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Bronte, Forsan In Final Game

1972 - 73 Basketball Schedules

The complete schedule of basketball games for Bronte High School teams is listed below. A few Junior High games are also listed early in the season when the dates and opponents coincided with high school games. James M. Raughton is coach for the boys and Mrs. Zula Sweeten is coach for the girls.

- Oct. 24: Divide, A & Jr. Hi girls, here, 6:30.
- Oct. 30: Rowena, A & B girls, there, 6:00.
- Nov. 2: Hawley, A & B girls, there, 7:00.
- Nov. 9: Divide, A & Jr. Hi girls, there, 7:00.
- Nov. 13: Christoval, A, B & Jr. Hi girls, there, 5:00.
- Nov. 16: Hawley, A & B girls, here, 7:00.
- Nov. 20: Christoval, A, B & Jr. Hi girls, here, 5:00.
- Nov. 21: Winters, A & B girls, there, 6:30.
- Nov. 27: Robert Lee B, B boys, there, 8:00.
- Nov. 28: Highland, A boys and A girls, here, 6:30.
- Nov. 30-Dec. 2: Roscoe Tournament, A boys and A girls.
- *Dec. 5: Forsan, A & B girls, here, 6:30.
- Dec. 5: Highland, A boys, there, 8:00.
- Dec. 7, 8, 9: Hardin-Simmons Tournament, A girls.
- Dec. 7, 8, 9: ACHS Tournament, A boys.
- Dec. 11: Miles, A & B boys, there, 6:30.
- Dec. 11: Robert Lee, B girls, here, 8:00.
- *Dec. 12: Water Valley, A & Jr. Hi girls, there, 6:30.
- Dec. 14, 15, 16: Robert Lee Tournament, A boys and A girls.
- Dec. 18: Winters, B girls, there, 7:00.
- Dec. 19: Eola, A boys and A girls, here, 6:30.
- Dec. 22: Robert Lee, A & B boys and A girls, there, 5:00.
- Dec. 28: Miles, A & B boys and A & B girls, here, 4:00.
- Dec. 29: Robert Lee, A & B boys and A girls, here, 5:00.
- *Jan. 2: Greenwood, A boys and A girls, here, 6:30.
- *Jan. 5: Blackwell, A & B boys and A girls, there, 5:00.

- *Jan. 9: Sterling City, A & B boys and A girls, here, 5:00.
- Jan. 11, 12, 13: Robert Lee B Team Tournament, B boys and B girls.
- *Jan. 12: Garden City, A boys and A & B girls, here, 5:00.
- *Jan. 16: Forsan, A boys and A girls, there, 6:30.
- *Jan. 19: Water Valley, A & B boys and A girls, here, 5:00.
- Jan. 23: Rowena, A & B boys and A girls, here, 5:00.
- *Jan. 26: Greenwood, A boys and A girls, there, 6:30.
- *Jan. 30: Blackwell, A & B boys and A girls, here, 5:00.
- *Feb. 2: Sterling City, A & B boys and A girls, there, 5:00.
- Feb. 5: Winters, B boys, here, 7:00.
- *Feb. 6: Garden City, A boys and A & B girls, there, 5:00.
- *Feb. 9: Forsan, A & B boys, here, 6:30.
- *Feb. 13: Water Valley, A & B boys, there, 6:30.
- *—District Games.

The Bronte Longhorns and Forsan Buffaloes will meet Friday night in a showdown battle which will have no effect on the district championship, but which could, with a Bronte win, place second

place honors in a three way tie among the Horns, Buffs and Robby Lions. The Horns will travel to Forsan for the final game of the 1972 season.

The Longhorns and Buffaloes both have 5-4 season records. However, the Buffs have a 4-1 district record while Bronte has a 3-2.

One fact which seems to give the Longhorns a little edge is that Forsan went down last week to district winner Jayton 34-14. The week before the Jaybirds were able to get by the Longhorns by only a 14-6 margin.

