

BHS Ladies post 3-4 record at annual Northwest tourney

The Burkburnett High School varsity Lady bulldogs volleyball team posted a record of three wins and four losses at last weekend's Northwest Tournament at Justin.

The Ladies opened play with losses to Austin McCallum (13-15, 6-15) and Pampa (7-15, 8-15) before bouncing back to down Stephenville (15-8, 15-4) and Paris North Lamar (15-8, 6-15, 15-9).

In their final three tourney outings, the locals lost to Denison (12-15, 8-15) and defeated Greenhill (11-15, 16-14, 15-10) before falling to Paris North Lamar (15-6, 9-15, 8-15).

For the tournament, Julia Graham led Burk in hitting with 57 kills. Sarah Mills had 17 kills followed by Diana

Walck with 14 kills. Other strong hitters for BHS were Brittany Willson and Casey Waggoner.

In blocks, Graham led with 22 followed by Mills with 15.

Leading servers for the Ladies were Shera Taylor, Willson, Walck and Mills. Jennifer Barker and Amy Taylor led the team in digs while Jamie Logan and Shera Taylor earned notice for solid play setting the ball.

Lady Bulldogs head coach Linda Richards said the tournament was highly competitive with 32 teams—most of which were at the regional and state tournaments last year.

"We did a lot of growing-up this weekend," stated the coach. "I felt like we got stronger with each outing and I'm really excited about how the

girls are working. The more this group plays together the better they're going to get."

Prior to traveling to Justin, the Lady Bulldogs visited Graham for matches against the Lady Blues and the girls from Weatherford.

Graham was victorious over Burk 0-15, 11-15. Against Weatherford, the BHS club lost by scores of 10-15, 12-15.

Top performers for Burkburnett in the contests were Graham (seven kills and five blocks) and Mills (four blocks).

Credited with strong serving for Burk were Logan, Willson, Shera Taylor and Graham. Playing solid defense in the back row were Walck and Graham while Logan led the squad in setting the ball.

The Lady Bulldogs entered play this week with an overall record of four wins and eight losses.

This Saturday the team will compete in the annual tournament at Vernon. Pool play to determine seedings will start at 8 a.m. with tourney competition slated to begin at 2 p.m.