

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Bulldogs drop second in a row

Bandera falls to third place in district with five games left

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After a 70-45 Friday evening home loss to sixth ranked Boerne, the Bulldogs were looking to rebound against their second round game against Wimberley Tuesday evening on the road. Unlike the first district meeting of both teams, Bandera played Wimberley even through the first half, going into the break down by a single point, 31-30.

The Bulldogs were in that position, “thanks to a tenacious defensive effort, a better handling of Wimberley’s pressure defense and a great defensive effort by Kayden Brown, who was tasked with slowing down the Texans’ leading scorer, Miles Schleder. who leads the nation in made three-point attempts according to [MaxPreps.com](https://www.maxpreps.com). He did a phenomenal job from start to finish, holding Schleder without a three in his time on the court,” coach Brady Keane said.

Brown, a senior, scored 16 to lead Bandera scoring and teammate Noah Barnett added 14 for the contest.

The Bulldogs moved the ball well and cut the Texans lead to seven late in the fourth, but couldn’t narrow the gap and took the loss.

“We did everything we needed to defensively to pull off an upset Tuesday night in Wimberley, we just didn’t make enough shots to finish the job. I was really proud of the way our guys competed. It was frustrating to lose a game like that, but we have to put it behind us and move on quickly. Navarro is a tough team, and that will be a big game in determining playoff seeding down the stretch. We need a big crowd behind us and are looking forward to bouncing back,” Keane said. That loss moves Bandera into the third spot for district at 4-3 with five games

left until the playoffs.

Those five games left to decide who makes the playoffs and who stays home and next up is 0-7 Navarro, who gave the Bulldogs a hard time in the first round where Bandera edged out a 54-50 victory.

Game time for the varsity is 6:15 p.m. and it is Boys and Girls Club Basketball Night. All Bandera Boys and Girls Club Basketball players are invited to wear their jersey and attend the game in support of the varsity Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs will then take on Canyon Lake, Fredericksburg on Senior Night at home next Friday, Davenport and Boerne.

Box score

Wimberley 63, Bandera 47

Bandera	13	17	9	8	—	47
Wimberley	10	21	17	15	—	63

Bandera stats:

Scoring: Brown, 16, Noah Barnett, 14, Eli Salas, 5, Gavin Ortiz, 4, Cale Barnett, 3, Alex Dirck, 3, Isaac Segura, 2

Rebounds: Dirck, 8, N. Barnett, 7, Salas, 5, Segura, 4, Ortiz, 3

Assists: N. Barnett, 5, Ortiz, 2

District 27-4A standings (district games only)

Boerne 7-0

Wimberley 6-1

Bandera 4-3 Davenport 4-3 Fredericksburg 3-4 Canyon Lake 1-6

Navarro 0-7

JV

Like the varsity, the Bulldogs JV lost to Boerne were looking to get back into the win column against Wimberley.

Randon Wheeler led the way for Bandera with a team high 20 points

against the Texans, but the Bulldogs slow start in the first quarter proved to be their downfall.

Wimberley jumped out to a 21-5 lead in the first quarter, but Bandera battled back in the second to go into the locker room down by 12 at the half.

The Texans defense held the Bulldogs to single digit scoring in the third and fourth while scoring 25 in the half to get the 56-35 win.

Bandera goes to 2-5 in district with the loss.

Box score

Wimberley 56, Bandera 35

Bandera	5	14	7	9	—	35
Wimberley	21	10	12	13	—	56

Bandera scoring: Wheeler, 20, Jeffry Thomas, 7, Layne Bourgeois, 4, Julian De La Paz, 3, Beau Bergfeld, 1

Freshmen

After a slow start, the freshman Bulldogs stormed back in the second half to take a 54-45 win on the road Tuesday evening.

Down by 24-14 at halftime, Banderas halftime adjustments were a move in the right direction as the Bulldogs almost doubled up on the Texans, 40-21 for the half to get the win.

Riley Moran got hot in the third and fourth quarters, scoring all of his team high 18 points after the break while edging out James Bowers 16 points for the game. Jason Lippy and Logan Pierce both added six points each with Gavin Garcia, Josh Hartman, Quinn King and Anden Tentis de Grote scored two points each. The freshmen improved their season to 8-10 (3-4) with the win.