the regional meet held at Blinn College Friday and Saturday.

Carmen Levine placed seventh in the shot put with a throw of 38'1". Levine got into the finals with a 38' throw.

A throw of approximately 41' won first place at the meet. The girl was from Waco-Robinson and won state last year with a 44'10" throw.

Dessia Fowler placed fourth in her heat with a time of 26.4 seconds in the 220 yard dash. Fowler's fastest time before regional had been 26.9. A time of 24.6 won first place at regional.

"I have great hopes in Carmen," says Coach Carol Drake. "She just needs a little strengthening exercises and more spin on the ball. Dessia also did a very fine job, especially since she is only a freshman. I am proud of all the girls. They were all great."

Senior Glenda Miller didn't make the finals but her past record speaks for itself. In her freshman year, Glenda went to regional in the long jump and the triple jump. As a sophomore, she earned her right to regional in the long jump, the triple jump and the hurdles.

Last year, Miller again traveled to regional in the hurdles and the triple jump. This year it was the long jump.

David Johnson wins long jump

The DHS boys track team competed in the district meet held at Teague Friday, and one member will go to the regional meet.

The varsity placed sixth in the meet with the junior varsity taking third in their meet.

David Earl Johnson placed first in the long jump with a distance of 21'2". Johnson also captured second in the 880 yard dash with 2:01.2 time.

The 440 relay team of Ronny Jones, Gregg Spivey, Doug Glover and David Johnson ran a 48.5 for sixth place.

David Johnson's 2:01.2 was good for second in the 880 run and Doug Glover captured third with a 2:01.4 clocking.

Gregg Spivey was ninth in the 120 high hurdles at 16.5; Ronny Jones ran a 59.4 for tenth in the 440 and Richard Crager was eighth at 58.9.

Gregg Spivey was seventh in the 330 hurdles at 44.6, Johnny Flowers was ninth in the 220 dash at 27.4, Gerald Ligon was fourth in the mile run at 5:00.8 and Rudy Rodriguez finished seventh in the mile at 5:05.6.

The mile relay team of Ronny Jones, Ricky Coleman, Doug Glover and David Johnson was sixth at 3:51.6.

David Johnson's 21-2 leap won the long jump, while Richard Crager was eighth at 17-1 and Gregg Spivey 11th at 16-8.

In the junior varsity events, Michael Amason was fourth in the 880 run at 2:30.8 and Dwight Brown was sixth at 2:43.6.

Vernon Stewart ran an 11.1 for third in the 100 yard dash and Kent Havard was fifth at 11.3.

Arnold Turner was seventh in the 440 with a 62.0 time, while Vernon Stewart and Bruce Jordan were second and eighth in the 220 with times of 24.6 and 26.1.

Alvin Parish ran a 5:10.97 for first place in the mile run.

Michael Amason, Arnold Turner, Bruce Jordan and Alvin Parish ran a 4:03.6 for third in the mile relay.

In the shot put, Wesley Saxton was in eighth place, Dwight Brown ninth and David Perry 11th.

In the discus, Wesley Saxton finished seventh and David Perry in 13th position.

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NEW TWIST AT CONCERT

DIXIELAND came to the Wilbur Pate Gymnasium Tuesday night as this fivesome put on a crowd-pleasing show as part of the annual DHS spring concert presented by the music department. Members of the talented Dixieland Band which played "State Street Strut" are (left to right) Barry Tate, Kathy McWilliams, Jonathan Roach, Deborah Donahoe, Susie Burkhalter and Tammie Halsey.

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Central runs past Lumberjacks, 11-0

Golf team is through

The DHS boys golf team placed eighth out of the 20 teams at the regional tournament held in Hempstead last week.

Chris McGilvra led his team with an 82-90, Barry Tate was next at 87-90, Jim Grossman shot 95-118 and Chuck Grossman came in at 122-112. John Cheavens quit after two holes of play.

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BAND SENIORS — Senior members of the Diboll High School Band were recognized at the band's annual spring concert Tuesday night. Receiving certificates of recognition and bouquets were (left to right) Valerie Gates, Deborah Donahoe, Melissa McCall, Susie Burkhalter and Alberta Mitchell. (Free Press Photo)



DHS SINGERS — The Diboll High School Choir performed at the annual spring concert presented by the high school music department Tuesday night. The choir sung several selections from the Broadway repertoire including tunes from South Pacific. The choir was joined in performance by the beginner, junior high and high school bands and played before a large audience in the Wilbur Pate Gymnasium. (Free Press Photo)

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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACK baseball team completed the season Tuesday with a 3-5 zone record and 19-12 season mark. Team members are (standing) manager Charles Mettlen, Gary Dover, Gregg Spivey, Richard Crager, Jeff Hearne, Dwight Brown, John Porter, David Earl Johnson, Billy Ivey, Roy McCall and Coach Roland Bates. Middle row: Jimmy Mettlen, Rudy Esteves, Dionicio Guerrero, Bruce Jordan, Mike Amason, Wesley Saxton and Ricky Carroll. Front row Rudy Rodriguez, Ronny Jones, John ny Mitchell, Doug Glover and Ken Havard.

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Jacks win three in four outings

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TAKING THE LAST SWING

RICHARD CRAGER and Tina Grantham are Mr. and Miss Diboll High School this year. Tina, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Grantham, plans to attend Angelina College and major in music. She was a homecoming duchess two years, National Honor Society member, Anchor Club officer and a golf team member. Tina wrote Campus Time for The Free Press this year. Richard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Crager. He plans to major in physical education in college. He played baseball two years, track one year and basketball four years. He is a third year Ag student, Student Council vice president, class officer three years and newspaper editor two years. The two 18-year-olds will be graduating next Thursday, May 24.

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DIBOLLIANS HONORED — Longtime Diboll teacher Odyesa Wallace (left) and DHS senior Shelia Wheeler have been honored by the Angelina County Chamber of Commerce as the STAR (Student Teacher Achievement Recognition) recipients from Diboll. Miss Wheeler chose Miss Wallace for the honor because "she believes Miss Wallace was of utmost influence to her during her academic years at Diboll High School. Miss Wallace has been teaching for 36 years, 19 of those in Diboll. Similar student-teacher awards were given Friday by the chamber to other school districts in the county.

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DHS graduation here Thursday

The 55-member senior class at Diboll High School will go through commencement exercises at Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium this Thursday evening, May 24, starting at 8 p.m.

The class is smaller than the 76 member class last year.

Senior Brian Burnett will give the invocation and Fred Douglas will give the scripture reading. Superintendent Don Robbins will introduce the speaker, Student Council President Gerald Malanders.

Presentation of the class will be by Principal Bill Greer, with school board president Milford Ruby presenting diplomas. Supt. Robbins will present special awards.

Barry Bell will pronounce the benediction. Connie Maddox will provide music for the processional and recessional.

Members of this year's senior class are:

Bryan Todd Barnes, Clarence Dewayne Bass, Barry Dean Bell, Suzanne Burkhalter, Joe Brian Burnett, Charlotte Elaine Carroll, Jeanne Darlene Carter, Sonia Darlene Chance, John Dwain Cheavens and Randall Lee Cook.

Also, Grady Lee Courtney, Richard Gillespie Crager, Deborah Denise Donahoe, Don Royce Easley Jr., John Edwin Flowers, William H. Gann Jr. and Valerie Gale Gates.

Also, Belinda Tatum Gay, Tina Gale Grantham, Bridgette Green, James Christopher Grossman, Sharla Hambrick and Stephan Handy.

Also, Michael O'Dell Hicks, Ronnie Glenn Hines, Michael Anthony Homan, Johnny Joe Huizar and Alice Joy Jansen.

Also, Ronny Earl Jones, Ricky Neal Kee, Ronald Eugene Lambert, Gerald Wayne Malanders, Melissa Lee McCall, Nelda Jo McDuffie and Irvin Charles McWilliams Jr.

Also, Glenda Ann Miller, Alberta Denise Mitchell, Delisa Kay Mullins, Teri Renee Neyland, Darlene Lafaye Norris, Brandall Lee Porter, Terry Lee Porter and Ruth Ann Rast.

Also, Laura Sue Register, Felix Rodolfo Rodriguez, Kimberly Kathleen Sample, Velma Scott, Michael Edgar Smith, James Stalsby III and Thomas Anthony Stewart.

Also, Jennifer Marie Turner, Charles Edward Waley Jr., Shelia Dianne Wheeler, Joe Edward White and Lanny Delton Wilkerson.



GERALD MALANDERS, salutatorian of the 1979 DHS senior class, was presented a $100 scholarship by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Diboll Volunteer Fire Department. Nettie Mann made the presentation to Malanders, who plans to attend Texas A&M University. (Free Press Photo)

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CREAM OF THE CROP

SHELIA WHEELER was named valedictorian of the 1979 graduating class at Diboll High School in commencement exercises last Thursday. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Shelia's four year average was 97.07. Class salutatorian was Gerald Malanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Malanders, who finished with an average of 95.24. DHS Principal Bill Greer posed with the two honor graduates following commencement for the 55-member class.

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SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS — DHS seniors who received scholarships at last Thursday night's graduation ceremonies were (left to right) Glenda Miller, T.L.L. Temple Foundation $1,000 scholarship; Shelia Wheeler, St. Regis Paper Co. $3,000 scholarship; Gerald Malanders, $ .boll Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary scholarship and $500 Texas A&M Opportunity Award scholarship; Melissa McCall, $200 Pilot Club of Diboll scholarship; Tina Grantham, $400 Pineywoods Transportation Club scholarship and $50 scholarship from the Lufkin Music Study Club; James Stalsby, Marvin Baker $500 Agriculture Award; and Barry Bell, $300 State Select Student Incentive Grant from SFASU. (Free Press Photo)



SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS — Two top DHS athletes, Glenda Miller (left) and Richard Crager, received the Wilbur F. Pate Scholastic Achievement award, and Melissa McCall received the National Honor Society Best Citizen Award in ceremonies honoring the DHS Class of 1979 last Thursday night.

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PILOT SCHOLARSHIP — DHS senior Melissa McCall (center) was the recipient of this year's Pilot Club of Diboll $200 scholarship. The club's Education Area Leader for 1978-79, Geneva Ard, made the presentation, along with 78-79 president Brenda Russell. The annual scholarship is part of the Pilot Club's community service project schedule. (Free Press Photo)

Jacks on zone team

Three Diboll Lumberjacks were named to the District 21-AA East Zone baseball team this week.

Richard Crager was named third baseman, Gregg Spivey was named to the shortstop position and Kent Havard was named to the centerfield position.

The complete list of the east zone all star team is as follows:

Pitchers: Bill Fenley, Rusk and Garland Hawk, Central.

Catchers: Bill Locke, Corrigan and Gary Cornelius, Rusk.

First base: Bill Brandenburg, Corrigan.

Second base: Roger Hassell, Rusk.

Third base: Richard Crager, Diboll, and Keith Spencer, Central.

Shortstop: Gregg Spivey, Diboll, and Mike McClendon, Central.

Left field: Tommy Williams, Rusk.

Center field: Kent Havard, Diboll, and Richard Weaver, Hudson.

Right field: Mike Slettstotter, Corrigan, and Randy Nerren, Central.

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CLASSROOM TEACHERS and other staff members at DHS this year are (front) Principal Bill Greer; Joe Garr, government-history; Alex Alexander, vice principal; Pat Whipple, librarian; Barbara Myers, English; Frances Gilham, EMR; Susan Haltom, LLD; Mary Ingram, counselor; and Judy Williamson, business. In back are Fred Douglas, English; J. A. Stalsby, biology; Burlon Wilkerson, English; Frank Lane, physical science; Lois Clemens, math; Toni McCall, math; Ann English, business; Teena Kellam, world history; and Marilyn McLarty, math.

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MEMBERS OF THE STAFF at Diboll High School this year include (front row) Bobby Baker, athletic director; Bob McCurry, vocational agriculture; Cindy Maddox, homemaking; Garvis Baldree, homemaking; Sandra Ingram, aide; Carol Drake, PE-coach; Bettye Greer, secretary; and Jesse Bradford, agriculture. In back are Johnny Brown, PE-coach; Roland Bates, English-coach; Kenneth Lightfoot, health-coach; Lynn Johnston, health-coach; Joe Powell, building trades; John Ingram, band; and Janice Cook, secretary.

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DHS students get schedules

Students who will attend Diboll High School this year will pick up schedule cards at the high school library on Wednesday, August 29.

Students will be on this schedule: Ninth grade at 8 a.m.; tenth grade at 9 a.m.; 11th grade at 10 a.m.; and 12th grade at 11 a.m.

Students who did not attend school in Diboll last year must have a transcript and immunization record from the school they last attended and will report to the counselor at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 24.

All students must be up to date with their immunizations before they start classes.



DIPLOMA DAY — John Rivers, son of Mrs. Imogene Rivers of Diboll, received his high school diploma from Diboll High last week. DHS principal Bill Greer presented John his certificate. John has just finished his final quarter of work study in the Vocational Adjustment Program to complete requirements for graduation. (Free Press Photo)

Thursday, September 6, 1979



WAY DOWN LOW

BARRY TATE will be among the 70-plus members of the Lumberjack Band when the corps marches on the field this year at DHS football games. The band had its first session on the practice field this week, and will be working to incorporate new music and marching routines into the halftime shows this year.

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LONE STAR FARMERS

THREE MEMBERS of the Diboll FFA are in Lubbock this week at the 51st FFA Convention where all three will receive Lone Star Farmer Degrees. They are Ronnie Pavlic, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pavlic; Kim Milligan, daughter of Mrs. Peggy Milligan; and John Wojhan, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Wojhan. They are accompanied on the trip by Diboll chapter advisors Bob McCurry and Jesse Bradford. Over 920 chapters from across the state will be represented at the convention, with the Lone Star Farmer Degree presentation a highlight of the event.

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DHS TWIRLERS — The 1979-80 Diboll High School Band will be led on the field by some very talented young ladies who are already busily preparing for the upcoming season. Kneeling are (left to right) drum major Kim Milligan and head twirler Gay Sample. Standing are twirlers Mary Maynard, Susan Barkley and Carole Cooke. Not pictured are Doreen Holt and Sherri Smith. The seven girls will be attending a twirling camp at the University of Houston next month in preparation for football season, and drum major Kim Milligan has already been putting in some overtime by attending a special drum major camp at the University of Texas at Arlington. With band membership increasing all the time, the girls should have a great group to lead onto the field in September.

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Band rehearsals begin August 13

All members of the Lumberjack High School Band, grades nine through 12 are to meet Monday night, August 13 at 6:30 at the band hall for the first rehearsal.

All students interested in the check-out school loan instruments may come by the band hall Monday, August 13 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon or 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

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THESE DHS GIRLS are at cheerleader camp this week to learn new routines they will use to cheer on the Lumberjack football team this fall. They are (front) Melissa Fairchild, Janet Price, Marty Grantham and Gwendy Hicks. In back are Kathy Terrell, Tonya Clark, Connie Maddox and Melanie Edwards.

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Cheerleader mini-camp planned here August 4

Diboll High School cheerleaders have come up with a new idea — a fun fund-raiser in the form of a mini-camp for cheering.

The mini camp will be held August 4 at Diboll elementary gymnasium and the cheerleaders will be instructing all school age girls in new cheers, chants, jumps, tumbles and routines to music.

The eight cheerleaders just returned from SFA's summer cheerleading camp where they received five superior ribbons, were on the Super Star Squad, and won three spirit sticks.

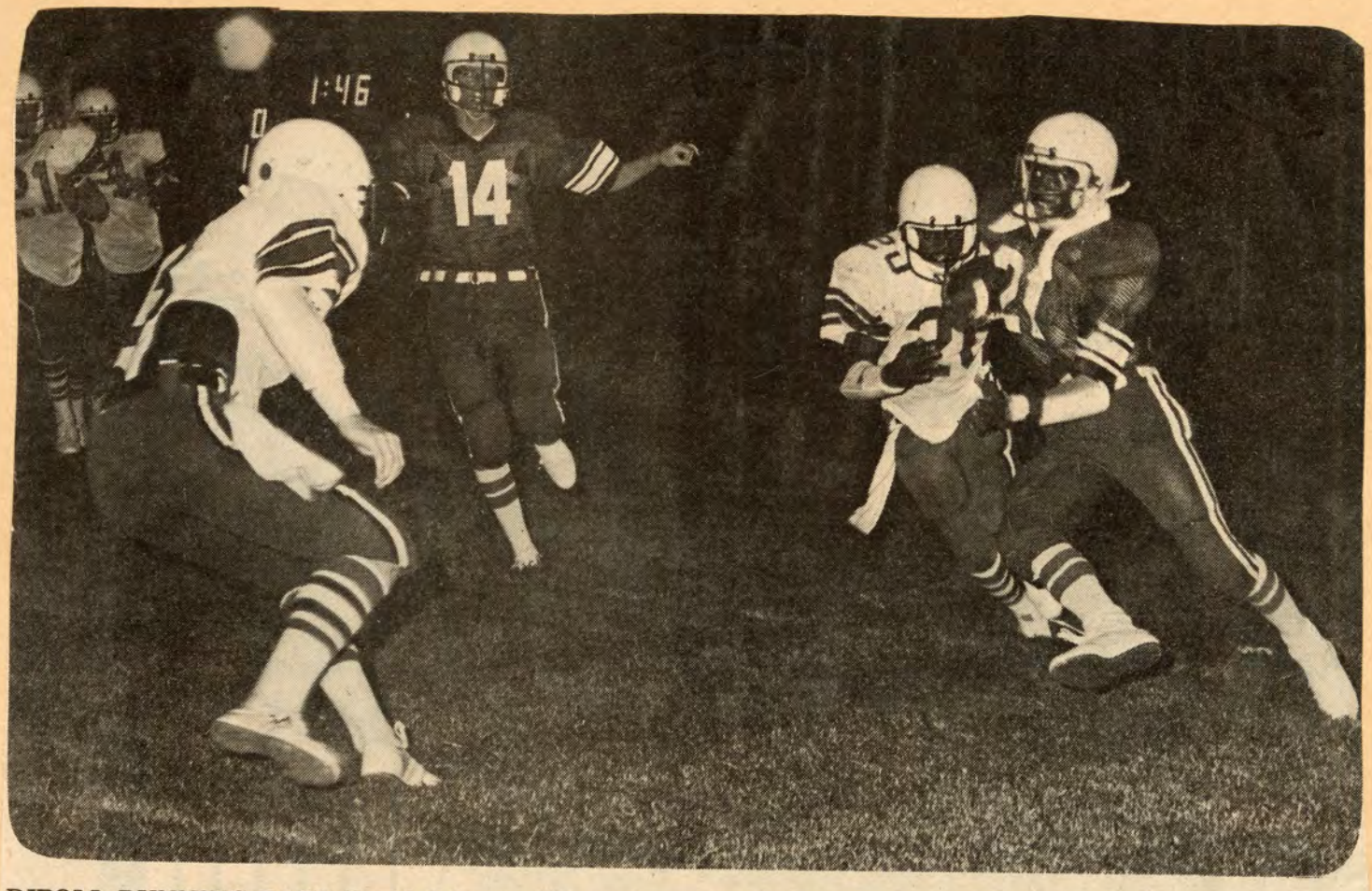
Sponsor Janice Cook says that to her knowledge no other cheerleading squad at DHS has ever won all superior ribbons.

