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State champs

Canterbury Lady Cougars win TAPPS 2A title

From STAFF REPORTS

Canterbury Episcopal School was ranked No. 1 for a reason in TAPPS 2A volleyball and the Lady Cougars lived up to the high ranking by claiming the state championship with a four-set win against No. 3 Shiner St. Paul on Nov. 6.

Playing in San Antonio's Blossom Athletic Center, the Lady Cougars won the first two games against Shiner St. Paul 25-13, 25-15. After losing the third game 24-26, Canterbury rallied to win the championship in the fourth set with a final score of 25-17.

The Lady Cougars' offense was led by Katie Fitzgerald with 16 kills. Victoria Bowens and Blase Saucedo had nine and seven kills respective-

ly. Mary Vaughan led the service attack with four aces followed by Victoria Bowens with three. Defensively, the Lady Cougars were led by Kaitlyn Lucy with 17 digs. Skylan Vaughan and Bowens contributed to the defense with 12 digs each. Blase Saucedo shut down the opposing hitters with eight blocks.

Caitlin Pierce, a transfer from Waxahachie High School, also had a great game with 30 assists, six kills and four blocks.

"Winning state is definitely the best feeling in the world. It's like all of the time, hard work and everything finally paid off," Pierce said. "When I left Waxahachie, I honestly didn't know what to expect. I was leaving an amazing team to go to

a school that not many people have heard of. When I got to Canterbury, I knew my team had the talent to win a title, but the question was, whether or not we could actually follow that plan out."

The plan came together piece by piece as the Cougars finished the season with a 21-0 record in best-of-five matches.

Kelsey Steuben added 18 assists to the Lady Cougars' offensive output in the championship game. Valery Mitchell and Claire Metoyer added to Canterbury's efforts both defensively and offensively, as well. Rachael Roberts, Emily Painter and Samantha Bowens also contributed on the team throughout the season and are expected to return next year

and help the Lady Cougars in their efforts to return to the Final Four.

"The girls worked extremely hard this year and I am so excited for them," commented coach Scott Vaughan, in his sixth year as the varsity volleyball head coach. "They have been waiting for this since 2005 when Canterbury won its first volleyball state championship. Coaches Jeff Ellis and Kim Shelton were instrumental in helping to prepare the team for this challenge. Thanks to all of the fans for their support and I thank God for giving our girls the ability and passion to finish this season strong."

The Lady Cougars finished the season with an overall game (set) record of 108 wins and 15 losses.

Receiving state All-Tournament honors were Lucy (Midlothian), senior outside hitter Katie Fitzgerald (Duncanville), senior setter and right-side hitter Pierce (Waxahachie) and junior outside hitter Bowens (Duncanville).

"I knew we had what it took to win state when everyone came together as a team after the first few weeks to really lift each other up and encourage each other. Through injury, disagreements and losses we managed to stick it out together and remain a strong team," Pierce said.

Canterbury defeated Rowlett Rockwall Christian in the opening round of the playoffs before beating Amarillo Holy Cross, Denton Calvary and Bryan Brazos Christian.

Waxahachie grad named All-Gulf South Conference

From STAFF REPORTS

Southern Arkansas middle hitter Maggie Glover has been named to the All-Gulf South Conference West Division volleyball team, released Wednesday by the league office. Glover received first team honors in her senior season after being a second team selection the previous two years.

A Waxahachie graduate, Glover (Ross) is the Waxahachie High School record holder in three categories. She is tied for the single match blocks record with 10 set in 2005 while holding the individual season kills (553) and blocks (195) record, both set in 2005.

Glover led the conference and is currently ranked third in Division II with a .440 hitting percentage. One of only two seniors on this year's Lady Mulerider squad, she helped guide the team to a 20-12 record, the most successful season since the 2003 team finished 22-12. SAU finished 5-7 and tied for fourth in the GSC West Division, narrowly missing the post-season tournament in losing the tie-breaker.

A four-year starter, Glover also led Southern Arkansas in total blocks (96) and scoring (397 points). She was second on the squad with 299 kills, averaging 2.65 per set, and tallied 28 service aces and 91 digs. During the season she was named both a West Division defensive and offensive player of the week, and was recently a second team selection on the ESPN Academic All-District VI volleyball team.

