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turnover, Aaron Garrett hit a three-pointer to bring the 'Dogs to 48-46 and Jasper was back in the game again.

After a couple of turnovers and another Bobcat score, Land fired a bank shot and Garrett put it in. The game was tied 50-50. Graham hit two free throws to put Jasper ahead by one point.

Bailey got two free-throws and with less than 40 seconds on the clock, Orangefield

has the ball when Land snagged a defensive rebound and was fouled bringing the ball down court. He sank two at the free-throw line and Jasper is up 55-50. Land fired the last shot and the Bulldogs come away with the win, scoring 19 points in the fourth quarter and holding the Bobcats to five.

"We shot 10/15 from the free throw line for 67 percent," coach Terry Young said. "I was really impressed

with the Orangefield program and how well their kids played fundamentally. Kwame Spikes did a good job for us as his shot is something we will need to utilize more of as we face zone defenses. I also thought Aaron Garrett, Desmond Smith, and Roman Land played very physical."

Keith Graham led Jasper's scoring effort with 13 points, followed by Land, 12; Spikes and Smith seven; and Bailey,

six.

They defeated the Wildcats Tuesday night by a narrow margin of 46-45 and allowed Kirbyville's top shooter to score 30 points.

With quarter leads of 14-7 and 10-9, Jasper led 24-16 at the half. Kirbyville came back in the third period, sinking 21 points to Jasper's 12 and taking a 37-36 lead.

Both teams played even in the fourth. Jasper scored 10 to Kirbyville's eight.

Keith Graham was high point with 12, followed by Dominique Bailey and Roderick Kyles with 10 each. Danterio Anderson had six; DJ Jackson and Roman Land contributed four each.

"We're on target to a 6-3 district record as we have already started preparing for the 'Big Three,'" Young said.

West Orange-Stark, Hardin-Jefferson and Silsbee are tied at 6-1; Jasper is 4-3; Kirbyville, Orangefield and

Hamshire Fannett are 2-4; Bridge City is 0-7.

Junior varsity defeated Orangefield 65-39.

Malcolm Bronson led with 18 points, followed by Jyames Mouton, eight; Ryan Gaston, seven; Jeff Beatty and Ryan Bronson, six each.

The freshman team lost 43-29.

Jasper played Bridge City last night and will be at home against Hamshire-Fannett Friday, Jan. 26

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the weekend tournament with only one score against the combined goalies Marcie Ratcliff and Jacy Manning," Vickers said. "This was our first tournament win in several years and leaves us 6-1 in pre-district games.

At the East Texas Shoot-out, a Class 3A-only event, the Lady Bulldogs first put away Athens 1-0.

Vickers said that the game was dominated by good defense by both teams.

"Each team took close to 20 shots on the opposing goal, but because of good defensive play outstanding goalie work, neither team scored until midway through the second half," Vickers said.

After penetrating the 18-yard box in the second half, mid-fielder Rachel Vickers took the pass and scored on a lofting shot from about 25 yards out.

The victory put them in the winners' bracket where they faced Waco-Robinson in the semi-finals. Waco-Robinson, a team who made it through several playoff rounds last year, had scored eight points against their first round opponent, Vickers said.

Jasper took charge in the first half. Freshman Natalie Dufner scored the first goal and was followed by Caroline Kipp before the half.

"Our defense seldom allowed shots and those that were taken were highly contested or easily caught by first-year goalie Marcie Ratcliff," he said.

In the second half, Robinson had the kickoff but Natalie Dufner intercepted the first pass, dribbled through several defenders and scored from well into the 18-yard

box.

"Within 15 seconds of the kick-off, Jasper had increased its lead to 3-0," Vickers said. "That seemed to be the breaking point and within minutes, the score was 5-0 with scores from Valerie Dufner, Kipp and then before the end of the game, Natalie Dufner scored a third time to bring the final score to 6-0."

Saturday brought worsening weather and the final against host Palestine, who had victories over Chapel Hill and Mabank, was cut to two 30-minute halves.

The field was slick with rain and both teams played good defense. With no score by either team, it looked like the outcome would be decided with a kick-off; but with 18 seconds left, Palestine made a kick that was tipped into the left corner of the net Jasper's loss put them in second place.

"This is our best showing in a tournament in the three years that I have been coaching," Vickers said. "It was especially satisfying since it was against schools of a similar size."

Jasper plays in a predominantly Class 4A district since not all Class 3A schools have soccer teams.

Both junior varsity and varsity tested their skills in a two-part scrimmage with Little Cypress-Mauriceville Jan. 9. JV won their part 4-1 with two goals from Dufner, and one each from Kipp and Morgan Marx. LC-M won the varsity part 4-0 but was held scoreless in the last 20 minutes of the game.

District play begins Jan. 30 when Jasper will host Henderson. Game time is 6 p.m.

Bulldogs claim second place finish at Nederland tourney

Claim 7-0 win over Hardin-Jefferson in scrimmage

By GEORGIA PURDY
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The Jasper Bulldog soccer team opened their season with a string of wins, finishing third overall in the Nederland tournament and beating Hardin-Jefferson in scrimmage.

After losing 3-1 to Vidor in the tournament, they beat our Port Neches-Groves 1-0 and Nederland 3-2.

Senior Jose Navarro scored the only goal against both Vidor and PN-G. Navarro, Jose

Hernandez and junior Zach Riggins contributed one goal each in the win over Nederland.

"After losing the first game, we were able to regroup and focus on the job at hand," coach Troy Carpenter said. "The team is starting to develop and play together as a unit. We are a young team in both classification and experience. I am looking forward to a great season and the continued positive development of this team."

Jasper scrimmaged Hardin-Jefferson Jan. 5, taking a 7-0 win.

Sophomore Guillermo Hernandez scored two goals as did freshman Ossama Zafar. Navarro, Riggins and sophomore Earnesto Medrano contributed one goal each. Riggins and Navarro had two assists each; juniors Kaleb Burrows and Todd Shipman had one each.

Last week's game was canceled due to bad weather. They will play their first district game at home, Jan. 30 against Henderson. Game time is 6 p.m.

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Wallace contributed two each.

Baker praised point guard Michelle Wallace for the job she did. The petite Wallace is the smallest player on any team in the district; however, she handles the ball well.

"Michelle Wallace had a good game at the point," Baker said. "She will be a very good point

guard. Michelle is a tough ball player."

Jasper made their share of mistakes but as one parent-fan said after the game, "They made mistakes, but those are freshman mistakes. This is going to be a good team in the future."

Friday night's game with Orangefield was another tough

game. The ladies lost 91-31.

Bronson scored 17 points; Anna Nation had four.

"Our girls continue to play hard," Baker said. "Turnovers seem to be our biggest problem."

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