Any girl who attended school last year in any grade above kindergarten is eligible to attend the August 4 clinic.

They should bring a sack lunch, a $2 clinic fee and 25 cents or more for soft drinks.

The clinic will be limited to the first 100 girls who register at the elementary gym on Friday, August 3 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Says Mrs. Cook: "Come on out and learn the cheers to back the Jacks because in 1979 The Jacks Are Back!"



DIBOLL RUNNING BACK David Johnson (21) made his cut and was looking for running room against Livingston after taking a pitch from QB Gregg Spivey (14) in last Friday's game. The Lions took a 34-0 victory in the opener for both teams. Livingston takes on Henderson this week while the Lumberjacks play another non-district game at Warren.

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SHOES AND SOCKS were issued to Diboll Lumberjack football players starting Wednesday. Backs Gregg Spivey and Kent Havard were among the first in line as Head Coach Bobby Baker handed out shoes. The Jacks begin two-a-day workouts next Monday but won't be in full pads until Monday, August 20.

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70 players sweating it out in early football workouts

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Fans' role important in bringing back the Jacks

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll people, the community itself, will have a big role in turning the Diboll High School football program around this season, head coach Bobby Baker told Rotary Club members at their Tuesday luncheon.

Baker said that already the players are excited about the upcoming grid season. "I've been around kids enough to see that they are genuinely excited about the season and are ready to go," Baker told the Rotarians. He added that it will be important for the community to grab hold of some of that excitement and run with it to help support the building team this year. "That's where it's going to begin, getting the kids and the community excited about the program," said Baker.

Another thing which will be important to the team will be building pride in a program which has lagged behind in recent years. Already the coaching staff has been doing something about improving the facilities so that the team will have some pride in their surroundings.

This week the staff and some volunteers from the team have been cleaning and painting the locker room at the school and the field house at the stadium. The fresh new look of the facilities is just the beginning of a new look for the Lumberjacks.

This year there will be about 135 players in the varsity, junior varsity and junior high squads. About half of those will be on the varsity and JV teams, so there will be a need for intensive coaching.

As of mid week, DHS was still without one varsity coach. Baker told the group that he would be looking for a coach this week and next, but said also that he would consider starting the program a man short rather than hire someone who might not fit in.

The coaching program will take on a new look this year. Intensive practice sessions, each having timed segments for various emphasis areas, will be the key to success this year. A focus on fundamentals will highlight each practice session.

"We're going to be a fundamental team — we're going to know how to block and tackle, I'll guarantee that," he promised. Early scrimmages will be characterized by few offensive and defensive sets, he added.

This year's version of the Jacks will feature an offense geared to the "I" formation. "I like the "I," and with the power I, power is going to be the key word," said Baker.

The new coach also promised that fans will see occasional multiple sets out of the I, but said that the fancy sets will only be used for specific purposes, not just to show the other team a different look.

The offensive backfield will feature quarterback Gregg Spivey, fullback Ricky Coleman, wingback Bruce Jordan and tailback Don Hamilton. Most of the spots on the team are still up for grabs, especially on defense.

That defensive team will be using what Baker calls a number defense. Lufkin High has used the number defense for two years, and has done it successfully. Baker, a LHS coach for seven years before coming to DHS, said that the number defense can present 53 different looks to the offense and is a very workable system.

As for the opposition this year, Baker told Rotarians Tuesday that his top picks for the district would have to include Rusk, which did not win a game last season, and Corrigan-Camden, which had high hopes last year, but fell short of championship ball.

"Our district is tough this year, and they've got us picked for the cellar — but that's not in me and that's not in the kids," he said. "We're picked on the bottom, but if we scrape and scratch out a 5-5 season, as long as we've got desire and pride, and do things the right way, then we've done our job," he continued.

Spirit is truly the key word with the Lumberjacks this year, and Baker hopes that the spirit that the team members have already displayed will endure and spread to the community as a whole.

The coach invited members of the Rotary Club and the general public to stop by and see the rejuvenated facilities, and watch as workouts begin next Monday.

This year's slogan, "The Jacks are Back!," has already been acclaimed by the team. Next Monday, as two-a-day workouts begin, they'll have to start living up to that slogan.



HEAD COACH Bobby Baker has really been in his working clothes this week, as have his assistant coaches and other volunteers who are painting the dressing room facilities in preparation for beginning football workouts. Baker's slogan for the coming season is "The Jacks Are Back!" (Free Press Photo)

Says new Coach Baker

The Jacks Are Back!

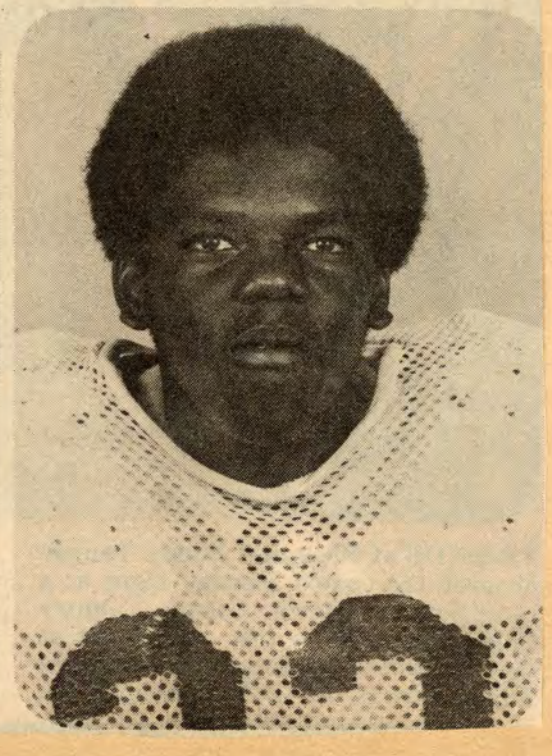
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THE COACHING STAFF at Diboll junior-senior schools has some new faces this year. Standing are new head coach Bobby Baker, Carl Williams, Lynn Johnston and Billy Clegg. Kneeling are Roland Bates, Johnny Brown and Kenneth Lightfoot. Lightfoot recently joined the staff and will serve as Baker's varsity assistant. The other staff member not shown is Donnie Goodwin, junior high coach. (Free Press Photo)

Lumberjacks of the week





Offense

JIMMY TEAL was the offensive player of the week for his splendid performance against Warren. Teal made darting, diving catches of three passes for 85 yards and one TD. He set up another touchdown with a pass interception and otherwise played brilliant defensive football in Diboll's 21-0 win. Jimmy is a 5-11, 145 pound junior.

Defense

KEVIN BLOUNT, a 5-11, 182-pound senior, is Diboll's defensive player of the week for his outstanding defensive showing against Warren. "He was all over the field" says Coach Bobby Baker. Blount led Diboll's defensive charge in shutting out Warren — the first shutout by a Diboll varsity team since Nov. 5, 1976.

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AN UNIDENTIFIED LUMBERJACK really popped it to a Warren ball carrier in this action from Diboll's 21-0 win over the Warriors last Friday in Warren. Teammates Fred Mitchell (70) and John Stalsby (55) were there to offer help just in case the Warrior runner recovered from this shock. (Free Press Photo)

Groveton 18, Diboll 3

That's Groveton mastery in 21-game series

When the Diboll Lumberjacks lock horns with the Groveton Indians Friday night it will be the 22nd time the two teams have met on the gridiron, and Groveton holds almost complete mastery of the series that dates back to 1948.

The Indians have won all but three times in the 21 meetings.

They shut out the Lumberjacks the first five times the teams met, and it wasn't until coach Ervin DuBose's team of 1959 unleashed a three touchdown barrage in the first quarter that Diboll managed to beat the Indians, by a convincing 30-8.

But then it was again a long time before Diboll could claim a victory over Groveton. The series was played on and off from 1960 until 1972, with the Indians winning eight straight before Coach Joe Wyatt's 1972 team won by 38-6. His 1973 team posted Diboll's only-ever shutout of a Groveton team, 35-0.

But the Indians have since rallied and won the last three meetings in convincing style.

In the 21 games, Groveton has blanked the Lumberjacks ten times.

Diboll has scored but 165 points in the 21-game series while the Indians have run up an amazing 714 points on the scoreboard.

Over the years Groveton has been as difficlut for Diboll to beat as have been the Garrison Bulldogs. Only in recent years have the Lumberjacks turned the tables on Garrison, which finally dropped Diboll from their schedule after the Lumberjacks had several big wins over them.

But Groveton has managed to retain its power over the Lumberjacks, even though Diboll operates in Class AA and the Indians are in the lower Class A division. However, Diboll is not the only larger school that Groveton has manhandled over the years.

Diboll Coach Bobby Baker, who played against the Indians while a Lumberjack, says of this year's Groveton team: "They are the same Groveton we've always known: fast and aggressive. We have the greatest respect for them."

Ironically, the teams have not played a single close game in their 21 meetings. Groveton's 18 victories have been completely lopsided, and Diboll's three wins have been similarly decisive.

Some observers, however, are predicting that this Friday's game could be close if both teams play their usual hard-nosed defense, or if both offenses get untracked early.

So the Lumberjacks can put a real feather in their cap Friday night if they can pull off a victory over the Indians. Only three other teams in 21 games have managed that.

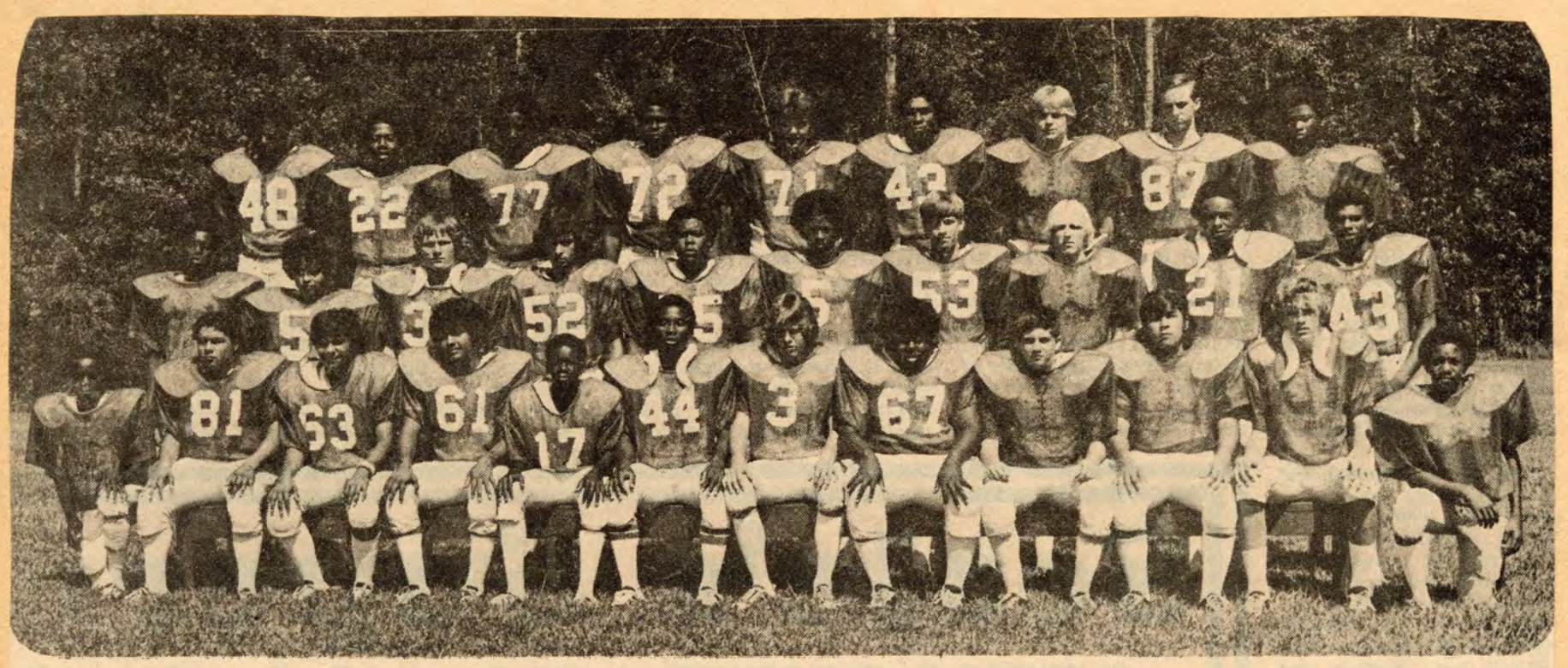
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LUMBERJACK FANS surrounded their team after last Friday's 21-0 victory over Warren, Diboll's first shutout of an opposing team since November, 1976. The Jacks host the powerful Groveton Indians in the homecoming game here Friday.
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THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACK junior varsity beat Warren 19-0 last Thursday to register the first victory by a Diboll JV team in several seasons. Team members are (front row) Jeff Jackson, Luis Cabellero, David DeJesus, Martin Reyes, Jerry Teal, Andre Lamb, Ronny Jones, Charles Levias, Billy Lonis, Jose Cruz, Kevin Hurley and Warren Fransaw. Second row: Freddy Ruth, Rene Sandoval, Steve Childress, Mike Sheddan, Mechie Harrell, Clifford Carter, Matt Amason, Bobby Finley, BaBa Gibson and Harold Bell. Third row: Michael Wyatt, Aaron Fenley, Steve Braser, Andre Vinson, Tony Mettlen, Terry Glover and Billy Alexander. They play at Groveton Thursday.
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LAST FRIDAY NIGHT was homecoming night at Diboll High School and homecoming queens and duchesses were presented at halftime of the Diboll-Groveton game. Homecoming queens this year **are seniors Claudia Reed and Charlotte Bray. They were escorted by Paul Bradshaw and Lee Adair. Duchesses and their escorts are pictured on another page of today's paper.** (Free Press Photo)

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THE VARSITY LADYJACK volleyball team at DHS this season is composed of (front) Natalie Johnson and Michelle Hall. Second row: Peggy Chandler, Ethel Fowler and Angela Capps. Third row: Robbie English, Susie Capps, Lisa Harris and Tonya Clark.

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LUMBERJACK BAND FRONT LINE

THESE SEVEN YOUNG LADIES form the front line for the Diboll Lumberjack Band and they will be performing along with the band this Friday night at halftime of the Diboll-Crockett game here. Kneeling are head twirler Gay Sample, drum major Kim Milligan and Mary Maynard. Standing are Susan Barkley, Carol Cooke, Doreen Holt and Sherri Smith.

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1979 DHS Homecoming



MARTY GRANTHAM and MACHEL SCARBOROUGH
Eleventh Grade



ANGELA GORDON and LEONARD GIBSON
Eleventh Grade



MARTY SCARBOROUGH and STEVE BRASHER
Ninth Grade



SYLVIA MITCHELL and BABA GIBSON
Ninth Grade

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DIANA COOK and STEVEN CAPPS
Tenth Grade



TERESA STRIBLING and HAROLD BELL
Tenth Grade



DAVID JOHNSON skirts end for good yardage before being pulled down by Groveton defenders in Friday's homecoming game here. The teams played closely for most of four quarters before Diboll put the game away for good in the last of the fourth.

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LEADING THE CHEERS for the Diboll Lumberjack junior varsity this season are Sylvia Mitchell, Deidra Breazeale, Brenda Ruby and (in front) Yvonne McCloud. Their cheering and the JV hustle has propelled the JV to two straight shutout victories.