Glover finished her four-year career with 1,037 kills (2.35 per set), a .295 attack percentage, 364 blocks, 326 digs and 85 service aces. She set the new school season record with her .440 attack percentage, which is second all-time in the GSC behind only the NCAA Division II record of .464 by North Alabama's Sandra Alexander in 2002. Glover also set the two highest marks in school his-



Waxahachie graduate Maggie (Ross) Glover has had an outstanding senior year for Southern Arkansas.

tory for hitting percentage in a single match, recording .875 and .778 in wins over Philander Smith and Stillman (Ala.).

West Division champion Arkansas Tech and East champion West Florida led all teams with five selections, each on the two-squad conference team.

Senior middle blocker Sarah Von Lienen of Arkansas Tech earned West Division player of the year honors; Harding outside hitter Mollie Arnold was selected West freshman of the year; and Christian Brothers' In-Sik Hwang received his first coach of the year accolade.

Glover was also honored as a second team selection in the college division of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) ESPN Academic All-District VI volleyball team.

Glover graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in psychology and minor in sociology in May of this year and is currently in her first semester as a graduate student in coun-

seling. She was voted to the 2009 Gulf South Conference All-Academic team, is a four-time member of the GSC Academic Honor Roll, a four-time member of the Southern Arkansas President's List, carrying a perfect 4.00 GPA each of those four semesters, and a two-time member of the Dean's List, with a minimum of a 3.50 GPA.

The CoSIDA ESPN Academic District and All-America teams are nominated and voted on by sports information directors across the country. First team district selections advance for consideration on the ESPN Academic All-America team.

Southern Arkansas (20-12) concluded one of its most successful turnaround volleyball seasons in school history in closing out the 2010 season by winning its seventh consecutive match with a 3-1 decision in Texas over Texas Woman's Monday at Kitty Magee Arena. Glover had 10 kills in her final game. SAU was 1-32 last season.

Lights out

Waxahachie unable to find rhythm in SGP tournament

From STAFF REPORTS

Rolling through the first two games of the season the Waxahachie Lady Indians hit a bit of a road block Friday night in the South Grand Prairie Tournament against Mansfield Legacy.

Legacy (3-0) took an 18-11 lead into halftime before the lights in the gym went out in the gym forcing a long delay.

The delay was not enough to get the Lady Indians going as Legacy rolled to a 43-31 win.

Scoring in double figures in each of the first two games, Waxahachie standout senior Brittanya Sterns was held to nine points Friday while two players scored in double figures for Legacy.

Waxahachie (2-1) took a 7-6 lead after a defensive first period before Legacy outscored Waxahachie 12-4 in the second to take the seven-point halftime lead.

After the long delay the Lady Indians outscored Legacy 10-9 in the third to draw within six but in the fourth Legacy outscored Waxahachie 16-10 for the win.

Dawn King continues to shine as a freshman for the Lady Indians as her "no fear" attitude around the basket led to six points. Kranshia Overton had six points for Waxahachie while Taylor Hill added five, TaKadrian Williams three and freshman Paris Townsend two.

The SGP tournament ended Saturday and the Lady Indians will host Lakeview Centennial Tuesday. Junior varsity action begins at 5 p.m. with the varsity game following.

In a tough early season non-district game the Lady Indians will host Dallas Carter on Friday with JV action starting at 5:30 p.m.

The final game before the Thanksgiving break will be Monday, Nov. 22 at Sachse High School.

Returning from the break the Lady Indians open District 15-4A play against Terrell.

Red Oak fall to Richland

A pair of 20-plus point scorers wasn't enough to help Red Oak overcome Richland in Friday's non-district game as the Lady Hawks dropped a 57-53 game.

Taylor McCullough led all scorers with 27 points while Diamond Lockhart wasn't far behind with 23 points. Jamie Conkle capped the scoring with three points.

The Lady Hawks (1-1) fell into a half-time deficit at 30-18 but trimmed the lead thanks to a strong second half. Red Oak



Waxahachie freshman Dawn King has scored in each of her first three varsity games this season.

outscored Richland by eight points in the second half but the comeback fell short.

Midlothian drops to 0-2

Heather Sides became the first Midlothian player to hit double figures this season but it wasn't enough to overcome a strong start by Saginaw as the Lady Panthers fell 42-27.

Sides scored 11 points and added 10 rebounds, the team's and her first double-double of the year. Octavia Golden added seven points while Kayla Robinson chipped in seven rebounds.

Saginaw opened with a 19-10 halftime lead, which proved to be too much for Midlothian to rally back from. The Lady Panthers fall to 0-2 on the season.