Most Longhorn fans feel that the local lads have had a good season, considering the size of the squad and experience of most of the players. They are looking forward to a much improved and bigger team next season.

Last Week's Results
Loraine 44, Hawley 0; Jayton 34, Forsan 14; Bronte open; Roby 64, Sands 14.

This Week's Schedule
Roby at Hawley; Bronte at Forsan; Jayton at Loraine; Sands has completed the season.

Senior Team First In District Contest

Bronte Senior Chapter Conducting Team won first place in a district FFA contest last Thursday in San Angelo. The team went to Big Spring Saturday and won second place at the area level.

Members of the senior team are Gary Skelton, president; Brian Pruitt, vice president; Danny Carter, sentinel; Randy Gibbs, reporter; Brad Reed, treasurer; Merik Murtishaw, secretary; Stephen Patterson, extra member.

At the area meet six other teams competed and Snyder won first place.

The Junior Chapter Conducting Team won second place in district competition.

Team members are: Nelson Coulter, president; Chris Ward, vice president; Mark Lee, sentinel; Craig Lee, reporter; Mike Dyess, treasurer; Kevin Gibbs, secretary; Kenwin Denton, extra member.

Five other schools competed with the juniors. Wall won first place.

J. T. Henry is chapter advisor and coach of the teams.

District Banquet Coming
The Concho District banquet is scheduled for Nov. 20 at Luby's Cafeteria in San Angelo. The awards will be presented at that time. Chapter Sweetheart Norma Thompson will compete against seven other girls for the District Sweetheart title.

PLEASE GET NEWS IN EARLY FOR NEXT WEEK

The Enterprise will be printed early next week. Everyone is requested to turn in news and ad copy not later than Monday.

The cooperation of everyone will be appreciated. We hope to have everything wrapped up for a Thanksgiving holiday next Thursday.

Hornets to Meet Cougars Friday

The Blackwell Hornets will complete their 1972 season Friday night when they host the Christoval Cougars. Both teams are no longer in the race for district

honors, so they are battling to see who will take third and fourth place honors. Miles and Mertzton are in the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, respectively.

The Hornets fell last week to the Mertzton Hornets 66-26, which removed them from a chance at the pennant.

The Hornets have a 4-3-1 season record and a 3-2 district record.

Coach Ed Poehls, in an interview with the Abilene Reporter-News this week, had nothing but praise for his charges. He was quoted as saying, "These guys have fought all they way, and you can't fault a group of guys like that."

Last Week's Results

Mertzton 66, Blackwell 26; Christoval 48, Divide 12; Water Valley 29, Paint Rock 19; Miles open.

This Week's Schedule

Christoval at Blackwell; Mertzton at Divide; Miles at Paint Rock; Water Valley has completed the season.

Mrs. Steve Monrow of Moline, Ill., has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Kiker. She is the former Jannye Kiker.

Thanksgiving Services Planned

Annual Thanksgiving worship service for the entire community will be held Wednesday, Nov. 22, at 7 p.m. in First Baptist Church. The Rev. Russell Heaner, pastor of First United Methodist Church, will be the preacher for the special Thanksgiving services.

Special music will be brought by the Bronte Youth Choir, under direction of Dale Ellis, music director of First Baptist Church.

Others who will participate in the service will be the Rev. M. E. (Pete) Patterson, pastor of Central Baptist Church; the Rev. C. R. Blake, pastor of Tennyson Baptist Church; and the Rev. Harry Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church.

The public is invited to attend the services. More details will be printed in next week's Enterprise, which will be printed early.

Last Rites Held For Mrs. Harlan

Mrs. Ida M. Harlan, 71, of Mesquite died Monday in a Garland nursing home where she had been a patient for several months. She was the mother of Mrs. M. E. Patterson of Bronte.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, with the Rev. A. C. Corley, pastor, officiating. Burial was in Laurel Oaks Cemetery under direction of Restland-Laurel Land Funeral Home.