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Campus Time



By Janet Price

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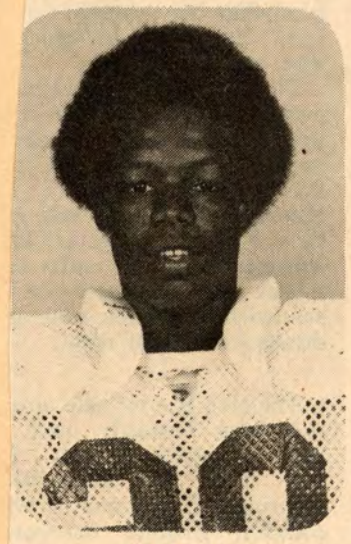
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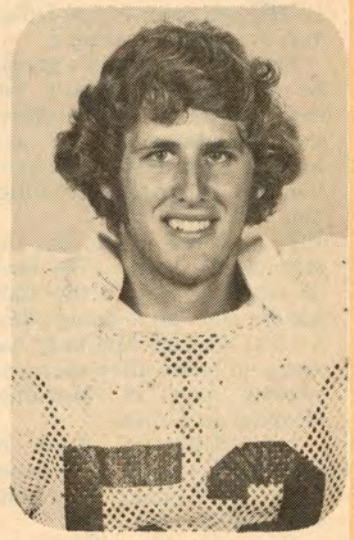
DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL sports an all freshman volleyball team this year in addition to the junior varsity and varsity teams. Freshmen team members are (front) Cedric Teal; second row: Sylvia Mitchell and Tammy Glover, captains. Third row: Dianna Bane, Sandra Mark and Deidra Johnson. Back row: Sandy McCollum, Brenda Ellison, Judy Blount, Leslie Chandler and Rhonda Teal.

(Free Press Photo)

Lumberjacks of the week



Offense



Defense

DONALD HAMILTON, Diboll's speedy tailback, is the offensive Lumberjack of the week. Don gained 256 yards on 26 carries against West Sabine, just three yards shy of the all-time single game DHS record. Hamilton has now rushed for 557 yards in four games for an average of 139 yards per game. He has been held under 100 yards just once this season.

RANDY DEMING is the defensive player of the week. Randy made several individual tackles but really sparkled when he grabbed a Tiger fumble in mid-air and returned it to set up a Diboll touchdown, possibly the turning point in the game. Deming is always around the ball on defense and is the Jack center on offense.

Hamilton's sprints key 34-20 Jack win

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Bradshaw commended for exam achievement

Principal Bill Greer announced recently that one senior at Diboll High School has been named a commended student in the 25th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) was presented to Paul Bradshaw in recognition of outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT, the qualifying test for the Merit Program that was administered nationwide to high school juniors in October 1978.

Of the more than one million students entering the competition, about 35,000 throughout the United States are being commended for test performance that placed them among the top five percent of participants. Although commended students rank below the level required for Merit Program Semifinalists — the only participants who will continue in the 1980 competition for Merit Scholarships — each has shown exceptional academic promise.

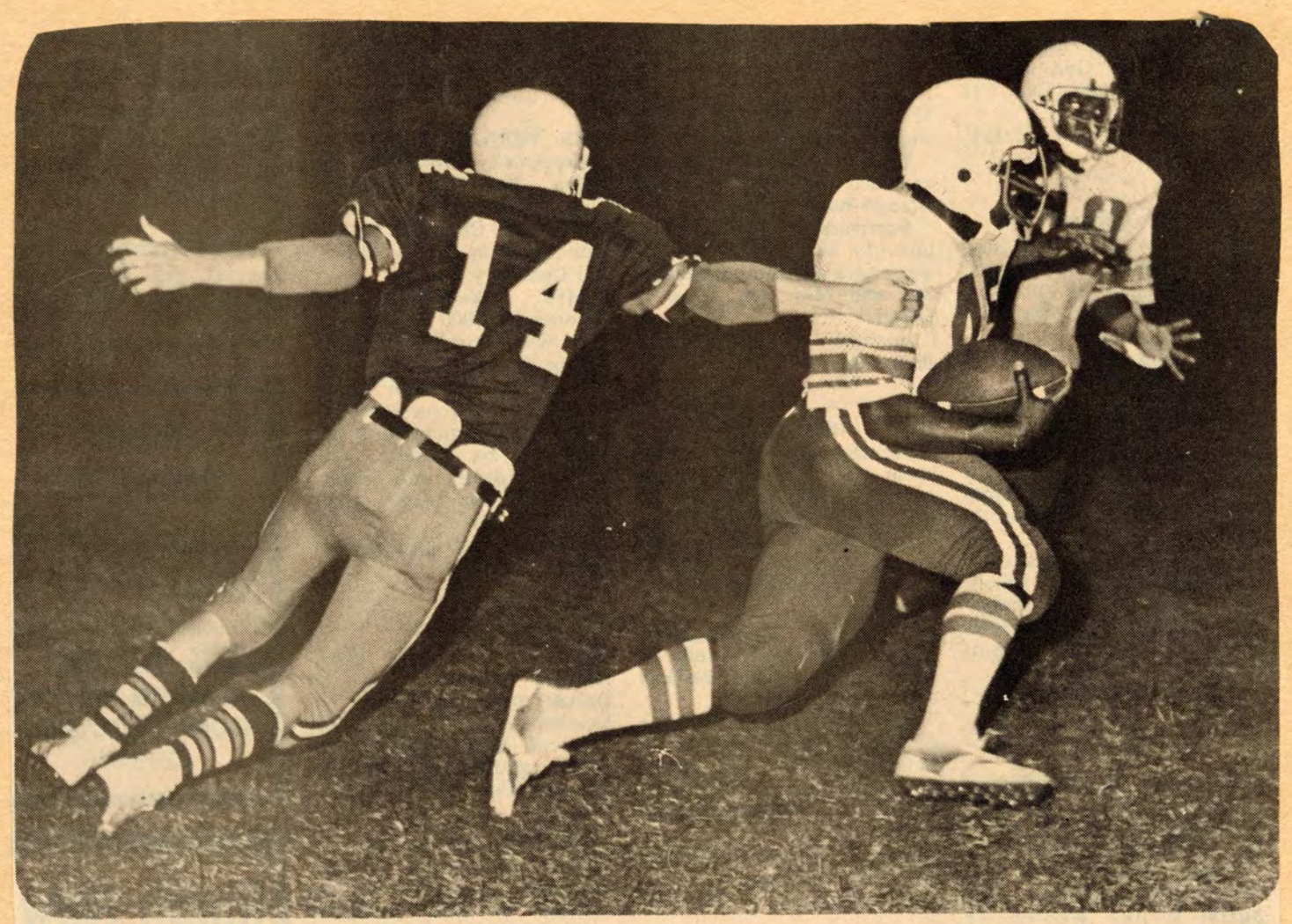
A spokesman for NMSC, which conducts the Merit Program, stated that "the high performance that is required to be designated a commended student in the Merit Program is an attainment deserving of public recognition. The nation as well as each of these students will be benefited by the continued educational and personal development of their talents."

In an effort to increase opportunities for college admission and financial aid, NMSC offered the high performing commended students a service in which they could be identified and referred to two higher education institutions of their choice.

It is hoped that recognition of these students by the Merit Program will serve as an encouragement to able youth throughout the nation and that attention they receive from colleges will help them to obtain whatever information and assistance they may need to pursue their educational plans.



PAUL BRADSHAW

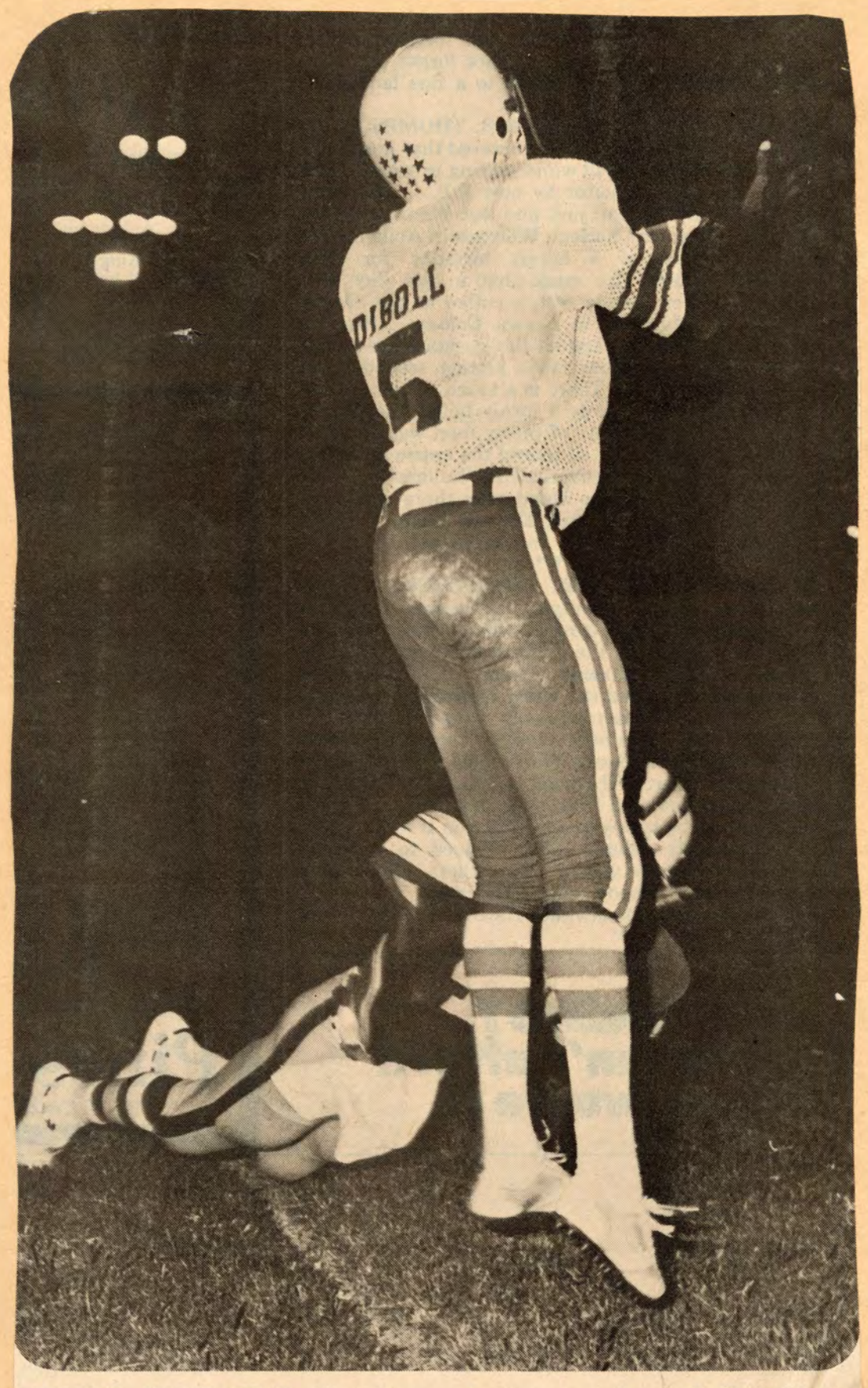


RICKY COLEMAN (45) picked up 17 yards on this burst off tackle against West Sabine Friday night, but it was the blocking of Coleman and other backs and an improving Lumberjack offensive line that enabled tailback Don Hamilton to rack up 256 yards rushing, just three yards shy of the school record. West Sabine's Dennis Byley (14) finally slowed Coleman on this carry. (Free Press Photo)

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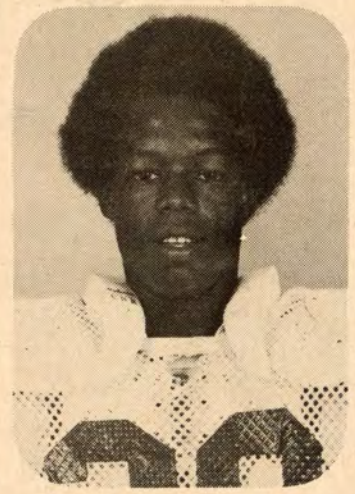
Jacks ramble past tough Tribe, 31-15



DIBOLL'S JIMMY TEAL (5) takes to the air to spear a 17-yard touchdown from QB Gregg Spivey in the second quarter of last Friday's game won by Fairfield, 17-7. It was a defensive struggle until Fairfield put the final touchdown on the board in the final seconds to win the 21-AA opener.

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Lumberjacks of the week



Defense



Offense

DON HAMILTON is the defensive player of the week. Don had ten unassisted tackles, including a game-saving tackle on a punt return, and one assisted tackle against Fairfield.

JOHN PORTER is the offensive player of the week. John graded well in game films for his offensive line blocking in a game in which Diboll had trouble blocking the Fairfield Eagles.

THE GROVETON SERIES

	D	G
1948	0	32
1949	0	34
1950	0	57
1951	0	55
1954	0	53
1955	7	39
1958	6	34
1959	30	8
1960	6	26
1961	0	38
1962	6	32
1963	0	42
1964	6	50
1965	16	33
1966	0	22
1967	0	58
1972	38	6
1973	35	0
1976	7	31
1977	0	35
1978	8	29
TOTALS	165	714

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Fairfield eases by Jacks in rugged struggle, 17-7

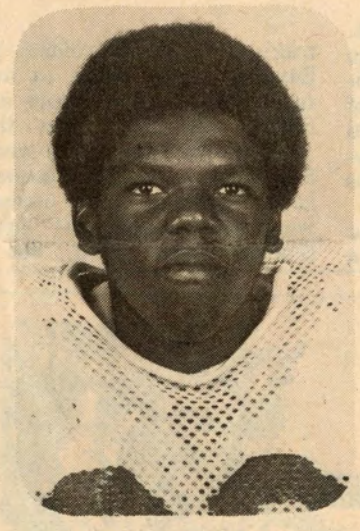
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Crockett edges Diboll in thriller, 20-19

Lumberjacks of the week



STALSBY



BLOUNT



SPIVEY

DEFENSIVE PLAYERS of the week for their play against Crockett are **John Stalsby** and **Kevin Blount**. John was credited with nine individual tackles and several assists. Kevin made several sacks of Crockett runners in their own backfield, particularly on Diboll's great goalline stand in the second half. **Gregg Spivey** is the offensive player of the week. The senior quarterback passed for 142 and all three Diboll touchdowns against a good Crockett team.

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BAND FAVORITES — The Diboll Lumberjack Marching Band chose two sweethearts and a beau to be honored in halftime ceremonies last Friday night. Beau Jonathan Roach is flanked by sweethearts Pam Halsell (left) and Donna Lazarine. The Lumberjack Band takes to the road this week as the team takes on the Westwood Panthers. (Free Press Photo)

Classes out early Friday

Diboll schools will be dismissed at 2 p.m. this Friday so that buses can make their runs and return for the trip to Palestine for the Diboll-Westwood football game.



CLOSING IN to make the stop, Diboll's Donald Hamilton (7) draws a bead on a Crockett Bulldog in tough fourth quarter action last Friday night. The Jacks lost a close one to the tenacious Bulldogs, 20-19, but hope to bounce back against Westwood this week. Game time at Westwood is 7:30 p.m., and Diboll schools will dismiss early because of the game.

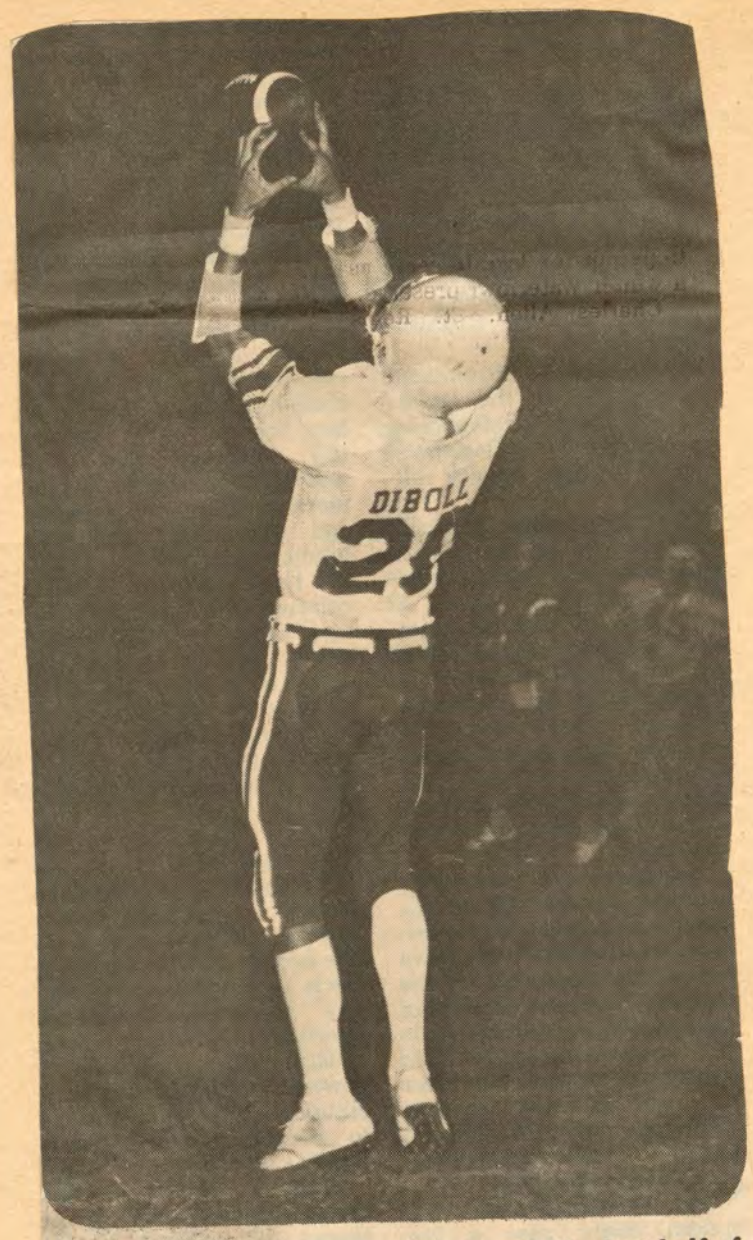
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DIBOLL'S DERRICK HALL (81) gets set to put a hammerlock on a Westwood runner in this action from Diboll's 22-6 win over the Panthers last Friday. The Lumberjack defense controlled the game as Diboll won its first district game against two losses.

(Photo by Charles Havard



DOUG GLOVER goes up for a pass in the last half of the Westwood game. The Lumberjacks prevailed easily in the district game, 22-6.

