

# SPORTS

## Hoehne boys make up for what Kim did to Lady Farmers

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The Hoehne boys basketball team modified an old proverb last Friday to "do unto others as they have already done to you."

After the state Class 1A third-ranked Kim Lady Mustangs had blasted the Hoehne Lady Farmers 75-34 in the early game in Hoehne Gym, the boys turned the tables on the Kim boys team with an 83-38 shellacking to help uphold the school's honor.

Neither game was a pretty sight for the losers, but it was no disgrace for the Lady Farmers to lose to perennial powerhouse Kim, 14-1, and headed for another state 1A district and regional playoffs. The Lady Farmers gave away a huge height disadvantage with Kim boasting two 6-footers and another 5-11 player. Hoehne starters were in the 5-6 to 5-8 range and that led to few rebounds.

The Lady Farmers seldom got a second shot at the basket and the Lady Mustangs rarely needed a second shot, scoring repeatedly on precision fast-break layups and close-in shots in the paint, usually after forcing a turnover. The game was pretty much over after the first quarter when Kim led 25-6. The halftime lead was 43-13. Hoehne showed signs of life and competitiveness in a 15-point third quarter but the damage had already been done.

No Lady Farmer managed to score in double figures with 5-3 sophomore Donna Tavakoli leading the way with 8 points.

The Lady Mustangs got double-figure scoring from just about every starter. Shelby Goodrich topped all scorers with 17 points while Danielle Lewis added 16, Baily McFerren, 15 and Haley Sheldon, 13 points. Kim also registered three 3-pointers just to show they could hit from outside the perimeter as well.

The Hoehne boys also gave up a height advantage with four Kim players taller than the tallest Farmer, but more than



Hoehne boys beat Kim on Friday night. The Farmers on Saturday came away with a district win on the road over Fountain Valley. The Mustangs fell to the Swink Lions. (Photos by Mike Garrett)



On Friday night the Kim Lady Mustangs beat the Hoehne Lady Farmers. On Saturday the Hoehne girls fell to Fountain Valley on the road. Kim beat Swink over the weekend.

made up for it with a big edge in quickness, aggressiveness and scrappiness at both ends of the court.

6-0 senior Eric Sanchez was virtually unstoppable in the paint, scoring 26 points and making a nuisance of himself to Kim all night. The Farmers didn't start to break away from the Mustangs until midway through the first quarter when the score was only 8-7. But Gramm Kephart's 3-pointer

gave the Farmers a 15-9 lead and Sanchez's bucket closed out the quarter for an 18-9 lead. Kim never got closer than eight points the rest of the second quarter.

The Farmers outscored the Mustangs 22-10 in the quarter and really began to pour on the hot coals in the third quarter, scoring the last 16 points of the period to give the game its exclamation point! Kephart added 18 points to the cause and

Dillon Hazlitt 12. No Kim player scored in double figures. About the only phase of the game that the Farmers didn't excel in was free throws, converting only 13 of 27. But they didn't allow the Mustangs to get to the line often enough, with only seven attempts, for it to matter.

While the Hoehne girls' season will end without a playoff berth, the boys are still very much in the thick of the playoff picture.

## Hoehne boys get district win; Lady Farmers fall to Fountain Valley

By DAVID SANTISTEVAN JR.  
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In a hostile environment and with a major contribution from Geaninny Campos, on the road the Farmer boys basketball team came up with a big win over Fountain Valley to remain unbeaten in district play.

Gramm Kephart, Eric Sanchez, and Manuel Pedraza played tough man defense, passed the ball and were patient on offense as the Farmers improved to (5-0) in Class AA District Six action last Saturday.

"We came alive in the second half of the Kim on Friday night and it carried over to Saturday in a tough place to play. Fountain Valley is tough at home and a slow start

hurt us early." Farmer coach Manuel Navarette told The Chronicle News.

Fountain Valley several times during the contest went to the unconventional "box and one" defense on Kephart. That left Pedraza free to look and find the open players (Sanchez, and Campos) for easy baskets.

Hoehne went to "man to man" on the defensive end and held the Fountain Valley shooters a bay.

Everyone on this team is stepping up their play and playing with intensity. Geaninny (Campos) was the difference against Fountain Valley.

This week the Farmers will host La Veta on Thursday.

The Lady Farmers fell to one of the top

teams in Class 2AA on Saturday in Fountain Valley. Hoehne will now most likely be the second seed in the district. The Hoehne girls have played some stiff teams this year: Kim, one of the top teams in Class 1A, twice, Las Animas, Rocky Ford who is ranked # 2, Trinidad, and McClave. Their schedule should help them come district playoff time.

