

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Bulldogs take season openers against Harper

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Varsity

The Bandera varsity basketball team picked up its first win in a season opener since 2018 as the Bulldogs overcame a slow start to defeat Harper 67-42 last Tuesday.

After scoring just four points in the first quarter, Bandera went on a 17-0 run as the Bulldogs were able to create turnovers and convert in transition at a high rate in the second quarter.

Struggles on both the offensive and defensive end of the floor after the halftime break briefly allowed Harper to crawl back into the game, but the Bulldogs outscored the Longhorns 29-11 in the fourth to secure the 25-point win.

Senior Ryan Perez finished with a team-high 18 points, 12 rebounds and 6 steals, and provided the spark needed down the stretch to put the game out of reach by converting on three consecutive and-one opportunities.

Junior Noah Barnett had 13 points, 7 steals, 4 assists and 3 rebounds, senior Tyler Moore had 11 points, 8 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals, junior Kayden Brown had 11 points, 3 rebounds, 2 assists and 2 steals, junior Gavi n Ortiz had 8 points, 5 steals, 4 assists and 4 rebounds, freshman Eli Salas had 6 points and 2 steals, sophomore Cale Barnett had 5 rebounds, senior Joseph Kennedy had 3 rebounds and junior Braden Cox had 3 rebounds.

The Bulldogs moved to 1-0 on the season with the win.

Coach's Notes: "We were really sloppy at times, but we turned up the pressure defensively to give ourselves a chance to go on a few important runs. We turned the ball over far too many times and didn't shoot the ball very well, so that will be a point of emphasis over the next few days. We did a great job of converting opportunities in transition and had several different guys step up to make a key impact, some of them while playing in their first varsity games.

We have a lot of room to grow, but pulling away the way we did in a physical game after a slow start certainly isn't a bad way to start the season."

Bandera 67, Harper 42

JV

The Bandera JV basketball team took a while to get going but relied on its defense to power a 53-16 win over Harper last Tuesday night.

The Bulldogs held the Longhorns to four first half points. After managing just six points in the first frame, Bandera scored 15 in the second quarter to pull away and then went on to outscore Harper 32-12 in the second half. Jesse Cardenas led all scorers with 10 points while Jorge Cabasos added 9, Logan Bourgeois scored 9, Salvador Enriquez had 6, Zach Quesnot had 4, David Padgett had 4, Kyle Moore had 3, Hudson Jackson had 3, Isaac Segura had 3 and Rance Roden had 2.

Ten of 12 players contributed to the scoring effort for the Bulldogs in the win.

Bandera 53, Harper 16

Freshmen

The Bandera freshman basketball team opened the season firing on all cylinders on the way to a convincing 64-11 win over Harper.

The Bulldogs outscored the Longhorns 35-0 in the first half before coasting to the finish.

Eleven of the team's 12 players contributed on the scoreboard, led by Randon Wheeler who had 11 points. Jordan Alcorta contributed 10 points, Jace Knowles had 9, Dylan Peace had 8, Jackson Satterfield had

6, Gattlin Winkler had 4, Hayden Winters had 4, Tyler Quinn had 4, Layne Bourgeois had 3, Julian De La Paz had 3 and Gavin Spruell added two points in the win.

Bandera 64, Harper 11