Jacks saunter by Westwood in 22-6 victory

Ladyjacks play here Thursday

The DHS Ladyjacks volleyball teams are in the midst of an up and down season, with the junior varsity faring better than the varsity so far.

On Oct. 16 the JV won three games over Hudson, 12-15, 15-11 and a 17-15 match in overtime.

But the varsity lost two games to Hudson, 6-15 and 11-15.

On Oct. 18 both groups were victorious over Rusk, with the JV registering 15-3 and 15-6 wins and the varsity winning 15-7 and 15-10 games.

For the season the junior varisty is 5-2 and 2-0 in district play, while the varsity holds a 3-4 season mark and is even at 1-1 in district.

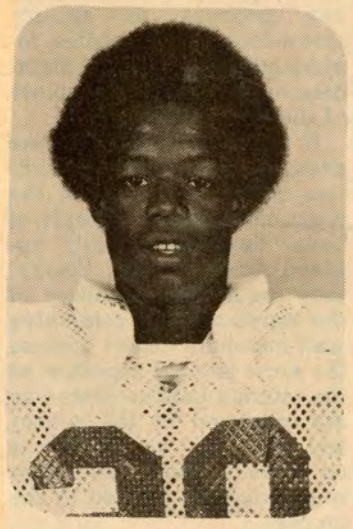
The teams were scheduled to play Corrigan Oct. 23 and Thursday, Oct. 25.

The district tournament is scheduled to begin week after next. Everyone is invited to come out and watch the Ladyjacks against Corrigan this Thursday.

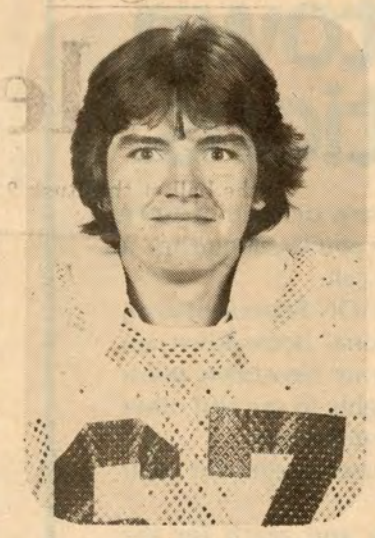
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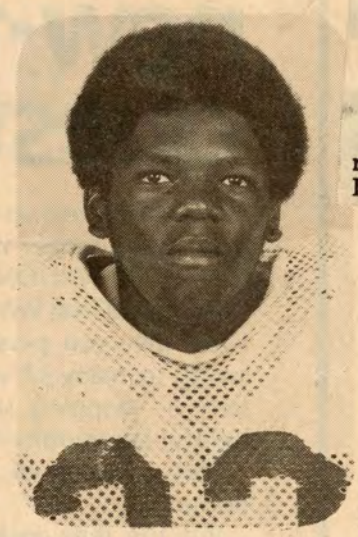
Lumberjacks of the week



DON HAMILTON



LYNN WILLIAMS



KEVIN BLOUNT

DON HAMILTON is the offensive player of the week. Don gained 61 yards on 18 carries against Westwood and is nearing the 1,000 yard rushing mark with three games to go. **LYNN WILLIAMS** and **KEVIN BLOUNT** are the defensive players of the week. Both were in on several individual tackles and both put pressure on the Westwood quarterback and caused several backfield mistakes. Hamilton and Blount are seniors and Williams is a junior.

Diboll Honor Roll

The first six weeks honor roll has been released by Diboll school officials.

DIBOLL HIGH SCHOOL

Freshmen, all A's: Melissa Albrecht, Reginald Barnes, Susan Beene, Gina Donovan, Tina Evans, Shannon Farrow, Andy Gossett, Karen Ingram, Sylvia Mitchell and Andrea Pouland.

Freshmen, all A's and one B: Cheree Clark, Martha Harris, Jennifer Jones and Allison Lazarine.

Sophomores, all A's: Sharon Breazeale, Bobby Fenley and Margie Harris.

Sophomores, all A's and one B: Melissa Fairchild, Jennie Ferguson, Doreen Holt, Monica Reeves, Kathy Scarborough and Jill Ward.

Juniors, all A's: Michael Amason, Robby Cobb, Marty Grantham, Charles Mettlen, Brian Miller, Roy McCall, Cheryl Schmidt, Barry Tate and Donna Wright.

Juniors, all A's and one B: Angela Gordon, Jo Anne Harris, Mark Holubec and Kathy Terrell.

Seniors, all A's: Linda Bolt, Paul Bradshaw, Connie Maddox, Susan Maples, Kathy McWilliams, Janet Price, Troi Russell, Gregg Spivey and John Wojhan.

Seniors, all A's and one B: Charlotte Bray, Susie Capps, Melanie Edwards, Deborah Ellison, Carl Ferguson, Diane Garrett, Becky Gray, Vernie Hatthorn, Claudia Reed and Odessa Vinson.

Play Crockett tonight

JV muscles past Rusk, 18-0

By BRIAN MILLER

The rampaging Lumberjack junior varsity raised their record to a perfect 5-0 last Thursday as they blitzed the Rusk Eagle JV by an 18-0 count.

The Lumberjacks started slowly, failing to score in the first quarter as the offense suffered a blocked punt and an interception of an Andre Vinson pass.

But the powerful JV defense also shut down the Rusk offense during that period to keep the game in hand.

The defense provided the Jacks with their first break late in the second quarter when Gary Dover pounced on a Rusk fumble. This gave the Jacks the ball at the Rusk 20 and three plays later BaBa Gibson threw a halfback pass to Ronny Jones on a 16-yard scoring play. The conversion kick failed but Diboll led 6-0.

Rusk took the ball at the end of the first half but was unable to score. Diboll's Arlon Lamb intercepted an Eagle pass as the half ended.

The Rusk JV took the second half kickoff and drove to the Diboll 35 but Steve Capps came up with a Rusk fumble to end the threat.

The Jacks were forced to punt but got the ball back when Andre Vinson snared an errant Rusk pass to give Diboll the ball at the Rusk 49.

Two plays later quarterback Bobby Fenley scrambled 45 yards to the Rusk five yard line and BaBa Gibson took the ball in for the score. The pass for extra points failed to leave Diboll with a 12-0 lead.

Rusk was overwhelmed by the Diboll defense after that, resulting in another interception, this time by Ronny Jones.

Diboll punted again but the defense forced Rusk to cough up the ball as Mechi Harrell recovered a Rusk fumble to give Diboll possession at the Rusk 37.

Riding the runs of BaBa Gibson the Jacks dashed downfield, scoring on a 17-yard scamper by Gibson. The Jacks missed again on their third conversion attempt but held an 18-0 lead.

The Jack defense again swarmed all over Rusk at the end of the game, forcing three straight incomplete passes as time ran out.

The powerful JV defense, which forced six Rusk turnovers, has allowed but 12 points in five games and has now chalked up three shutouts in their perfect season.

The proud JV'ers are scheduled to play at Crockett this Thrusday. The junior high Littlejacks play Crockett at 5:30 with the JV game to follow.

DIBOLL JV STATISTICS

Passing	Att	Comp	Yds
Andre Vinson	2	0	0
BaBa Gibson	1	1	16
Bobby Fenley	2	0	0
Rushing	**Carries**		**Yds**
BaBa Gibson	19		86
Andre Vinson	5		16
Steve Childress	2		6
Harold Bell	1		3
Arlon Lamb	1		-3
Bobby Fenley	3		55

Receiving	Recep	Yds
Ronny Jones	1	16

TEAM JV STATISTICS

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Rushing yds	161	27
Passing yds	16	47
Total yds	177	74
First downs	8	5
Penalties/yds	7/75	3/25
Fumbles/lost	1/0	3/3
Interceptions by	3	1
Punts/yds/avg	4/83/20.8	3/74/24.7
Time possession	15:34	24.26

SCORE BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	T
Diboll	0	6	0	12	18
Rusk	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING SUMMARY

Diboll — Gibson, 16 yard pass to Jones (kick failed)
Diboll — Gibson, 5 yard run (pass failed)
Diboll — Gibson, 17 yard run (kick failed)

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CAMPUS PLANNERS — The Diboll ISD last week hosted a group of graduate students from Texas A&M University who are assisting the district in evaluating its space needs and possible physical plant changes which are needed. Participating in the program for facilities planning were (seated, left to right) Grace Mosby, Kathy Blair and Nan Crowell. Also (standing) DISD Superintendent Don Robbins, A&M professor Dr. Harold Hawkins, William Ishee and Ned Burns. The graduate students, who are seeking their doctoral degrees in education administration, also visited with Temple-Eastex officials while here. (Free Press Photo)



NEW OFFICERS of the National Honor Society at Diboll High School this year are Diane Garrett, president; Gregg Spivey, vice president; Tonya Clark, secretary; Susie Capps, treasurer; and Robby Cobb reporter.

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TEAM MEMBERS of the junior varsity Ladyjack volleyball team at DHS this season are (front) Connie Ward and Flor Garcia. Second row: Regina Miller, Tracy Chandler and Dessia Fowler. Back row: Sandra Teal, Connie Allen and Carmen Levine.

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Jacks win fifth, trim Rusk, 21-13

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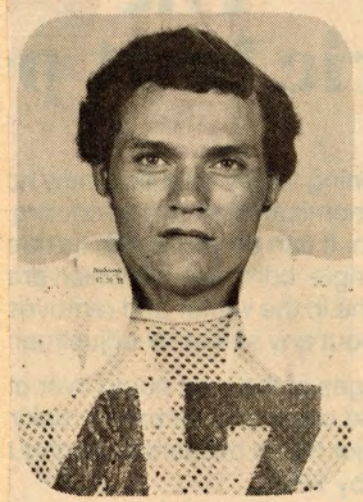


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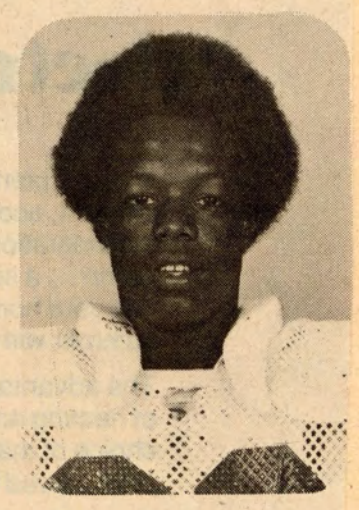
THE LUMBERJACK BAND has been giving halftime audiences this year something to cheer about, and Howard Warren has been finding that tooting a happy tune on his big horn is easier when the home team is winning. The band, flag corps and snazzy percussion line have been working hard all season on their halftime performances and will soon be competing in the UIL marching band contest. The Lumberjack Band is featured on this week's football page.

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Lumberjacks of the week



RICKY KYLE



DON HAMILTON

BIG RICKY KYLE was the Lumberjacks' defensive player of the week against Rusk. Ricky made five individual backfield sacks, four individual tackles and five assists, in addition to catching the winning touchdown pass. **DON HAMILTON** was the offensive player of the week. Don moved near the 1,000 yard mark in rushing with 112 yards on the ground against Rusk as he again got good blocking from his offensive line.

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DIBOLL QUARTERBACK Gregg Spivey (14) is about to be hauled down after gaining yardage on this play against Teague Friday. Spivey gained 38 yards in 14 carries and completed four of ten passes for 35 yards and two touchdowns as Diboll won its sixth game of the season, 18-7. The Jacks are open this week and end the season here next Friday against Corrigan-Camden.
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Super soph Johnson, Spivey key Axmen's sixth win at Teague

Super effort

Baker praises team spirit, determination

Head Coach Bobby Baker gave his Lumberjacks a day off Monday and worked only lightly Tuesday as they enjoy an open date this week before closing the season here next week against Corrigan-Camden.

Obviously in a relaxed mood, Coach Baker took the opportunity to praise his coaching staff and players for the effort they've put forth in putting together a 6-3 record so far this season.

"I'll tell you, I'm proud of this group of players," said Coach Baker. "There have been many times that they could have quit when they were down, but they didn't. They just kept battling and improving. Everyone on this team has put forth a super effort this season."

Baker said that his players had responded wonderfully to his coaching and that of his staff. "Unless players respond to your coaching, there is no hope. This group has proved that they want to learn and they've worked hard to overcome many obstacles."

"I am amazed that their interest has been high even though they know we are out of the district race. They are playing now on pride, and we know we can wind up with a respectable 7-3 season if we can continue on and win our last game next week. That will be something to be proud of, and they know it. You've got to be proud of a bunch like that."

Baker said he was also grateful to his fellow coaches, who have shown the same pride and desire to work that the players have.

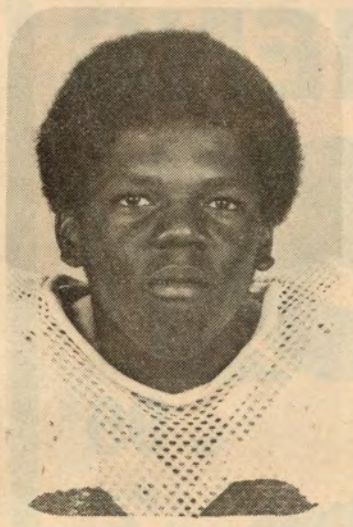
Although he did not want to look beyond next week's closing game, Coach Baker said he was especially proud of the junior varsity's showing this season. The JV is currently 7-0 and goes for an undefeated season Thursday night here against Rusk.

He said the JV has been tenacious on defense, giving up only 18 points in seven games, and that this means a stronger varsity for next season.

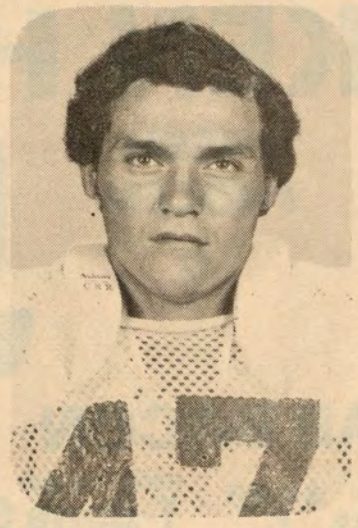
"Two young men, Steve Childress and Harold Bell, had to play JV ball because they moved in here. They have played hard, even though you know they wanted to have a shot at the varsity squad," he said.

"All I can say is that, putting what we'll have back together with those coming up from the JV, we should have a whale of a ball club next season," he said.

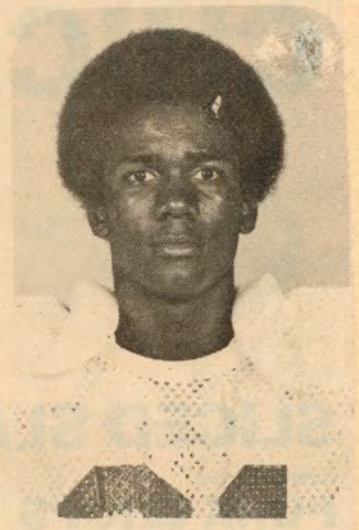
Lumberjacks of the week



KEVIN BLOUNT



RICKY KYLE



DAVID JOHNSON

KEVIN BLOUNT and **RICKY KYLE** shared defensive player of the week honors against Teague. Both made six unassisted tackles and numerous assists and had several sacks in the backfield. Blount made tackles all over the field and Kyle shone defensively for the third straight week. Runningback **DAVID JOHNSON** is the offensive player of the week. He headed Diboll's running game with 99 yards and may be Diboll's "super soph" in the backfield.

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Next season

Diboll in new district

Diboll Lumberjack athletic teams will compete in a new and probably tougher district next year.

The University Interscholastic League has moved to do away with class B teams and has established a new 5-A class, and Diboll will next year compete in 19-3A.

The Lumberjacks have been in District 21-AA the past two seasons.

In the new district with Diboll will be Center, Kirbyville, Hemphill, Newton, San Augustine and Woodville.

During basketball season, Hudson and Central will join the district. Neither of those schools participates in football.

Warren was included in District 20-3A and wanted to come into Diboll's new 19-3A district, but in a meeting Tuesday Warren's district voted against the move.

The new alignments will be effective beginning with the 1980 football season.

Diboll's present 21-AA district will become District 18-3A and will contain Crockett, Fairfield, Malakoff, Westwood, Rusk and Teague.

The Lumberjacks will be much better off in the new 19-3A district from the standpoint of travel. Their trips this season to Fairfield, Teague and Westwood totaled 340 miles.

That's just three of the five away games. Mileage to all six of the new district teams will total only 380 miles.

The UIL has decreed that Texas high schools shall be divided into conferences for the 1980-81 and 1981-82 school years by enrollment as follows:

AAAAA	1310 and above
AAAA	1309 to 615
AAA	614 to 265
AA	264 to 135
A	134 and below

Schools with less than 85 students may enter a team in the six-man football conference.

Diboll will be no stranger to any of the schools in the new 19-3A conference. The Lumberjacks have been in and out of the district with Kirbyville, Hemphill, Newton, San Augustine and Woodville.

Diboll has played Center twice in non-district games, winning one and losing one in 1970-71. Center is the only school which has been competing in Class 3A, although Woodville spent two seasons in 3A competition before dropping back to Class 2A.

The new district is likely to be more competitive than Diboll's present district, but fans probably will applaud the shorter driving distance to out-of-town games and to towns with which they are more familiar.

Diboll Coach Bobby Baker is in the process of completing his non-district schedule, which could change if Warren is admitted to the new 19-3A district.

DHS schedule for 1980-81 is announced

Sept.	5	Livingston	H
Sept.	12	Corrigan	T
Sept.	19	Groveton	T
Sept.	26	West Sabine	H
Oct.	3	*Newton	H
Oct.	10	Open	
Oct.	17	*Woodville	T
Oct.	24	*Hemphill	H
Oct.	31	*San Augustine	T
Nov.	7	*Center	H
Nov.	14	*Kirbyville	T

*Denotes District 19-AAA games.

