

Ladies conclude district as conference champions

The varsity Lady Bulldogs volleyball team from Burkburnett High School completed conference play last week and officially claimed the trophy as year 2000 District 5-4A champions.

The Ladies wrapped-up their district campaign on Friday by dominating the girls from Hirschi 15-1, 15-2 at Bulldog Gym.

The win upped Burkburnett's conference record to 9-1 and improved the team's overall season mark to 19 wins and 13 losses.

Julia Graham was once again a key force for the Lady Bulldogs on Friday, collecting 12 hits, six kills and four blocks.

Teammate Brittany Willson had

four hits and three assists in the outing while Tonya Pickett contributed three hits, two kills, two assists and four digs. Jamie Logan posted a 92 percent setting performance in the Burk victory.

The Lady Bulldogs suffered their lone district defeat on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at Azle. The Lady Hornets won the match-up by scores of 15-6, 5-15, 14-16.

In the contest, Graham had 15 kills out of 33 hits with three blocks, five assists and eight digs.

Lady Bulldog Shera Taylor was 11-for-11 in serves with two assists and 10 digs. Teammate Sarah Mills was 13-for-13 in serves with five

kills in 17 hits.

Pickett tallied a 14-for-14 serving performance, had three kills in eight hits with five assists and 21 digs.

Other Burkburnett standouts included Logan (10-for-11, 88 percent setting), Willson (two kills in 11 hits), Diana Walck (five digs, two assists), Amy Taylor (six hits, six digs) and Jennifer Barker (six digs).

"The girls didn't play with intensity against Azle," said Lady Bulldogs head coach Linda Richards. "We can't do that in the upcoming playoffs and I think the girls see that now."

The head coach added that she's understandably pleased in this season's outcome.

"We had a really good season and I'm extremely proud of the girls for all the effort they put forth which led to the district championship. Hopefully we'll continue to have success in the upcoming playoffs."

As District 5-4A champions, the Ladies earned a bye in this week's opening round of post-season play. Richards said her squad will begin playoff action on either Oct. 30 or Oct. 31 with an area match-up.

The Ladies first post-season opponent was still undetermined at presstime, although Burleson appeared to lead the field of likely prospects, according to Richards.