

## Boys fifth 1A district play Hornets slip by Bovina Mustangs

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One could say the Sudan Hornets won their fifth 1A District play with a touch of the Irish Luck and with a whole lot of smart ball playing in the last three minutes in the final period to defeat the Bovina Mustangs 54-51 last Friday night.

The victory wasn't an easy win for the Hornets and Mustang's head coach Randy Ragland and his two senior guards B.J. Shepherd and Raymond Chisom made sure the Hornets earned every inch of their victory.

The first period looked as if the game belonged to the Hornets as they easily won their first period with a 13-7 score. That was the last time the Class 3-1A undefeated district team would see a six point lead.

In the second period, the Mustangs found the loop and tied (22-22) the game with the Hornets with 1:10 time left on the clock.

But the Hornets shooting went cold in the last minute and the Mustangs made every attempt to break the tie before the intermission buzzer, but to no avail.

The third period belong to the Bovina Mustangs. On several occasions Mustang guard B.J. Shepherd accredited with four steals from the Hornets for a fast break down the court, keeping just one to two point lead over the Hornets.

Hornet center Caleb Cox's 3-pointer tied the game at 37-37 with 50 seconds left in the period, but Shepherd steal from senior guard Jay Messamore in the closing seconds for two points to take the lead 39-37 at the buzzer.

"It was hard to watch at times," said the grinning head Hornet coach Mike Warren after the game. These close encounters are tough on a guy. The kids stayed focused and they played smart ball up to the last minute. We knew that Bovina would be tough and they've got the speed and good shooters."

In final period, the Hornets won the period with a 17-12 score, but it was at the charity line by sophomore center Caleb Cox that moved the Hornets to a 54-51 victory.

B.J. Shepherd for the Mustangs scored 20 points for game high and Caleb Cox for the Hornets scored 17.

Sophomore postman Jeramee Smith scored 13 points and garnered 12 rebounds against the Mustangs while Jay Messamore tallied 10 points for the night.

	<b>Sudan 54, Bovina 51</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	13 9 15 19 -- 54
<b>Bovina</b>	7 15 17 12 -- 51

Leading scorers: Sudan, Caleb Cox 17, Jeramee Smith 13, Jay Messamore 10, Michael Warren 8, Kade Gaston 6. Bovina, B.J. Shepherd 20, Ray Chisom 10, Records: Sudan 15-9, 5-0; Bovina 12-10, 3-2.

# Over Powering



Photo by LeRoy Wilson

**DEFENSE** – Sudan forward Macie Lance (15) and center Britney Bryant (31) overpower Bovina's Sanchez. The Hornettes earned their fifth 3-1A District victory by defeating the Fillies 52-14 last Friday. The Nettes will host Hart this Friday at the Sudan HS Gym.

## Boys sixth 1A district victory

# Hornets hold Wolverines for win

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Sudan's head coach Mike Warren was all smiles Tuesday night as the his varsity Hornets notched their sixth 1A District victory over the Springlake-Earth Wolverines 63-36.

Junior guard Kade Gaston tucked away eight 3-pointers for a 23 point game high while his teammate center Caleb Cox netted 15 points for the night.

"The kids did good and I was pleased with their performance. I was a little concern at first with our rebounding efforts in the first period, but it got better as time went along," said coach Warren.

In the first period, Daggin Province, Kade Gaston and Caleb Cox's three pointers each kept a six point lead over the Wolverines' for a 14-8 point run while in the second period, the Hornets (8-14) shooting skills netted a 20 point run, holding the Wolverines to 11 points, to close at intermission with a 34-19 score.

The third period was a disaster for the Wolverines. Senior center Philp Field scored the only five points for the period making 2 out of 17 attempts from the field. But for the Hornets, Gaston tucked away four 3-pointers and one 2-point drive to capture 14 of the 16 point run over the Wolverines to finish off the period with a 50-24 score.

In the final period, Wolverine's head coach Craig Hamilton's team made a strong comeback attempt with a 12 point run to the Hornets 13, but not enough to capture a district victory.

The Hornets will host Hart for their second district game this Friday in Sudan.

	<b>Sudan 63, SLE 36</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	14 20 16 13 -- 63
<b>SLE</b>	8 11 5 12 -- 36

Leading scorers: Sudan, Gaston, 23, Cox 15, Messamore 7, Smith 2. Springlake-Earth, Field 16, Glasscock 8. Records: Sudan 16-9, 6-0; SLE, 7-11, 2-4.

# Nettes top Wolverines

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Sudan Lady Hornets head coach Clay Stout says his undefeated 1A district team members are improving with each game.

The constant improvement showed Tuesday night as the Lady Hornets advance their record to 6-0 by defeating the Springlake-Earth Lady Wolverines 50-27 for the second time in the district rounds.

"We strive to improve with every game. We have young team members and they are improving . . . and that is good. We know as we get closer to the district finals, we need to be at our best if we want to advance to the playoffs," Stout added.

With 36 percent from the field in their shooting in the first period, the Lady Hornets did capture the first stanza run with a 10-2 score, but went weak in the second period with poor shooting and rebounding as the Lady Wolverines defeated the Lady Hornets in the second period 13-7, the Nettes leading at intermission by two points, 17-15.

In the second half, it was a different story. Sophomore guard Sarah Furgeson tallied 8 of her game high 19 points, with 6 rebounds as well as senior guard Ashley Davison's four rebounds and one 3-pointers to capture the third period with a 32-18 score. The Lady Wolverines scored only three points during their eight minutes, third quarter play.

	<b>Sudan 50, SLE 27</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	10 7 15 16 -- 50
<b>SLE</b>	2 13 3 9 -- 27

Leading scorers: Sudan, Furgeson 19, Bryant 13, Davison 12, Lance 6. SLE Howard 10, Welch 5, Banks 5. Records: Sudan 18-7, 6-0; SLE 13-12, 3-3.

## Nettes fifth 1A district play Nettes upend the Fillies

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From the start and at the end, it was pretty clear last Friday that the Sudan Lady Hornets know all about playing basketball.

Bovina proved that it knows very little what to do when the pressure is on as well. But the Fillies' game long struggles shooting the ball turned out to be too much to overcome.

Sparked by a nearly flawless first half and a strong finish, the Lady Hornets advance their fifth 3-1A win with a 52-14 triumph.

Sudan (17-7 overall) takes over first place alone in 3-1A at 5-0, while the Fillies (2-18) fall to 0-5 after one round.

Senior Lady Hornet guard Ashley Davison scored 24 points for game high and tucked away four three pointers for the night.

Freshman center Brittney Bryant tallied 11 points, 7 rebounds for the night with sophomore forward Sarah Furgeson tallied 9 points and two steals.

	<b>Sudan 52, Bovina 14</b>
<b>Sudan</b>	19 10 15 8 -- 52
<b>Bovina</b>	2 4 3 5 -- 14

Leading scorers: Sudan, Davison 24, Bryan 11, Furgeson 9. Bovina Sanchez 9. Records: Sudan 17-7, 5-0; Bovina 2-18, 0-5.