NOTE: All non-district games start at 8 p.m.; all district games start at 7:30 p.m.

DHS plays bi-district volleyball

The Diboll girl's volleyball team will play LaVega High School for the bi-district title next Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Westwood High School gym.

Tickets are available at Diboll High School and are $1 for adults and 50 cents for students.

Special pep rally Thursday night

The Diboll High School Lumberjacks will be out in full force at a special edition "Lumberjack Pep Rally" tonight (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in Wilbur Pate Gymnasium.

Mrs. Janice Cook, cheerleader sponsor, said that the later time for the week's pep rally is to allow participation by all Dibollians.

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KATHY McWILLIAMS



KAREN INGRAM

DHS Band members will compete in state contests

Diboll Lumberjack Band Director John Ingram is all smiles this week because of outstanding musical performances by two of his students. Kathy McWilliams and Karen Ingram have both qualified as members of the All-Region XXI Orchestra and have made audition tapes to try out for the All-State Orchestra.

The All-State rating is the highest honor that a high school band student can attain. Only one percent of the students from all over the state (including 3A and 4A schools) will qualify for the All-State Band or Orchestra.

The success enjoyed by Kathy and Karen marks a first for the DHS music program — it is the first time that any student has advanced past the regional tryouts.

Competition on the state level is stiff. Karen, who made first chair flute in the All-Region Orchestra, had to face competition from 125 other hopefuls to get a place in the select group.

Kathy, who is first chair clarinet in the Lumberjack Band, faced similar competition this year as well as last year, when she made the regional tryouts, but did not advance to the higher competition.

Both girls are outstanding musicians and have won numerous awards in both University Scholastic League (UIL) competition and in invitational contests. Karen, who is now a 14 year old freshman, was not eligible last year to compete in UIL competition, but has been winning solo and ensemble medals at invitational contests since she was in the sixth grade.

Kathy now has won some 43 solo and ensemble medals in UIL competition, and last year became one of the first Diboll students to compete in the State UIL Invitational Solo and Ensemble contest.

Karen, of course, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ingram. She has put in many

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PARENTS took the spotlight with their player-sons during parents' night at the Diboll-Corrigan-Camden game Friday night. Lumberjacks pleased their parents with a season-ending 28-6 win over C-C to give them a 7-3 season record.

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Baker guides team to best season record since 1973



DIBOLL COACH Bobby Baker is not the most emotional coach on the sidelines, but he shows his dismay here in a recent game as he holds his hands over his head after a Lumberjack fumble. Baker piloted the Jacks to their best season since 1973 with a 7-3 record.

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SENIORS PROMENADE

SENIOR MEMBERS of the Diboll Lumberjack Band donned their top hats for the season football finale here Friday night. They are (front) Donna Lazarine, Mary Maynard, Troi Russell, Kim Milligan, Kathy McWilliams and Linda Bolt. In back are Pam Halsell, James Gann, Jonathan Roach, Jeff Hearne, Mary Lester, Lisa Allen and Dianne Mills.

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Coach Baker says thanks

Saying thanks sometimes is very difficult because the choice of words at times does not express all the feelings people have. But I would like to try in a few words to say thanks to the town of Diboll for the tremendous backing the football teams received this year.

We were successful on the varsity and junior varsity level this year. Three areas have to be given due consideration for the success of an athletic program.

The first area to be given consideration is my coaching staff. I have been very pleased with the quality of coaching that has been given this year from the junior high level to high school. I want to take this opportunity to say thanks to them for their many hours of hard work which began in the middle of August. Football is over, but they continue to work hard in other sports.

Mrs. Drake, the girls' coach, is enjoying working a little longer in her season for her volleyball team, which will be going to the regional tournament in Brenham to try and advance to state.

The basketball teams under Coach Brown are also enjoying success in the early goings. He is being assisted by Coach Lightfoot and Coach Johnston. We hope, as a coaching staff, to continue to offer the leadership and guidance to your son or daughter in a manner that you as parents will be proud of.

The second area to be given consideration for contributing to the success of an athletic program is the spirit and support given by faculty members, student body and the administration of Diboll High. This year we have been receiving the support of faculty members at pep rallies and athletic contests.

During football season on Fridays, faculty members could be seen wearing shirts with inscription that offered support to the teams.

The student body of Diboll High has shown in many ways their support of the athletic teams. They have contributed in a big way to the spirit exemplified at pep rallies.

The cheerleaders and pep squad under Mrs. Cook's supervision have contributed in many ways to help keep the spirit at a high level. They have spent countless hours working on signs and skits for pep rallies. Giving words of thanks to these ladies would not begin to express how much we appreciate their efforts.

We have received tremendous support from the administrative staff of Diboll High. This type of support does nothing but make coaches want to work harder to provide a first class athletic program.

I also want to thank Mr. Ingram and the band for the support they have given the athletic program. The band has contributed in a big way in giving added spirit at athletic activities.

The third area to be given consideration for adding to the success of our athletic program is people who mean so much to us, that being the people of Diboll who are our fans. This year we enjoyed sell-out crowds on Diboll's side at every home game. Our out-of-town following was on two occasions larger than the home team's crowd.

There was always a spirit vibrating throughout the fans of Diboll that added to the spirit that was already present on the playing field. We were continuously offered words of encouragement after a victory and these words were most graciously appreciated after a defeat.

We hope that we will always be deserving of the kind words and support that you the people of the community give. We will continue to work hard to give the town of Diboll an athletic program they will be proud of.

Thank you,
Coach Bobby Baker
and Coaching Staff

Win district, bi-district

Ladyjacks go to region

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Ladyjacks eliminated

The DHS Ladyjack volleyball team lost their first game in regional competition at Brenham last week.

Waller eliminated the Ladyjacks quickly in sets of 15-6 and 15-7.

Kountze, last year's state champion, walked off with the region title again.

The Ladyjacks placed four people on the all-district team announced this week. Robbie English, Tonya Clark and Ethel Fowler were named to the first team and Michelle Hall was an honorable mention selection.

Win first four games

Jacks off to blazing start

By BRIAN MILLER

Coach Johnny Brown's Lumberjack basketball team is off to its best start in several seasons with a 4-0 record after easing past the Hemphill Hornets 58-50 in a Monday night game at Hemphill.

Last week the Jacks blazed their way past West Sabine 85-51 and Burkeville 83-48 in games play at Diboll. The locals opened with a win over Memorial in Houston.

Against Hemphill Monday night the Jacks led the entire game but the Hornets kept pulling close to keep the Lumberjacks from relaxing.

The Jacks built up a 12-9 lead in the slow first quarter but really turned it on in the second quarter with 19 points to Hemphill's ten.

Diboll was feasting with free throws as Jimmy Teal and Dorsey Scott both hit four for four to build the Jacks' lead to 12 points at halftime.

The Hornets played fiercely in the second half as they whittled away at Diboll's lead. The Hornets did not commit the devastating fouls that hurt them in the first half, as they commited only one personal foul the remainder of the game.

The Hemphill attack was led by Carl Warren with 18 points and Bobby Cotton with 17 and it led them to within six of Diboll as the third quarter ended with Diboll ahead 43-37.

In the fourth quarter Hemphill pulled to within three of the Jacks when the Diboll offense finally came to life on the shooting of Diboll's high point man, Amos Alexander, who finished the night with 21.

Alexander scored 11 of Diboll's 15 points in the final quarter to save the Diboll lead and allow them to coast in with the 58-50 win.

In the 85-51 rout of West Sabine last week, the Jacks had four men in double figures, led by Jimmy Teal with 17 and Amos Alexander with 16. West Sabine's David Crawford hit 19.

The Jacks were led by Paul Bradshaw with 14 points in their 83-48 romp over Burkeville, Jimmy Teal contributed 13.

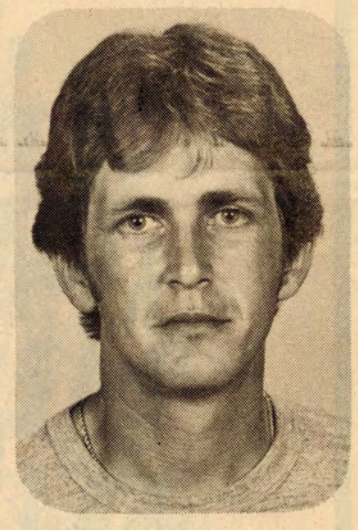
Co-leaders for Burkeville with 12 each were Billy Mitchell and Larry Lord.

SCORE BY QUARTERS

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Diboll	12	19	12	15	58
Hemphill	9	10	18	13	50

DIBOLL STATISTICS

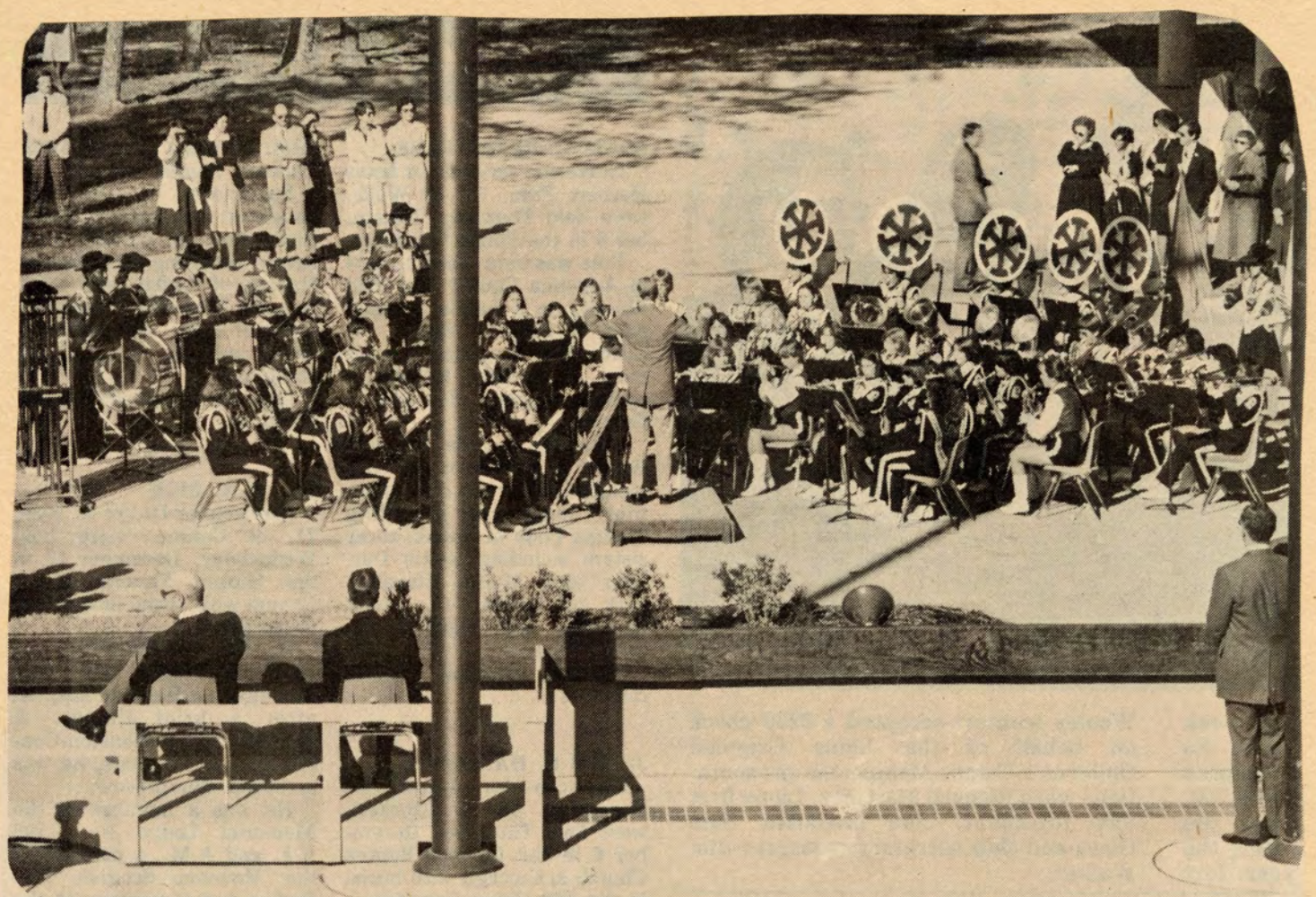
	FG	FT	Foul	T
Alexander	10	1	1	21
Teal	3	5	3	11
Harris	3	0	4	6
Bradshaw	3	0	1	6
Scott	1	4	0	6
Hubbard	1	0	2	2
Hearne	0	0	1	0
Hamilton	1	0	0	2
Mitchell	2	0	4	4



JOHNNY BROWN

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THE LUMBERJACK BAND from Diboll High School performed at dedication ceremonies for the new Temple-Eastex office building last week. Director John Ingram and his group even came up with special T-Wheels for their sousaphones for the occasion. Time Inc. chairman Andrew Heisell and other Time Inc. officials flew in from New York for the brief ceremonies and open house for invited guests. (Free Press Photo)

Bands' Christmas concert is Monday

On Monday evening December 17 the music department of Diboll High School and Temple Junior School will present its annual Christmas Concert.

The concert will be held in the Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium and will begin at 7:30 in the evening.

Admission to the concert will be free and the concert will last about one hour. Music for the concert will be mostly light and happy sprinkled with some traditional religious Christmas songs.

The concert will feature music from the beginner band which is mostly sixth grade students, the Temple Junior Band which is made up of seventh and eighth grade students and the Diboll Lumberjack Band which contains students from grades nine through 12.

The Diboll High School Choir will also perform at the concert. The choir is made up of 22 select students from grades nine through 12.

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DIBOLL'S JIMMY TEAL (25) stretches for a rebound as teammates Edwin Mitchell (31) and Amos Alexander (21) stand ready to help. Teal was battling Lufkin's Don Bronson (42) and Rich Henderson (30) for the ball as Lufkin scored a 70-53 win in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium Monday night.

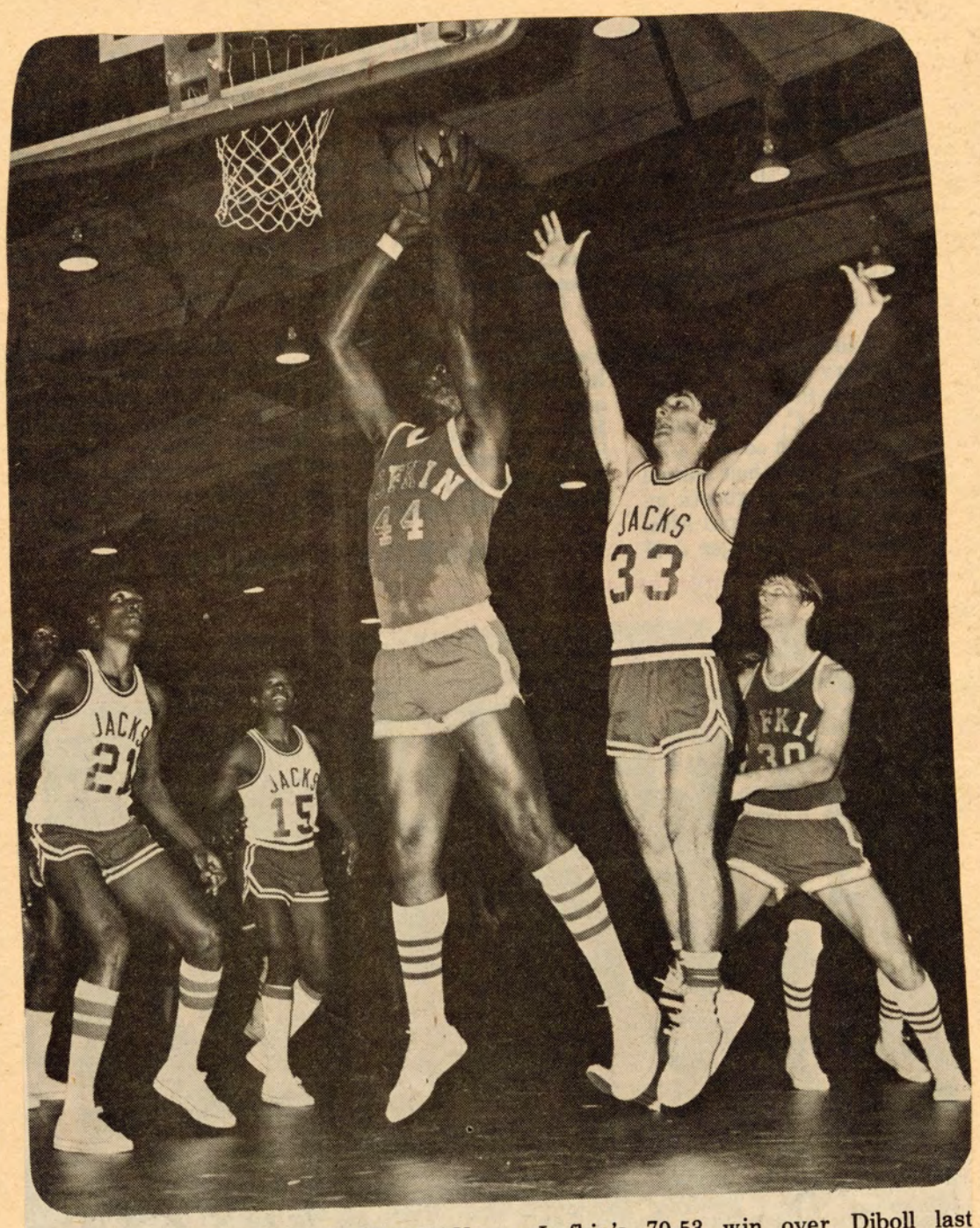
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DIBOLL'S TRICKY Von Hubbard (15) soars toward the basket and a good layup against Lufkin here Monday night. Hubbard's heroics were not enough, however, as the Panthers got hot in the second half to win easily 70-53. Lufkin's Calvin Deason, Do Bronson and an unidentified mate watc Hubbard go to the basket in this action (Free Press Phot

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LUFKIN'S DEWAYNE CALLOWAY (44) sank this shot over the outstretched arms of Diboll's Paul Bradshaw (33) and a watchful Amos Alexander (21) in Lufkin's 70-53 win over Diboll last week. Diboll cut the margin in a rematch this Tuesday but the Panthers still won, 60-46. (Free Press Photo)

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Jacks



THE DIBOLL LUMBERJACK basketball team is rolling along with a 10-7 record so far this season. Team members are (standing) Von Hubbard, Don Hamilton, Jeff Hearne, Edwin Mitchell, Michael Harris, Amos Alexander, Paul Bradshaw, Jimmy Teal and Dorsey Scott. Seated are manager Eric Mettlen, Coach Johnny Brown and trainer Keith Nash Not pictured is manager Johnny Mitchell.

