

# Lady Bulldogs edge WFHS in three-gamer

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## VOLLEYBALL

Burkburnett and Wichita Falls High played like two evenly matched volleyball teams for 70 points Friday night, but on match point it was the best hitter of the night – the Lady Bulldogs' Julia Graham – who made the difference.

Graham's 15th kill of the match allowed Burkburnett to escape with a 15-7, 7-15, 15-13 victory at Coyote Fieldhouse. Graham added 20 assists and 10 blocks.

Burkburnett (11-12, 1-0) overcame injuries to hitter Tonya Pickett and setter Shera Taylor to get off on the right foot in District 5-4A.

WFHS (13-10, 0-1) was sparked by the terrific setting display by junior Lindsey Jackson. The Lady Coyotes battled back from 10-6 and 12-9 deficits to take their only lead at 13-12.

"They had the momentum, but this group is a scrappy little group," Burkburnett coach Linda Richards said. "We've had a lot of matches like this. So we weren't in a situation we hadn't been in before. My seniors really want to win and they stepped it up. It's great to get a win like this.

"We try to feed Julia the ball as much as we can. When we are in a hole, we go to her."

Because of the injuries, Burkburnett had to switch to a 5-1 offense, which put some pressure on setter Jamie Logan. It wasn't always smooth, but Logan stayed busy with 53 assists and was on target at crunch time. Sarah Mills, who served the first six points of the match, added six kills and three blocks for the Lady Bulldogs.

WFHS coach Ann Armendarez noted sophomore Lindsey Ralston, junior Kerri Lucy and Ashleigh Simmons for doing a good job up front.

"Our serving really hurt us tonight," Armendarez said.

**Sub-varsity:** WFHS won the rest of the matches, taking the junior varsity by a 15-12, 15-3 score. The Old High freshman A team (8-3) won 15-4, 15-1, and the B team (6-5) claimed a 15-5, 15-7 decision.

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