She is survived by one son, Charles E. Harlan of Mesquite; three daughters, Mrs. Alice Smith of Athens, Mrs. M. E. (Idamae) Paterson of Bronte, and Mrs. Lucille Edwards of Jacksonville; one brother, Walter L. Curtis of Escondido, Calif.; and 13 grandchildren.

Phone Rate Raise Asked

An application for increased local telephone rates will be filed officially by General Telephone Co. of the Southwest with Bronte City Council on Dec. 7, it was announced today by Jack Goss, San Angelo division manager.

Information concerning the application has been presented to city officials prior to the council meeting, according to Goss.

The last rate increase in Bronte was May 16, 1969. The rate of return on invested capital on present telephone rates is 5.26 per cent, while the proposed rates would raise the earnings to 6.70 per cent.

"Steadily increasing operating expenses and taxes along with increased investment in new facilities have made the rate increase necessary," Goss said.

"We have been able to absorb most of the inflationary cost of doing business for the last 3 1/2 years by technological improvements and greater operating efficiencies. However, in order to attract new investors, a fair and adequate return on the capital already invested must be secured."

"Without adequate telephone rates, expansion and improvement of telephone service is impossible," the division manager stated. "Good earnings and good service are inseparable. No business can succeed in meeting the expanding needs of its customers without good earnings to finance its ability to meet those expanded needs."

The proposed telephone rates for Bronte are:

- Business One Party \$17.00
- Business Extension 1.75
- Residence One Party 6.95

- Residence Two Party 5.75
- Residence Extension 1.25
- Rural Business Multiparty 14.55
- Rural Residence Multiparty 6.25
- Semipublic 17.00

Also included in the application are increases in rates for PBX and key system services.

"It is our sincere desire to continue to provide Bronte with the most modern and dependable telephone service available," Goss said, "and with adequate return, the goal is attainable."

Goss said the criteria an increase must meet include: that it is cost justified and does not reflect future inflationary expectations; it is the minimum required to assure continued, adequate and safe service; and it will achieve the minimum rate of return needed to attract capital at reasonable costs and not impair the credit of the utility.

Lubbock Funeral For Roy Wilkins

Funeral services for Roy Davis Wilkins, 39, former Bronte resident, were held Tuesday afternoon in Memorial Baptist Church in Lubbock. Burial was in Lubbock Resthaven Memorial Park. The Rev. B. H. Harris of Memorial Baptist Church officiated, assisted by the Rev. Charles Williams, pastor of Hobbs, N. M., First United Methodist Church.

Mr. Wilkins died at 4:37 p.m. Sunday at Methodist Hospital in Lubbock. He was stricken at his home in Lubbock before being carried to the hospital.

He was official court reporter for U. S. District Judge Halbert O. Woodward's court based in Lubbock at the time of his death. He had lived in Lubbock about four and a half years.

Mr. Wilkins was born Dec. 31, 1932, and moved with his parents to Bronte in 1948. He was a 1950 graduate of Bronte High School. Upon completion of high school, he studied court reporting at Stenograph Institute in Abilene.

Survivors are his wife, Mary, of Lubbock; three sons, Roy Davis Wilkins Jr., Roger Bennet Wilkins and David Joe Holbert, all of Lubbock; three daughters, Debra Ruth Holbert, Robyn Elaine Wilkins and Susan Rhea Wilkins, all of Lubbock; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Wilkins of Bronte; a sister, Joy Wilkins of Bronte; two brothers, L. L. Wilkins Jr. of Houston, and Kenneth R. Wilkins of Fort Worth; and a grandson.

BAND BOOSTER MEETING

The Band Booster Club meeting originally scheduled for Monday, Nov. 20, has been changed to Monday, Dec. 4, due to conflicting schedules. Everyone interested in the band is urged to attend the meeting.