

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Bulldogs go 2-1 against the Coyotes
Varsity and Freshmen move to 2-0 on season

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Varsity

The Bandera boys basketball team jumped out to an early lead, fended off a late Uvalde rally and closed the game by scoring eight straight points to take a 56-50 road win over the Coyotes Friday night.

The victory moved the Bulldogs to 2-0 for the first time since the 2014-2015 season.

Bandera jumped all over Uvalde in the first quarter, using high-intensity defense to build an early lead. The Bulldogs extended that lead in the second quarter and didn't trail until midway through the fourth, when the Coyotes battled back to take a 50-48 lead. Fortunately, senior Ryan Perez came up with a block on the defensive end just seconds later and then finished a layup through contact in transition to tie the game at 50-50.

Junior Noah Barnett followed that up with a steal and sophomore Kayden Brown regained the lead for the Bulldogs with a layup of his own. Bandera never looked back, coming up with a handful of crucial defensive stops in the final minutes while icing the game from the free throw line.

Perez finished with his second straight double double, posting 10 points and 12 rebounds in the win.

Barnett was one point off a double double of his own, finishing with 9 points, 12 rebounds and 4 assists.

Senior Tyler Moore finished with a team-high 20 points and also played a key role in executing the Bulldogs' defensive game plan to near

perfection. Finally, junior Gavin Ortiz, Brown and freshm an Eli Salas combined for 17 points and helped to spread the floor by knocking down a handful of 3-point shots.

Bandera will now turn its focus to a pair of Thanksgiving Break games. The Bulldogs will host Class 5A San Antonio Kennedy on Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. at Bandera Middle S chool before traveling to Dilley on Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Coach's Notes: "It was exciting to see our kids rise up to the challenge of competing with a defending district champion and an established program like Uvalde on the road early in the season.

We started strong, maintained our energy and intensity from start to finish, and kept our composure down the stretch in what felt like a playoff atmosphere. While we're excited about the win, we know we still have a lot of room to grow and improve - our guys were right back in the gym Saturday morning, and we're looking forward to the opportunity to compete tw ice over the Thanksgiving Break."

Bandera 56, Uvalde 50

Bandera	14	17	7	18	—	56
Uvalde	10	9	12	19	—	50

JV

The Bandera JV team fell behind early and struggled to dig itself out of the deficit enroute to a 42-28 loss to Uvalde Friday night.

Jesse Cardenas finished with 10 points, Hank Pate had 7, Salvador Enrquiez scored 5 and Logan Bourgeois, David Padgett and Alex Dirck scored 2 each for the Bulldogs. Bandera turned the ball over too many

times and was unable to finish opportunities in transition as the Coyotes held on for the win.

The Bulldogs dropped to 1-1 on the season with the loss and will return to action Tuesday at 11:15 a.m. against San Antonio Kennedy.

Uvalde 42, Bandera 28

Freshmen

Bandera	6	8	7	7	—	28
Uvalde	14	8	10	10	—	42

After dominating Harper in the season opener, the Bandera freshmen had to fight through a fierce Uvalde comeback in the final minutes Friday night and were able to hold on for a 42-41 win, improving to 2-0 to start the season.

Randon Wheeler scored a team-high 17 points while battling through an injury, and Layne Bourgeois added 10 points in the win. Jordan Alcorta had 7, Tyler Quinn added 5 and Jace Knowles finished with 3 points for the Bulldogs. The Bandera freshman team will be back in action Tuesday against San Antonio Kennedy at 10 a.m. at Bandera Middle School.

Bandera 42, Uvalde 41

Bandera	11	9	17	5	—	42
Uvalde	11	5	10	13	—	41