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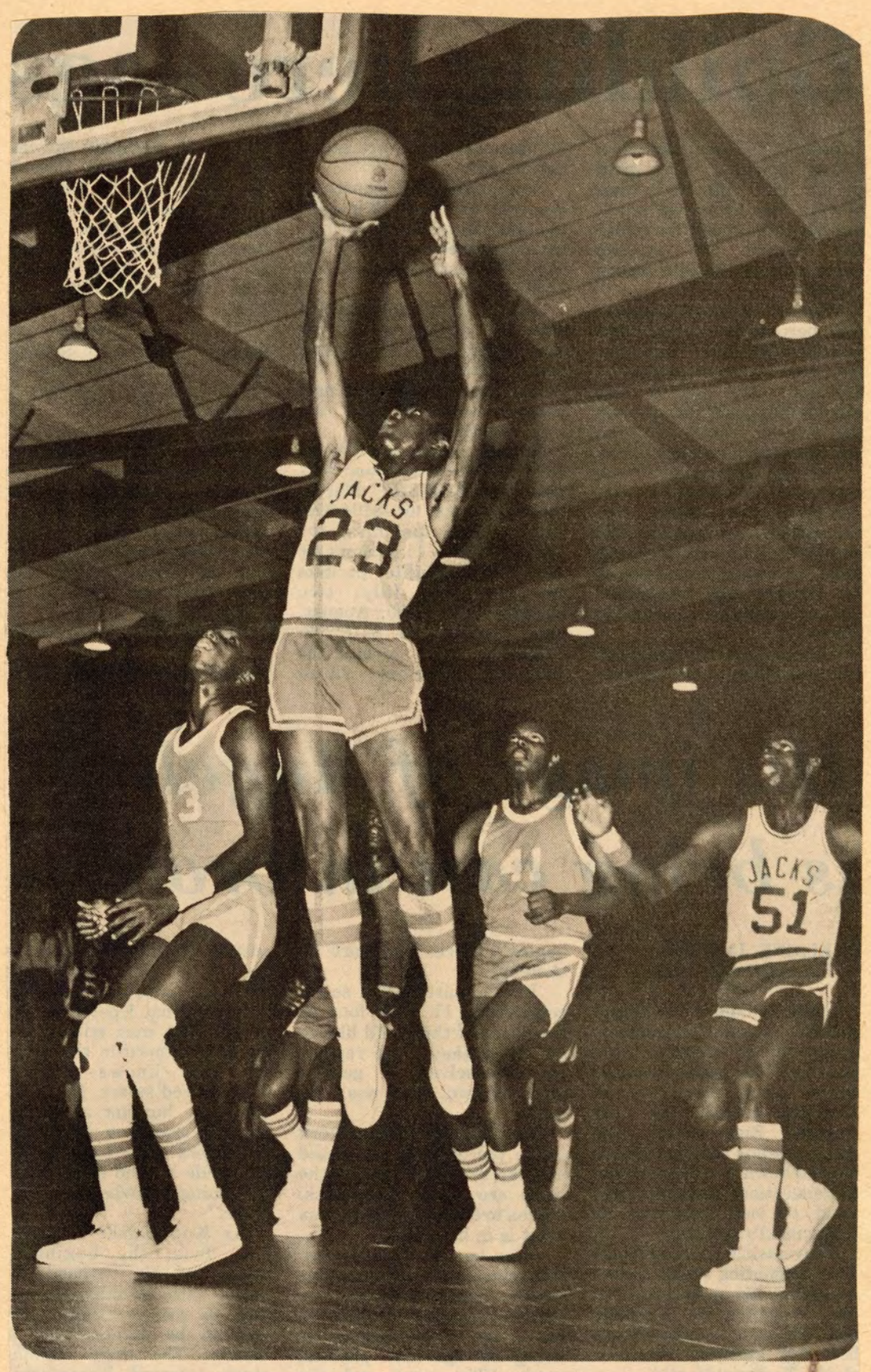


THE LUMBERJACK junior varsity basketball team is rolling along with a fine record so far this season. Team members are (front) Jeff Stribling, manager Charles Coleman and Bobby Fenley. Middle row: Harold Bell, Wesley Saxton, Leonard Gibson and Michael Amason. In back are Rudy Esteves, Cranston Hunt, Darrell Coleman, Jimmy Mettlen and Coach Lightfoot. Not pictured are Doug Glover, Chris McGilvra, Dwight Brown and Johnny Mc Cloud.

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Jacks zap Trinity, 60-45



THAT'S DIBOLL'S Dorsey Scott (23) stretching on a layup against the Trinity Tigers here Tuesday night as the Lumberjacks won their 13th game of the season. Scott scored five points, but the Jack attack was led by Amos Alexander with 21 points.

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MICHAEL HARRIS (51) towers above several Trinity Tiger players as he lets fly a jump shot in Tuesday night's 60-45 win over the visiting Tigers.



DIBOLL'S EDWIN MITCHELL (31) goes up for a shot in this action from Diboll's 60-45 victory over Trinity here Tuesday night. Mitchell contributed six points to the Lumberjacks' 13th win of the season. (Free Press Photo)

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THE DHS LADYJACK volleyball team was signaling Number One this week after receiving their big bi-district trophy. The Ladyjacks won district then beat Waco LaVega in bi-district before falling in the region tournament. Team members are (kneeling) Tonya Clark, Robbie English, Natalie Johnson and Michelle Hall. Standing are Susie Capps, Lisa Harris, Angela Capps, Peggy Chandler, Ethel Fowler and Coach Carol Drake. (Free Press Photo)

Teal's loss could hurt Jack scoring

Twenty-five games into the season, Amos Alexander leads the Diboll Lumberjack basketball team in scoring with 316 points.

But the key to the district fortunes of the Lumberjacks may be the loss of high-jumping Jimmy Teal, who is sidelined for the season with a wrist fracture.

Teal was Diboll's second leading scorer with 243 points before he was forced out of action two games ago.

Teal was also the Lumberjacks' best free throw shooter, second best rebounder, and probably the best jumper on the team, according to Coach Johnny Brown.

To replace Teal, Coach Brown has been forced to bring up Baba Gibson from the freshman team and Darrell Coleman from the junior varisty.

Following Alexander and Teal in scoring thus far are Paul Bradshaw with 161 points, Michael Harris with 144, Von Hubbard with 136, Edwin Mitchell with 93, Dorsey Scott with 81, Jeff Hearne with 65 and Don Hamilton with 52.

The Jacks are 2-0 in district play so far and stand 18-7 on the season — the best season record for a Diboll team in many seasons.

They play in Corrigan this Friday and then travel to Hudson next Tuesday night.

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HALF OF DIBOLL'S best one-two punch is out for the season with a wrist fracture. Jimmy Teal (right) has been playing since Dec. 10 with the injury but has finally been forced to a cast and will be out the remainder of the season. Teal was second in scoring behind Amos Alexander (left), was the team's best free throw shooter and second best rebounder. To take his place, Coach Brown plans to move up Darrell Coleman from the junior varsity and Baba Gibson from the freshman team.

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GOOD CITIZEN AWARDS were presented these area high school girls Tuesday night by Mrs. Milton Hickman of the Good Citizen Committee, Anthony Smith Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Left to right are Mrs. Hickman; Monica Brunson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Brunson Jr. of Lufkin; Tonya Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferman Clark, Diboll; Monica Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Harrison, Lufkin; Kim Metts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metts, Pollok; LaTisha Hancock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hancock, Huntington; and Leigh Brooks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brooks, Wells. (Cameracraft Photo)

Scholarship to Kim Milligan

Kim Milligan of Diboll has been selected as the recipient of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Go-Texan Scholarship Award from Angelina County. Kim, the daughter of Mrs. Peggy Milligan of Diboll, is a graduating senior at Diboll High School.

The one year $1,500 award is one of 37 which the show awards to outstanding students from the counties which participate in Area Go-Texan activities in conjunction with the rodeo Feb. 22 through March 2.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo has 334 students currently on scholarship at colleges and universities in the state of Texas and is the largest donor of agricultural scholarships in the United States.

"We can be extremely proud of Kim," said Johnny Jackson Area Go-Texan ambassador. "She was chosen from an impressive group of applicants. Angelina County was fortunate to have so many fine students competing for this valuable scholarship."

Kim was awarded the scholarship based on academic excellence, leadership, citizenship and participation in 4-H/FFA.

She will be honored on Angelina County day at the 1980 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo in the Astrodome.

Kim, county officials and other dignitaries will see their names in lights on the Astrodome scoreboard as well as ride in the grand entry. Kenny Rogers, top star of the recording industry, will perform at the rodeo.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

KIM MILLIGAN, a DHS senior, this week was awarded a $1,500 scholarship by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Go-Texan committee. Left to right are Johnny Jackson, Angelina County Ambassador for the livestock show; Kim Milligan, the daughter of Mrs. Peggy Milligan of Diboll; Bob McCurry, DHS vocational agriculture instructor; and John McNiel, Livestock Show committee member.

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LUMBERJACK SIGNS WITH AGGIES

DHS COACH BOBBY BAKER and Ricky Kyle give the "Gig 'em Aggies" salute after Kyle signed a letter of intent to attend Texas A & M University on a football scholarship Wednesday. Kyle, a 6-5, 245-pound tight end and defensive end, was an all-district selection at both spots and helped the Lumberjacks to their best record in several seasons under new head coach Bobby Baker. Kyle is the first athlete to attend A&M on a football scholarship and A&M Coach Tom Wilson said Tuesday "He is as good as anyone we will sign this season."

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Off Season

Spring training gives Jacks big lift--weight lift, that is!

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Jacks lose zone title but go into district tourney



DIBOLL'S DON HAMILTON (35) palms a rebound away from Hudson's Larry DuBose, Greg Dotson and Randy Martin in last Thursday's game here for the 21-AA east zone title. Hudson won the game 39-37 in overtime. Both teams advance to the district tournament this Friday and Saturday in Jacksonville.

(Free Press Photo)

The Diboll Lumberjack basketball team lost the District 21-AA east zone to the Hudson Hornets here last week but they will still be going to the district playoffs this weekend in Jacksonville.

Diboll finished second in the east zone with a 6-2 mark, losing both games to the tough Hornets, who finished with an 8-0 mark.

The Lumberjacks are currently 21-9 on the season while Hudson is 20-5.

Both teams advance to the district tourney scheduled this Friday and Saturday in Lon Morris College gymnasium in Jacksonville.

Diboll catches the best team in the west zone, the Fairfield Eagles, in the opening game at 7 p.m. Friday in Jacksonville. Hudson then plays the second place team in the west zone, Westwood, at 8:30 Friday.

The winners of those two games will play for the District 21-AA title at 7:30 Saturday in Jacksonville.

This is only the second year for the district tournament. Last year the west zone teams wiped out Hudson and Rusk in the tournament.

The Hornets managed to beat the Lumberjacks 39-37 here last Thursday for the east zone title, even though they trailed Diboll 37-32 with just under a minute to play.

David Arnold of Hudson knotted the game at 37-all with just two seconds left in regulation play.

The Hornets got where they did when a technical foul was called on Diboll for an illegal substitution. During that confusion, Hudson scored a basket and also hit the technical foul free throw for a three-point play that put them in striking distance of Arnold's last shot.

Diboll maneuvered for the shot in overtime but missed, and Hudson's Larry DuBose put in the only basket in overtime to give Hudson its first victory in Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium since 1972.

Amos Alexander led Diboll with 17 points, Von Hubbard scored eight, Donald Hamilton hit six, Paul Bradshaw had four and Jeff Hearne added two.

DuBose led Hudson with 14 points, Greg Dotson had nine, Randy Martin six, Terry Free and Mike Murphy four each and Arnold a single basket.

Diboll Coach Johnny Brown said this week that more x-rays were made on the wrist of Jimmy Teal to see if he could play in the district tournament, but that the break had not healed and the wrist was again put in a cast.

Teal was Diboll's best rebounder and second best scorer until he broke a small bone in one wrist and missed the zone games.

Still, the Lumberjacks are having their best season since the 1969-70 season when Diboll posted a 27-12 record. The 1968-69 team had an even better 27-9 mark.

This season's 21-9 record to date is the best since the 19-10 season of 1977-78, the last year Diboll won the district title.

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Free throws sail Hornets past Jacks in title game

Open house at school Tuesday

Open house will be observed at all three Diboll school campuses next Tuesday, March 4 from 7-9 p.m.

Citizens are invited to visit the schools anytime during the week which is Public School Week in Texas, or during the special Tuesday night open house.

The Elementary PTA will conduct a book fair from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. all week and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during open house on Tuesday.

And high school textbooks due for adoption will be on display at the high school library for public inspection.

DHS track team is limbering up

By BRIAN MILLER

Coach Bobby Baker is in the process of molding a track team at DHS this spring. Although he has not decided who will compete in what events, he is already pleased with some of the talent he has seen.

Last year, David Johnson placed second in the 880 and first in the broad jump in district. Doug Glover placed third in the 880. Coach Baker believes the two should be major contributors to the success of his track team again this season.

Coach Baker is in the process of putting together a class mile relay team. He plans to use Amos Alexander, Jimmy Teal, Baba Gibson and Andre Vinson in that event.

Others who have shown promise include Derrick Hall in the shot and discus, and sprinters Baba Gibson and Andre Vinson. Vinson is also working hard in the high jump.

Baker believes his track team has an excellent attitude. He especially is proud of the hard working attitude of his distance runners who have worked longer than the rest of the team.

He noted that Alvin Parish, Gerald Ligon, Vernon Stewart, Mike Fasske, Stephan Mitchell and Warren Fransaw have worked diligently in preparation for the distance events.

Most of the upcoming track meets are on Saturdays. The 33 players who have signed up for competition will visit Livingston March 8, Westwood March 15, Corrigan March 22, Buna March 29 and Warren April 5.

On Friday, April 11 the track and field team will go to Bryan for what Baker says is a very tough meet.

"I will use the results of this meet to judge the progress of our team," the coach said.

The district meet will be at Westwood on April 19.

Baseball season opens March 3

By BRIAN MILLER

Baseball season for the Diboll Lumberjacks officially begins March 3 when they play the Hemphill Hornets, and Coach Roland Bates thinks his young team will be competitive in the coming season.

Coach Bates announced that the starting lineup for the varsity will be Kent Havard pitching, Bruce Jordan catching, Gregg Spivey at short and Steve Childress at third. Starting at first base will be Ricky Carroll, with Michael Amason at second.

John Porter will be in leftfield, Harold Bell in center and Ricky Coleman in right.

Coach Bates is counting strongly on his seniors, and he is strong on catcher Bruce Jordan, whom Bates feels may go on to play college ball.

The varsity squad also included Bobby Fenley at second, Jeff Hearne and Daivd Johnson in the outfield, and Roy McCall, Rudy Esteves and Derrick Hall on the mound.

The varsity squad defeated San Augustine in the first scrimmage here Monday, 11-8.

Coach Bates has selected his JV starters as well. He plans to play Doug Glover at second, Ronny Jones at short, John Wilson catching, Jose Cruz at third and Gary Dover at first.

Starting in leftfield will be Jimmy Mettlen, Kevin Hurley in center and Wesley Saxton in right. Derrick Hall will be pitching and Steve Brasher will be the designated hitter.

The JV team also includes Micheal Fasske at second, Michael Wyatt in the outfield, Walter Levine in the outfield, Johnny McCloud pitching, and Winston Stribling, Clifford Carter and Dwight Brown in the outfield.

The JV defeated Wells 8-5 here Monday in a scrimmage.

Coach Bates feels that his team will have great desire to win since they are coming off a winning season last year.



POSTER WINNERS — Top entries in the Diboll High School VICA Safety Poster Contest were submitted by (left to right) Gary Reeves, first place; Ricky Roig, second place; and David Bryce, third place. All are industrial arts students at DHS, and created the posters as part of the shop safety program.

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WENDELL CAPPS of Diboll won a $400 calf purchase certificate as a participant in the calf scramble at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. At left is his DHS vo-ag instructor Jesse Bradford and at right is John L. Loftis III representing LOFCo. which sponsored the certificate.



DIBOLL FFA PRESIDENT Charles Mettlen took pride recently in presenting a trophy to Janet Price, who is the Diboll FFA Sweetheart this year.

Thanks, Jesse

This special tabloid edition spotlighting FFA Week in Texas is brought to you by the businesses who have advertised in it, and we hope you will tell them how much you appreciate them supporting the FFA programs in Angelina County.

The Free Press is indebted to Diboll Vocational Agriculture instructor Jesse Bradford, who once again has taken all the photographs and provided much of the written material for this special issue.

Jesse has tried to give coverage to the Huntington, Hudson and Central FFA Chapters as well as to Diboll.

