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Bulldog varsity wins road opener

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Bandera's varsity basketball Bulldogs got their first win of the season with a 59-49 victory over S.A. Kennedy last Friday.

Taking a page from their opponents successes, Medina Valley and Uvalde in the two prior contests, the Bulldogs increased their defensive play to force the Rockets into turnovers turning that advantage into points on the scoreboard.

Bandera had their best defensive performance of the year so far in the second quarter, holding the Rockets to just 5 points.

The addition of Tyler Moore to the lineup definitely helped the cause as he and Lukas Jackson crashed the boards for 12 and 13 rebounds respectively, something the Bulldogs will need to continue throughout the season.

The quartet of Kayden Brown, Luke Barnett, Jackson and Moore led the team with 43 points between them.

“We took a big step forward on Tuesday, and a big part of that was our energy and intensity on the defensive end of the floor. We dominated the rebounding battle and cut our turnovers in half from Friday’s game against Uvalde. We still have a lot of work to do in order to get where we want to be this season, but we are moving in the right direction, and our kids continue to play with everything they have every time they step on the court,” Coach Brady Keane said.

Bandera will be back in action in a rare Saturday home date against the Dilley Wolves. Tipoff for the varsity is at 3:30 with the freshmen and JV games preceding.

Box score

	1	2	3	4	Final
Bandera	13	18	17	11	59
Kennedy	15	5	11	18	49

Bandera stats:

Scoring_ K. Brown, 12, L. Jackson, 11, L. Barnett, 10, T. Moore, 10, Gunnar Winkler, 7, Liam DiMarchi, 5, Ryan Perez, 2, Zimmel, 2

Rebounds_ Jackson, 13, Moore, 12, DeMarchi, 8, Zimmel, 5, Perez, 3, Barnett, 2

Assists_ Barnett, 3, Jackson, 3, Zimmel, 2

Blocks_ Moore, 2

Steals_ Jackson, 3, Moore, 2, Perez, 2

Freshmen

The Bulldog freshmen suffered their first loss of the season at the hands on the Kennedy Rockets in a close 62-60 decision on the road.

Down by one, 15-14, at the end of the first, Bandera watched the Rockets try and double them up in the second stanza, 21-11, to take a 36-25 lead into the locker room at the half.

Halftime defensive adjustments on both sides worked as both teams held each other to single digit scoring, but the Rockets still had a 12 point advantage to start the fourth.

Jesse Cardenas sparked the 28 point effort by Bandera in the fourth, scoring 10 of his 17 points on the night.

The Bulldogs did manage to tie the game with less than 60 seconds to go

but the Rockets hit a two pointer in the final 10 seconds to get the win. Corben Gonzales contributed 12 points, Jorge Cabasos added 10, Alex Dirck, Isaac Segura and Hank Pate had 9, 6 and 4 points respectively and Tim Danour had 2.

The freshmen will start Saturday's home tripleheader with a 1 p.m. tip to be followed by the JV at 2:15 p.m.

Box score

	1	2	3	4	Final
Bandera	14	11	7	28	60
Kennedy	15	21	8	18	62