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JASPER'S JOHN BRADLEY singles and is congratulated by Coach Steve Smith at first base.

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finally picked up three in the seventh.

"His delivery creates movement on the ball, so he is hard to hit," Mixon said. "We had a big lead by the seventh inning and knew we had the game won, so then Ellis just piped in some fastballs. He gave up a total of six hits and walked two."

The Bulldogs scored two runs in the first inning, one in the second and third, three in the fifth and four in the seventh.

"We hit the ball real well," Mixon said.

Left hander Justin Parsons threw the last four innings of game three and struck out six.

"When Justin came in, it was all over," Mixon said. "He had two baser unners in four innings and picked off one of those. Justin was good—very sharp."

Despite Jasper's sluggish performance at the plate in game one, defense was excellent in all three games. "We had no errors,"

Mixon said. "We played good clean baseball and great defense, and even though we didn't swing the bats in game one, we made up for it in the next two games. Everybody played well. Blake Weller-Alexander had a real good series and also Taylor Hart. Malcolm Bronson and John Bradley had good at bats the whole series—and Parsons as well. They were all very good in all three games."

One distinguishing trait of this team is their relaxed attitudes in the dugout. No one seems to be down or overly stressed no matter how a game is progressing.

"They never get down or uptight," Mixon said. "They handled Thursday's loss very well. They were upset that they didn't play better, but that didn't affect the later games. They tease each other in the dugout and act crazy between games. They are really a fun group of guys to coach. I

am very proud of them."

When Jasper meets Hudson, it will be a contest of evenly matched teams.

"They are a solid team in every area," Mixon said. "They have two good pitchers and they are good on defense. In the last two weeks, they have been knocking the cover off the ball, but I think our pitching is better than what they've been facing these last two weeks. Still, they are a solid team and we are so evenly matched that whoever plays best will win. It will come down to execution."

Bridge City is also still in the race.

They face Carthage Thursday night in Woodville at 7 p.m. Game two is Saturday at Lufkin's Morris Frank Park at noon. If a third game is needed, it will follow thirty minutes later.

If Jasper defeats Hudson, they will play the winner of the Bridge City-Carthage series.

Jasper football camp slated for June 11-14

The Jasper Bulldogs football camp, for boys ages 8-12, will be held June 11-14.

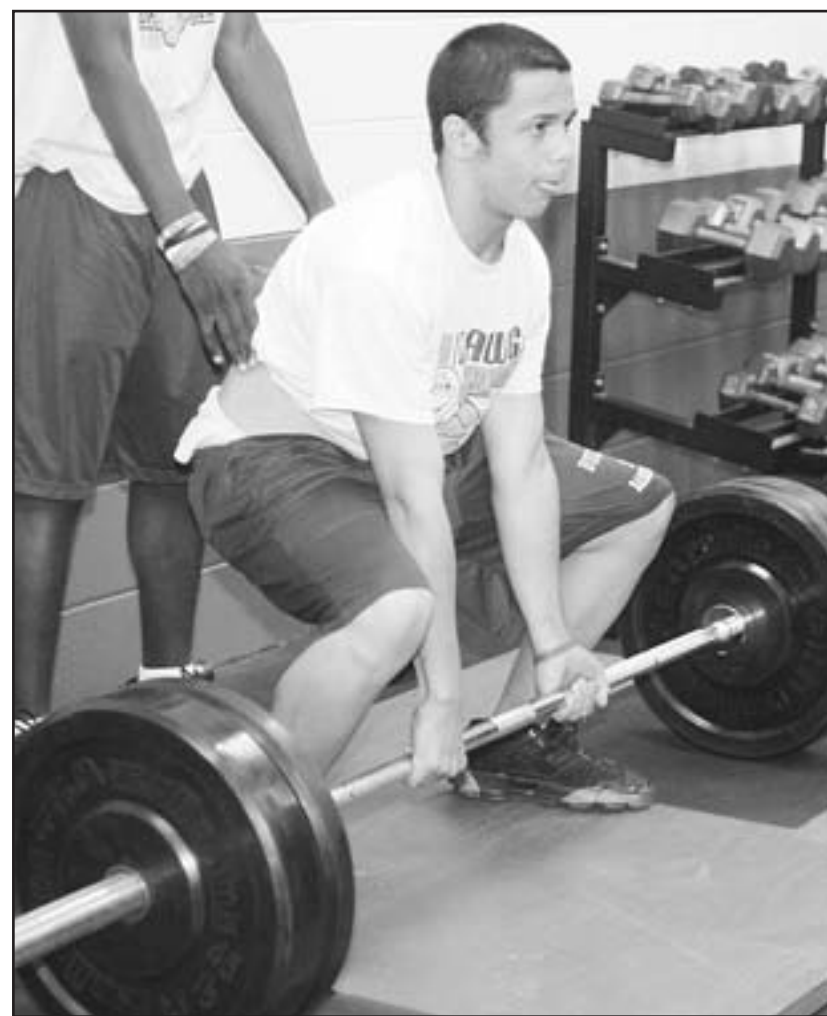
The camp, which will be taught by Jasper High School football coaches, will work on the development

of football skills, basic weight room instruction and agility and speed training.

All camp participants will receive a camp T-shirt. The cost for the camp is \$25

per person and will be held from 9 a.m. through noon each day.

For registration or for more information, call the Jasper football office at 382-1360.



JASPER'S VICTOR MIJARES works on dead lift during the Jasper varsity off-season basketball practice sessions.

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"Teams are divided into age groups and some have names like college teams," JHS custodian John Johnson said. Johnson is one of those coaches from the community. "I think it has been going well. It gives the kids a chance to play organized ball instead of just going to the park and shooting baskets. A lot of other kids have come to watch, too. The games are played at the junior high gym."

In addition, new play-

book software will enable athletes to sit down at a computer and learn plays. The department will also be purchasing a digital camera for recording games and software to keep more accurate game stats.

Both players and coaches appear excited about the prospects of improving the basketball program and especially excited about the weight-training program. Both see positive consequences for next year.

"This is a good experience for the team," Aaron Garrett and Terrance Avant said. "We can gain strength and it will bring out the best in us. That means improving both physically and mentally."

Teammate Jeff Beatty, however, offered what seems to be the ultimate force behind the team's enthusiasm:

"This is going to help us beat Hardin-Jefferson, West Orange and Silsbee and get us to State."

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Pineland Medical Clinic Opens

Dr. Stan Packard of Sabine County and Kay Ferguson, FNP team up to reopen The Pineland Medical Clinic located next to the Pineland Pharmacy at 105 Timberland Highway in Pineland.

Kay Ferguson, a native of Sabine County, will be the medical provider. She is the daughter of I. W. and Gayle Ferguson of Hemphill, Texas. Kay graduated with a BSN in nursing from Stephen F. Austin State University in 1993 and completed her Master's degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner in 1998 from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. Kay comes to us with extensive experience of over 5 years in the Emergency Room and 4 more years in Family Practice.

The clinic will be open from 8am to 5pm, and will close for lunch from 12noon to 1pm, Monday through Friday. The clinic is open to all age groups, and most major insurances are accepted.

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