"Against Fountain Valley we played three good quarters. The third period we had trouble scoring, we got good looks at around the basket but just could not make the easy shots. Now that we have seen Fountain Valley we should be ready for them come districts," Coach Cliff Santistevan commented after the game.



Defense! Four Lady Miners swarm around the ball to stop an opponent from getting a shot off. Pictured are (left to right) # 23 Vanessa Gonzales, # 21 Kayla Sanchez, # 24 Cherrie Liu, and # 14 Justine Gallegos. Trinidad on Saturday beat Ellicott by two. (Photo by David Santistevan Jr)

## Trinidad girls win one on the road

By DAVID SANTISTEVAN JR.  
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On Saturday night the Trinidad Lady Miners on the road got a total team effort from both their starters and bench in a 41-39 Tri-Peaks league win over Ellicott.

Trinidad went to a smaller line and utilized their deep bench getting contributions from just about everyone. Freshman Vanessa Gonzales scored 17 points to led THS in scoring. Junior forward Ashley Le Fon, sophomores Janelle Lopez, and Kendra Torres all gave coach George Dasko quali-

ty minutes in the win.

"We played well and we went with a smaller line up with only one post player. All of the girls played well. Justine (Gallegos) was key on Saturday. Ashley (Le Fon) and all of our younger players really played well." Dasko said.

With the win the Lady Miners took another step toward grabbing the Tri-Peaks West fourth spot and a first round playoff game at home.

Dasko added "This is a game we needed to win for the fourth seed in the league. We need to beat La Junta on Thursday it's a big game for us."



Trinidad Middle school guard 8th grader Chelsea Velasquez looks down the floor during Saturday's junior high league tournament held in Trinidad at the Trinidad Middle School and Trinidad High School. (Photo by David Santistevan Jr.)

## Lady Trojans open season with pair of wins

By MIKE SALBATO  
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The Trinidad State Junior College softball team picked up two victories over the weekend, sweeping Frank Phillips College of Texas by the scores of 14-3 and 6-0.

In the first game, the Lady Trojans trailed 3-0 after Frank Phillips took an early lead with a three-run homerun. Trinidad quickly answered back with a three-run first inning of their own. An inside the park homerun from sophomore Nikole Morgan, drove in sophomores Sammi Butler and Julia Diehl to make it a 3-3 ballgame after one inning of play. The game stayed tied until the fourth inning when the Lady Trojans

put 11 runs on the board to put the game away. Starting sophomore pitcher Rachel Lovato went the complete game giving up just three runs over five innings of work. She finished with one strikeout and one walk for her first win of the season. Morgan ended the game 2-for-3 with a homerun and 3 RBI's while Diehl was 2-for-2 with an RBI. Other Lady Trojans picking up hits were Tanisha Bradford, Butler, Holly Stevens and Alyse Billick.

"I thought our team showed great character in coming from behind in the first game and then settling down to get the win," TSJC coach Steve Swazo said. "Nikole's inside the park homerun got us back in the

game and then Rachel did a great job of keeping us in the game allowing our offense to get going. We were able to get some timely hits and had a big inning that allowed us to put the game away and only have to play five innings."

A third inning solo homerun from freshman Leah Hanson put the Trojans on the scoreboard in the second game to stake Trinidad to a slim 1-0 lead. Sophomore pitcher Julia Diehl kept the Frank Phillips hitters in check not allowing a single run in her first outing of the season. The Trojans added insurance runs, scoring five runs in the fifth inning to claim the 6-0 victory. Hanson ended the game a perfect 3-for-3 with a

homerun, a double and 2 RBI's. Diehl, Morgan, and Stevens also added RBI's in the game. Diehl allowed 6 hits and no runs to pick up her first win of the year.

"This game was closer than the score indicates," Swazo said. "Until Leah's homerun it was scoreless. Just like in the first game our pitching allowed us to stay in the game until our offense got on track. Julia did a great job on the hill and it was a good win for her."

Trinidad (2-0) will travel to Lamar on Thursday for their first Region IX games of the season. They will next host an all-star team from Colorado Springs on Saturday, February 14 with games at noon and 2



Leah Hanson watches her third inning homerun soar out of Southside Park. (Photo courtesy of Mike Salbato)

p.m. replacing a doubleheader against McCook, who had a scheduling conflict. On Sunday, February 15, Air Force comes

into town with games scheduled for noon and 2 p.m. with all home games being played at Southside Park.