Thank you Jesse Bradford for another fine job!

The cover

Diboll High School Ag II student Rusty McEachern is looking forward to the Angelina County Junior Livestock Show in a big way. Rusty will have two entries in the show, his Hereford-Angus cross steer and his Hampshire barrow hog. The two animals are even great friends — the hog follows along when Rusty exercises his steer.



JOHN WOJHAN and RONNIE PAVLIC of Diboll FFA built this hay rack.

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Board studies need for new school here

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

A new high school for Diboll? That's likely to be one of the major topics of discussion when the DISD Board of Education meets in about two weeks to consider the report of a building study committee which is studying the physical plant needs of the district.

School trustees James Rhone, Nancy Holubec and Charles Havard are due to report their findings and recommendations to the full board after studying a report detailing the needs of the district prepared by a team of Texas A&M graduate students.

That report, compiled under the supervision of Dr. Harold Hawkins, professor and head of the Department of Educational Administration at A&M, recommends several options to help relieve the overcrowding which exists mainly in the elementary school.

The report suggests that the district continue to use the present elementary school facility, but that it should only be used for grades K-2. A new elementary school would then be built to house facilities for grades 3-5. This would also entail removing all temporary classroom buildings now in use.

By deleting grade 5 from the junior high school, grades 6-8 could then use the present junior high school facility comfortably, according to the report. The present high school would still provide instruction for grades 9-12 and a student population of 530.

All of this assumes that the present high school facility would not be subject to overcrowding in the future. However, the key to this assumption is that the holding power of the schools in the upper grades has not been good in Diboll. Students who begin school in the elementary grades here, where overcrowding is rampant, do not tend to complete their education through the upper levels.

That dropout rate is unusually high, and school officials attribute much of that to Mexican-American students who either move away from the district or secure jobs by the time they are in high school and simply do not choose to complete their studies.

Holding power in Diboll schools is increasing, however, and with the job market tightening it is likely that more and more students will elect to stay in school longer, said Don Robbins, superintendent of Diboll schools.

Robbins suggested that overcrowding which is prevalent only in the lower grades at the present time might spread to the upper grades as holding power increases due to economic factors and better bilingual education programs.

In that case, the present junior and senior high schools might begin to show a bulge in enrollment as the current group of elementary school children work their way up the ranks.

The superintendent sug-

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Election possible this May on issue

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

Diboll school superintendent Don Robbins said this week that the DISD could legally call a bond election as early as May to finance a building program which might include either construction of a new high school or a new elementary school.

"Personally, I would like to begin setting the right climate for it (the bond issue) because I think that it's needed," Robbins explained. The school board is due to hear a report from its building study committee at the school board meeting March 25, and action on the matter could begin at that time, if the board so chooses.

This is the second time in as many years that the DISD Board of Trustees has considered a major building program. The last time around, school officials compiled rough ideas for a new high school and began searching for a site — only to reconsider at that time because no affordable land could be found.

At that time, overcrowding in the elementary school was considered the major problem facing the district. Two years later, it is still the major problem facing the school district.

When the school board was considering a major building program two years ago, they found relief from the T.L.L. Temple Foundation, which contributed more than $50,000 for purchase of additional portable classrooms for the elementary school campus — thus the need for the building program was temporarily delayed.

Now, however, portable classroom buildings account for a fairly large percentage of the total classroom space at the elementary campus, and an increasing amount of space at the junior high. Additional portables would now range in price upwards of $70,000 as opposed to $50,000 two years ago, said Robbins.

Thus, the time to consider building permanent facilities is again at hand. The problem now is the same as it was then — finding a site for a new school, whether it be a new elementary school or a new high school, at an affordable price.

Rising construction costs as well as high interest rates and tight money make calling a bond election at this time necessary but risky. It's necessary because construction costs are only going to rise with each passing month. It's risky because of the unsure mood of the voters in these times of belt-tightening.

"I think that the climate is good in some areas," Robbins said of the possibility of getting a bond issue passed. He indicated that it might have a 50-50 chance if held today among those who normally vote.

"Of course it's the people who don't vote who usually gain the most," Robbins explained. "Most of those who don't vote in an election of this kind are non-taxpayers," he added. Non-taxpayers, of course, have everything to gain and nothing to lose by voting for a bond issue. But it's the taxpayers who usually turn out in numbers, said Robbins.

The general economy of the area has a lot to do with the way a bond issue can go, and it also affects some variables within the district itself. For instance, there is currently no overcrowding in the high school grades.

But as the economy tightens, and less jobs become available, more and more school age children are opting to stay in school rather than face unemployment.

The economy as it relates to the wood products industry is particularly important here in Diboll. "If forest products d...

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not sell, we are not going to get any more growth" has been the thought of school officials through the years.

This year, however, the school has already experienced an increase of 88 students over the projections in spite of the closing of a major production facility by Temple-Eastex. "The closing of the plywood plant hasn't hurt us a bit," said Robbins.

Because the district is considering building a major campus of some type, it must call a bond election to finance the project. Unlike county governments, which can issue certificates of obligation to cover the cost of major capital improvements without having to call an election, school districts are limited in the amount of money they can finance without a bond election.

Whether or not the district will actually call for a bond election to finance school plant improvements will be decided by the school board. Trustees will likely begin grappling with that decision March 25 after hearing the

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gested that an alternative plan might be to build a new high school facility to house either grades 9-12 or perhaps 10-12. The present high school campus would then be used for a junior high which would encompass grades 6, 7 and 8 or grades 7, 8 and 9.

The elementary school would then be split into two sections. One, housed in the present elementary school complex, would be fine for grades K-2, while the former junior high campus would be used for grades 3-6. This would require the addition of another principal for the second school, and perhaps some other additional personnel.

Not only would the overcrowding at the elementary level then be relieved, but junior high students would also have access to more facilities such as science labs and vocational programs such as the shop classes, which enjoy spacious facilities at the present high school campus.

The new high school, in turn, would be located on a new site and could house possibly only the top three grades. The school board has already considered a new high school facility on several occasions — the most recent about two years ago — but no action was ever taken.

Some of the ideas for the new high school included the addition of an adiutorium for the arts and athletic facilities to include a practice track. There has also been a suggestion, from time to time, that the varsity athletic field be incorporated into the plan for a new high school campus since the present football complex is small and inconvenient.

Still, the main thrust of the building program would probably be aimed at relieving the tremendous load which is now being placed on the elementary school campus. With an enrollment of some 800-plus students, some of whom are housed in temporary classroom buildings, that campus is literally busting at the seams.

Making any or all of the proposed improvements, whatever they may be, will require the district to call a bond election. It will be up to the school trustess to decide whether such an issue is needed, what to use the money for, and how to go about convincing the voters of the DISD that such a project is needed.

The first step in that process will come March 25 when the building committee releases its report.

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JAMES SEALE, owner of Seale's Food Market in Diboll paid $1.85 per pound for Robby Cobb's 290 pound hog at Tuesday's stock sale for a total of $536.50. In addition to buying Cobb's blue ribbon hog, Seale's also purchased Andy Gossett's third place pen of fryer rabbits. (Free Press Photo)

DIBOLL SENIOR HIGH

Freshmen, all A's: Melissa Albrecht, Reginald Barnes, Susan Beene and Karen Ingram.

Freshmen, all A's and one B: Cherie Clark, Gina Donovan, Shannon Farrow, Colinda Franks, Martha Harris, Sandra Linton, Gilberto Perez, Andrea Pouland and Rhonda Teal.

Sophomores, all A's: Sharon Breazeale and Jennie Ferguson.

Sophomores, all A's and one B: Deidra Breazeale, Shannon Capps, Terry Glover, Melissa Fairchild, Doreen Holt, Cathy Scarborough, Jill Ward and Nancy Wells.

Juniors, all A's: Roy McCall, Mark Holubec and Brian Miller.

Juniors, all A's and one B: Angela Capps, Robby Cobb, Marty Grantham, Bonnie Harris, Tammy Hicks and Charles Mettlen.

Also, Tammy Porter, Cheryl Schmidt, Sherri Smith, Kathy Terrell and Donna Wright.

Seniors, all A's: Linda Bolt, Paul Bradshaw, Susie Capps, Connie Maddox, Susan Maples, Mary Maynard, Claudia Reed, Troi Russell, Gregg Spivey and John Wojhan.

Seniors, all A's and one B: Tracy Chandler, Tonya Clark, Becky Gray, Janie Harris, Michael Harris, Kathy McWilliams, Kim Milligan, Janet Price and Odessa Vinson.

Record in stock sales

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well in the show again this year, putting 16 of the chapter's 23 steers in the sale and averaging about $1.25 per pound.

The 16 blue ribbon steers were shown by Cary Cheshire, J. T. Capps, Perry Beaty, Kent Havard, Jeff Rast, Peyton Thompson, Luther Dover, Jimmy Metlen, Ray Lenderman, Keith Harper, Keith Morris, Bruce Jordan, Andrea Pouland, Terry Glover, Gary Dover and John Stalsby.

Five 4-H club members from Diboll also put steers in the 60-steer sale. They were Gina Donovan, Bo Smith, Jimmy Tate, Bobby Cheshire and Mike Bland.

DHS students Eddie Clark and Jeff Squyres, Lufkin 4-H members, also made the sale with their steers.

Cary Cheshire of Diboll FFA had Diboll's only steer in ten making the sale.

Eddie Clark, 4-H member from Diboll, won the beef showmanship award.

The 21 entries from Diboll FFA and 4-H making the steer sale amounted to about a third of the overall 60 steers accepted in the sale ring.

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Ladyjacks fourth in Bobcat Relays



THE DHS LADYJACK track team this season is composed of (kneeling) Dianna Bane, Martha Harris, Regina Miller, Tina Evans, Connie Allen and Dessia Fowler. Standing are Deidra Johnson, Sylvia Mitchell, Lisa Williams, Carmen Levine, Cynthia Levine, Diane Rogers, Connie Ward, Pam Lewis and Cheryl Gordon. Carol Drake is the Ladyjack coach. (Free Press Photo)



THESE DHS STUDENTS will compete against other schools in the county Friday, March 14, as Students In Free Enterprise have a special day at Angelina College. Displaying the posters and bumper stickers made for the competition are (seated) Loretta Hubbard, Troi Russell, Diane Garrett and Susan Maples. Standing are Carmen Levine, Shannon Capps, Paul Bradshaw, Mark Turney and Billy Ivey. (Free Press Photo)

Baseball tournament starts here Thursday

The Diboll Lumberjacks will host the first invitational baseball tournament here this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The first round begins Thursday with Diboll playing Woden at 1 p.m., West Sabine meeting Hemphill at 3, Centerville playing the Jasper JV at 5 and Colmesneil meeting Center at 7 p.m.

Consolation finals will be a 5 p.m. Saturday and the championship game at 7 p.m.

There is no charge for admission and DHS officials are urging everyone to come out and support the tournament.

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THE DHS TRACK TEAM continued workouts this week in preparation for a meet this Saturday in Corrigan. The Jacks finished fourth among 12 teams at Westwood last week, picking up 62 points, including David Johnson's first place in the 800 meter run.

(Free Press Photo)

At Westwood

Jacks fourth in meet

Coach Bobby Baker's Lumberjack track team finished fourth among 12 schools last Saturday at the Westwood Relays in Palestine.

Westwood won the meet while the Jacks picked up 62 points.

David Johnson picked up Diboll's only first place with a 2:64 clocking in the 880 meter run.

Doug Glover raced home second in that race behind Johnson with a 2:65 clocking.

Jimmy Teal jumped 20'-7 3/4'' for a second in the long jump, and the mile relay team of Mike Brown, Doug Glover, Vernon Stewart and David Johnson finished second in that event with a time of 3:33.

David Johnson stretched out to 20'7'' to finish third in the long jump a hair behind Jimmy Teal's second.

The 400 meter sprint relay team of Baba Gibson, Amos Alexander, Von Hubbard and Jimmy Teal ran that race in 45 seconds for a fourth place.

Teal finished fifth in the 100 meter dash with an 11.3 time, Baba Gibson ran the 200 meters in 24 flat for a sixth place, and Gerald Ligon went across the 1600 meters in 4:57 for a sixth place.

Derrick Hall threw the discus 123 feet for a fifth place finish.

The Lumberjacks are scheduled to compete in the Corrigan meet this week.

Tickets due for banquet

Tickets will be on sale beginning Monday for the all sports banquet sponsored by the Diboll Jack Backers.

President Arthur Powell said that tickets will be available at Conner's Western Auto and Diboll State Bank for parents and anyone else who did not get tickets through the school.

Tickets for the event are limited and cost $5 each.

Texas A&M Head Coach Tom Wilson will be guest speaker for the banquet at 7 p.m. on April 10 in the Angelina Hotel banquet room in Lufkin.

Golf team is fifth

The Diboll High School golf team made their best showing in four tournaments Monday when they came in fifth in the Warren Invitational Tournament at Wildwood Resort.

The Diboll team, made up of Barry Tate, Chris McGilvra, Chuck Grossman, Jonathan Roach and Brian Holubec finished fifth in a field of 20 teams made up mostly of 3-A and 4-A schools.

Barry Tate finished third with a score of 77.

Next tournament for the DHS team will be held Monday, March 24 at Diboll Municipal Golf Course.

Jerry Gartman is the boys' coach.

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By committee

High school given nod

By MIKE CRIM
Assistant Editor

A new, "comprehensive high school facility" which would include a new football stadium and athletic complex, vocational education department and expanded science and music departments has been recommended by the facilities committee of the Diboll school board.

The report, submitted by committee members James Rhone, Charles Havard, Nancy Holubec and superintendent Don Robbins, calls for a new high school to be built and renovations to be made at the present high school to convert it for use as a junior high school.

The present junior high school would then be used as an "intermediate school", and would allow the overflow from the elementary school to be housed comfortably on that campus.

There are various plans under which the schools could be arranged by grade, but one alternative could be to house grades 10-12 at the new high school, grades 6-9 at the junior high, grades 3-5 at the intermediate school and grades K-2 at the elementary school.

This plan would relieve present overcrowding conditions at the elementary level, and would prevent any future overcrowding at the junior high and senior high levels, which is expected to be a problem as the district's "holding power" in the upper grades increases.

Several board members suggested that the plan to build a new high school might be better in the long run than building more temporary facilities. Among them, Nancy Holubec, who said that "we would probably spend as much building a new elementary school and on temporary classrooms for the other campuses as we would on a new high school."

Board member Charles Havard echoed Mrs. Holubec's viewpoint, saying that he believes that the new high school campus is the way to go, depending on the costs.

Cost , of course is a big factor, and the board will be meeting with engineers and architects to try and get some idea of how much a new school complex will cost the district before making any definite plans to call a bond election.

One factor which will have great bearing on what is done in the end is the availability of a site. Several sites have been suggested, and the board looked at a number of sites several years ago when it was studying a similar plan.

High on the list of possible sites this time around is a tract of land off Harris Street, east of Temple Associate s headquarters. That land, which is owned by Temple-Eastex Incorporated would offer much more than the 30 acres needed for the high school campus, and one board member has suggested that perhaps 40 acres could be obtained on that site.

No formal negotiations on any property have yet begun, however, and it is likely that no real action will come until the May meeting of the school board, since elections are next month.

And, while the top priority consists of building a new high school, complete with football stadium, track, expanded handb
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for long range planning involves building a new elementary school for grades 3-5, while making improvements and additions to the present high school campus.

Some board members have expressed concern over that



DIANE RODGERS, Carmen Levine and Dessia Fowler have been the most productive point makers for the DHS Ladyjacks this season. They will try to improve even more when the Ladyjacks track and field team competes at Buna this weekend.

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Golf team is second

The DHS boys golf team placed second in the district golf tourney held Monday at the Palestine Country Club. Fairfield finished first, and Paul Woodard Jr. of Westwood was the tourney medalist.

Finishing in a three way tie for runnerup medalist honors were Chris McGilvra of Diboll, Tommy Neal of Teague and Ben Seal of Fairfield. In the playoff, Ben Seal won on the fourth playoff hole.

Fairfield and Diboll now advance to the regional tournament at Brenham.

Individual scores for the Diboll team included McGilvra at 82, Barry Tate at 85, Chuck Grossman at 91, Jonathan Roach at 99, and Brian Holubec at 109.

The DHS girls golf team finished fourth in the district tourney held Tuesday at Lufkin Country Club.

Diane Garrett of Diboll was a strong third for medalist honors. She finished behind Rebecca Bradley of Central, last year's state champ, and Connie McClain of Crockett, last year's state runnerup.

Members of the DHS team in addition to Garrett are Melanie Edwards, Tina Wolf and Brenda Ruby.



DOUG GLOVER, COACH BOBBY BAKER AND DAVID JOHNSON

Doug Glover, David Johnson: Diboll's flying Lumberjacks

When Doug Glover and David Earl Johnson break out of the blocks on the grueling 800 meter run they are like two charged-up racehorses trying to beat one another home to the feed bucket.

Diboll's flying Lumberjacks will get a chance to go against some of the premier runners in East Texas this Saturday when the Jack track and field team enters the Buna Relays.

Glover has constantly improved his time in the 800 meter run and Coach Bobby Baker now feels he is definitely one of the state's three fastest men in that event.

Glover flew to a 1:56.6 time in the Corrigan meet last Saturday, and that has to be one of the fastest times posted this year in Texas.

He posted a 2:00 flat in the event at Livingston and a 2:00.66 at Westwood, showing his consistency.

David Johnson is no slouch in the 800 meters himself. He was first in the 800 meters at Westwood, just one tenth of a second ahead of Glover, then finished third at Corrigan with a 2:01.

Johnson also excels in the long jump. He broke the meet record at Livingston with a jump of 21'-10", and won the event last week at Corrigan with a leap of 20'-10½".

The dynamic duo will meet a number of top AA runners this Saturday, including swifties from Newton and Orangefield.

The times won't count, though, except to their pride. They are both shooting for the state meet and to do that they must take the first step by winning district on April 19. The top two athletes in each event advance to the region.

If Coach Bobby Baker's enthusiasm for their efforts has any bearing, Doug Glover and David Johnson will win state.

Sports banquet set Thursday

Dan Lagrasta, offensive line coach at Texas A&M will be the guest speaker for the DHS All-Sports Banquet scheduled this Thursday, April 10 at the Angelina Hotel.

Coach Lagrasta is substituting for Texas A. Head Coach Tom Wilson, who is in the hospital.

The event is sponsored by the Diboll Jack Backers and will honor students in all sports at Diboll High School, along with the coaching staff.

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REGIONAL CONTESTANTS — Six Diboll Lumberjack tracksters will be competing in the regional track meet in Brenham this week. The Jacks turned in good performances at the district meet last week en route to state competition. Kneeling are (left to right) David Johnson, long jump, 400 meter run, 1600 meter relay; Doug Glover, 800 meter run, 1600 meter relay. Standing are (left to right) Coach Bobby Baker, Vernon Stewart, 1600 meter relay; Baba Gibson, 1600 meter relay; Jimmy Teal, long jump; and Michael Brown, 1600 meter relay. Coach Baker said this week that he is confident that the team will do well in the regionals, and hopes that Diboll will have a state meet competitor this year.

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DHS SENIOR Carmen Levine towers over her coach, Carol Drake, as they discuss Carmen's upcoming trip to the state meet this weekend in the shot put. Carmen won six of seven meets she entered this season. She was second in region two weeks ago with a throw of 38'-5". She is believed to be the first female from DHS to gain the state meet in an athletic event. (Free Press Photo)



THESE DHS LADYJACKS participated in the region track and field meet last weekend. Left to right are Dessia Fowler who was fifth in the 200 meters with a 25.9; Diane Rodgers who ran the 800 meters in 2:32; Deidra Johnson who ran the 400 meters in 60 flat; Carmen Levine who won the shot put event with a throw of 38'-5"; and their coach Carol Drake. Levine will go to the state meet in the shot put May 1. She is believed to be the first girl from DHS to make the state meet in any athletic event.

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Bobby Fenley leading hitter

Bobby Fenley was the leading hitter for the Diboll Lumberjack baseball team this season, which finished season play last week.

Fenley hit .432 on the season and .429 in district play in leading the Lumberjacks to an 11-6-1 record on the season and 3-4 in zone play.

Diboll's final game was canceled because it had no bearing on the zone outcome. The Central Bulldogs won the District 21-AA east zone and went into playoffs with west zone champ Crockett.

Other Lumberjacks hitting above .300 on the season were Harold Bell at .341, John Porter with a .327 average, Bruce Jordan at .320 and Gregg Spivey with a .304 mark.

STATISTICS
All Games

	AB	H	BA	BB	S
Bobby Fenley	44	19	.432	5	27
Harold Bell	44	15	.341	11	14
John Porter	52	17	.327	14	15
Bruce Jordan	50	16	.320	11	13
Gregg Spivey	46	14	.304	16	24
Kent Havard	45	13	.289	19	30
Jeff Hearne	29	8	.276	4	3
Ricky Carroll	32	8	.250	9	6
Steve Childress	29	1	.034	21	10
Team	407	119	.297	116	162
DISTRICT GAMES					
Bobby Fenley	21	9	.429	1	11
John Porter	20	8	.400	3	7
Gregg Spivey	18	6	.333	6	5
Bruce Jordan	19	6	.316	2	2
Harold Bell	17	5	.294	4	4
Jeff Hearne	14	3	.214	2	3
Ricky Carrell	12	2	.167	3	3
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AMOS ALEXANDER (left) was voted the outstanding offensive basketball player at DHS this season and Dorsey Scott the best defensive player, as voted by their fellow teammates. (Free Press Photo)



JACK BACKER PRESIDENT Arthur Powell (left) presented the Wilbur F. Pate Awards this year to Tonya Clark and Gregg Spivey, who were voted the best all-around athletes at DHS. The awards were presented at the annual all sports banquet held at Angelina Hotel last Thursday before a crowd of 320.

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GREGG SPIVEY was elected the most valuable football player at DHS this year and Kevin Blount the most valuable lineman. Pam Lewis accepted Donald Hamilton's award as the most valuable back. The awards were presented at the Jack Backer's all sports banquet held last Thursday night.

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THE BASEBALL LUMBERJACKS of Diboll High School went on the road for their first district game Tuesday, and returned with a 12-6 victory over the Rusk Eagles. The Jacks are off to a good start, with a regular season record of 9-2-1, but coach Roland Bates has predicted a tough district fight this year among virtually equal teams. Members of the traveling squad for the Jacks are (bottom row, left to right) David Johnson, coach Roland Bates, Steve Childress, Gregg Spivey, John Porter, Jeff Hearne, trainer Johnny Mitchell, Bruce Jordan, trainer Jeff Jackson, Ricky Carrell, Rudy Esteves and Roy McCall. On the top row are (left to right) Kent Havard, Ricky Coleman, Harold Bell, Mike Amason and Bobby Fenley. The next varsity game is set for 4:15 p.m., Tuesday, April 8 at Central.
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NEW MEMBERS were inducted into the National Honor Society at Diboll High School last week. Seated are new members Shannon Capps, Nancy Wells, Sharon Breazeale, Bobby Fenley, Jill Ward and Brian Miller. Standing are members Mark Holubec, Tonya Clark, Gregg Spivey, Susie Capps, Diane Garrett, Connie Maddox, Paul Bradshaw, Janet Price, Mike Amason, Roy McCall and Robby Cobb. Not pictured are Troi Russell and Charles Mettlen and the NHS sponsors, Mary Ingram and Bob McCurry. (Free Press Photo)

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DHS class is biggest in history

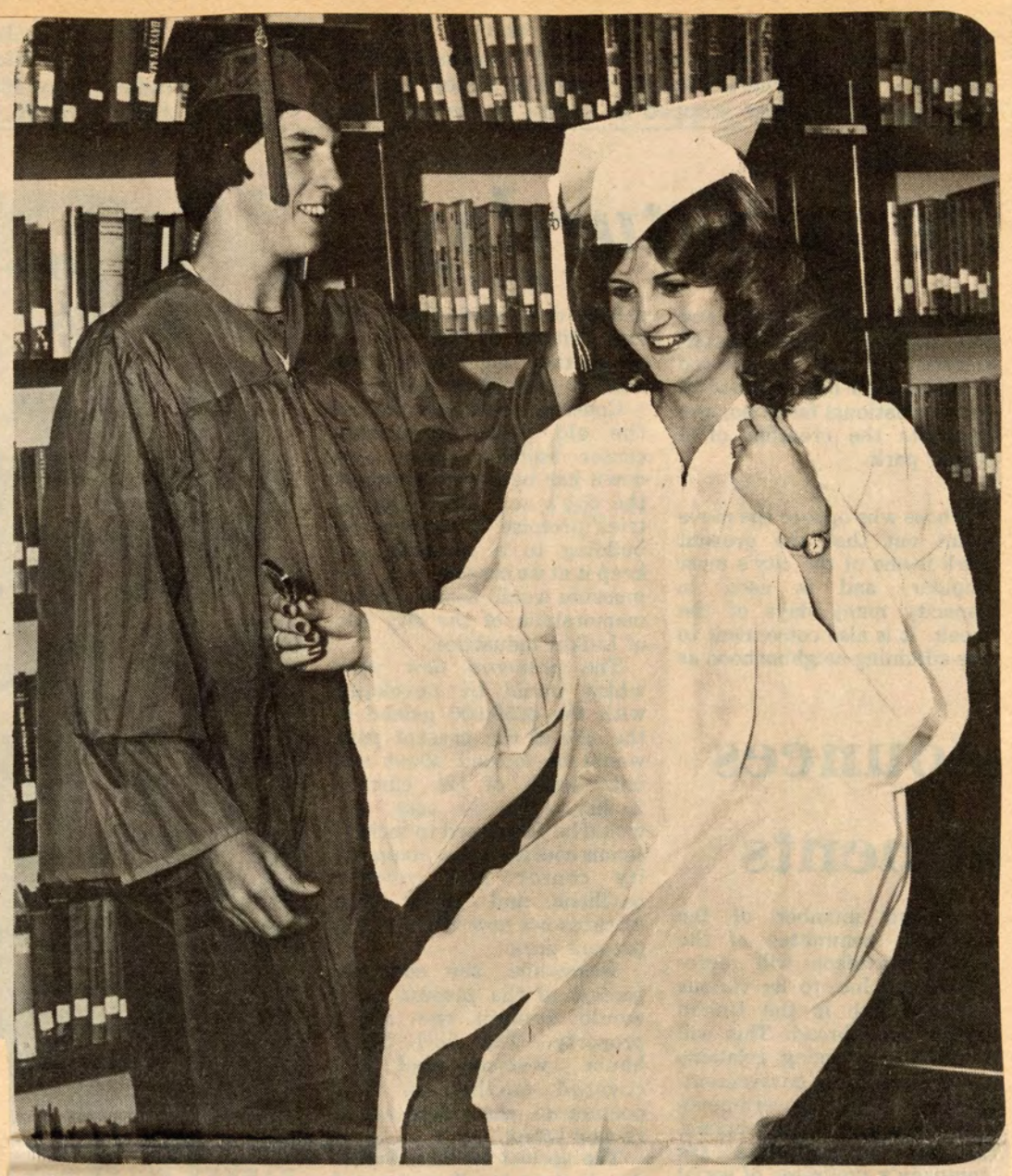
Commencement exercises for the largest senior class in Diboll High School history are scheduled for 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 27 at the Wilbur F. Pate Gymnasium.

Some 86 seniors are candidates for diplomas this year — surpassing the previous high of 75 grads in 1978. Last year's graduating class had 55 members.

Senior Derrick Hall will give the invocation and school vice principal Alex Alexander will give the scripture reading Tuesday night. Superintendent of Schools Don Robbins will introduce the speaker, Student Council President Connie Maddox.

Presentation of the Class of 1980 will be by DHS Principal Bill Greer, and school board president Charles Havard will present the diplomas.

Special awards and scholarships will be presented by Supt. Robbins, and music will be provided by Sherri Smith. The benediction will be given by John Wojhan.



JUST GETTING READY

GRADUATION DAY is just around the corner for DHS students, and this year's Mr. and Miss DHS, Randy Murry and Tonya Clark are anxious to don the caps and gowns they'll be wearing next Tuesday night when a record number of DHS seniors are expected to receive their diplomas. Tonya, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferman Clark, has plans to attend Angelina College in preparation for a career in elementary education. Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Murry, plans to attend Sam Houston State University, where he'll major in accounting. Mr. and Miss DHS are elected by the entire student body at Diboll High.

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ANGELINA COLLEGE presented Diane Garrett (left) and Susan Maples with its $200 Students in Free Enterprise Scholarships at DHS commencement Tuesday night. Both girls were among the top 19 grads in this year's class. (Free Press Photo)

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THE TOP NINETEEN STUDENTS graduating with the class of 1980 at Diboll High School this year each finished their high school studies with a four year average of 90 or better. Members of the elite group are (top row, left to right) valedictorian Paul Bradshaw, 96.64; salutatorian Gregg Spivey, 96.45; Kathy McWilliams, 96.37; Connie Maddox, 95.80; Janet Price, 95.47; and Troi Russell, 95.07. Standing on the second row are Tonya Clark, 94.53; Susan Maples, 93.72; Susie Capps, 93.32; Diane Garrett, 93.25; John Wojhan, 92.89; Kathy Jennings, 92.85; and Mary Maynard, 92.58. Seated are Linda Bolt, 92.49; Claudia Cooley, 91.46; Kim Milligan, 91.38; Becky Gray, 90.80; Mary Lester, 90.73; and Vonnie Ward, 90.17. The graduates received their diplomas at exercises held Tuesday night at the W.F. Pate gym. (Free Press Photo)



SCHOLARSHIP AWARD — Paul Bradshaw, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Robbins of Diboll, was the recipient of Home Savings and Loan's Academic Excellence Scholarship Award this year. The $1,000 scholarship was presented by HS&L Diboll branch manager Joe Rich (left) as proud parents Dot and Don Robbins looked on. Paul, who just received his diploma from DHS, says that he will be attending the University of Texas at Austin this fall. (Free Press Photo)

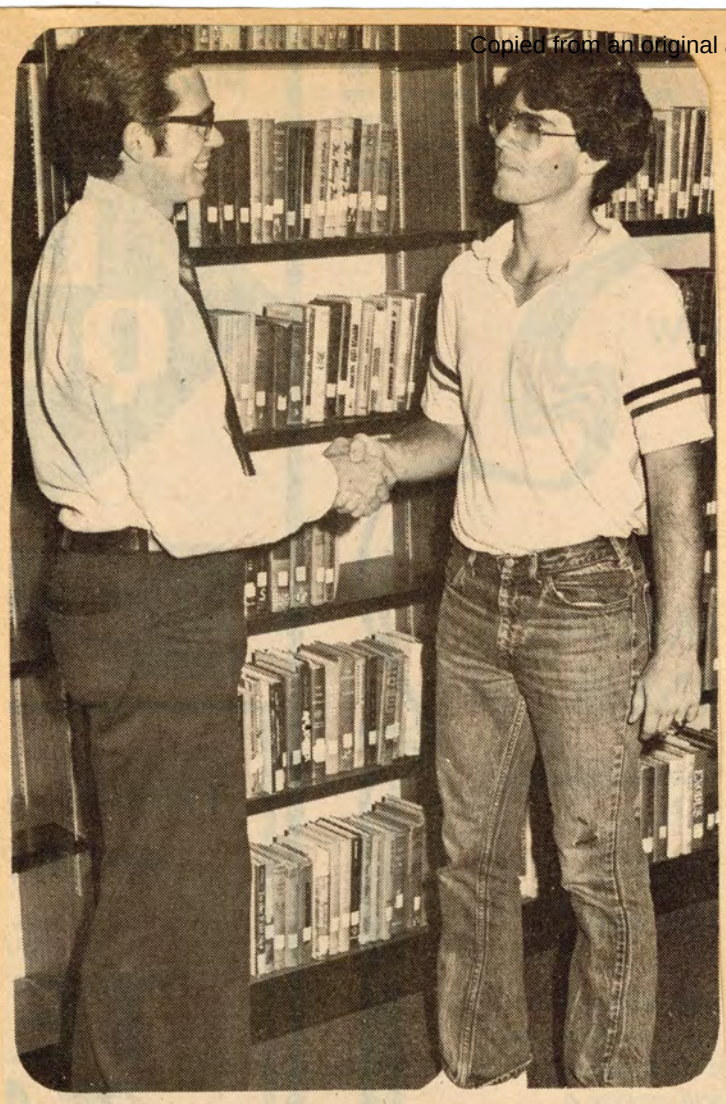
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TOP RANKING STUDENTS

PAUL BRADSHAW (left) was named valedictorian of the 1980 graduating class of Diboll High School at commencement exercises Tuesday night. Paul, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Robbins, was graduated with a four year scholastic average of 96.64. Salutatorian for the class of '80 is Gregg Spivey (right). Gregg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spivey, posted a four year average of 96.45. DHS Principal Bill Greer posed with the young scholars following commencement exercises which saw 83 DHS seniors receive their diplomas. (Free Press Photo)

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BARRY TATE (right) receives congratulations from his journalism instructor Burlon Wilkerson after he won second place in newswriting at the state meet last week. Barry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Tate of Diboll, is the first DHS student to place in state literary events since Tom DuBose and Linda Oates won state in ready writing and shorthand, respectively, in 1971.
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BARRY TATE will represent Diboll High School at the state literary meet Thursday and Friday. Barry won first in journalism newswriting at the district meet then placed second in the event at region. Barry becomes the first contestant from DHS to qualify for the state literary meet since Tom DuBose and Linda Oates won state in ready writing and shorthand, respectively, in 1971.
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DHS AGRICULTURE STUDENTS Richard Capps, Charles Mettlen, John Wojhan and Ronnie Pavlic won first place in the pasture judging competition of the annual contests sponsored last week by the Upper Neches Soil Conservation District. Assistant instructor Donna Brewster was instructor for the group.
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LEADING THE CHEERS

DIBOLL HIGH CHEERLEADERS for the coming year have just returned from a week-long cheerleaders camp. The eight lovely ladies are (front) Gwendy Hicks, Melissa Fairchild, Kathy Terrell and Marty Grantham. In back are Monica Temple, Sylvia Mitchell, Enga Hall and Regina Miller. (Free Press Photo)



LUMBERJACK STRUTTERS

THE FRONT LINE of the Lumberjack Band this season will be led by these seven DHS lovelies, (front) Karen Ingram, drum major Sherri Smith and head twirler Gay Sample and, (standing) Rosalind Blount, Laurel Hendrick, Doreen Holt and Carol Cooke. (Free Press Photo)

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THE FLAG LINE at Diboll High School and the twirlers are attending camp this week at the University of Houston. Members of the flag line are (front row) Cathy Scarborough, Nola Fasske, Nancy Wells a Breazeale. In back ar Breazeale, Tammy Hick Wright and Gretchen Walke (Free P



CONVENTION BOUND

FOUR MEMBERS of the Diboll FFA Chapter left this week for the State FFA Convention in Houston. Robbie Cobb, Kent Havard, Bruce Jordan and Michael Amason made the trip with vocational agriculture instructors Bob McCurry and Jesse Bradford. Kim Milligan of the Diboll Chapter will be presented a $6,000 college scholarship by the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo at the convention, as will Marty Jones of the Central FFA and Robin Burrous of the Huntington FFA.

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