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# SPORTS

## Lady Bears Fall to Edmonson County

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The Butler County Lady Bears played the Edmonson Lady Wildcats in an away game on April 1, 2025. However, in the first inning, Edmonson scored first.

The Lady Bears continued to trail Edmonson as the Lady Cats scored 4 more runs in the second inning. During the third inning Butler County came back with two home runs but just couldn't catch Edmonson. During the fourth inning the game

was a even match with neither team managing to score.

Edmonson's pitcher hit #13 Jenna Tomes in leg moving, #6 Emmalin Modes to second base in the bottom of the fifth. This accident was still not enough for the Lady Bears to score. Edmonson County hit a short pop fly in the infield to Butler's Pitcher Miley Franzell for the third out.

Butler County scored during the 7th inning bringing the final score to Edmonson 11- Butler 3.



▲ PHOTO | LYNN BLEDSOE  
#14 Jenna Tomes shows how a solid hit should look.



▲ PHOTO | LYNN BLEDSOE  
#10 Miley Franzell puts a little spin on the ball.

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▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE  
Cainan Vincent prepared for the finish to his long jump.



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE  
Alex Daugherty and Bailey Moore take a pose for the camera after their relay run.



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE  
Bailey Moore gliding in for a perfect landing in the long jump.

athletes to compete at high levels in track and field. Coach Andy Fuller, who has been guiding the track and field teams for several years, has some special talents on this year's team, once again.

Last season, if not mistaken, was a first in hosting a track meet at BCHS in quite some time. Last Tuesday, was the first for this spring season at the high school. In addition to Butler County, Glasgow, AC-Scottsville, Russellville, Logan and Grayson County participants enjoyed the offering of 17 events for the men and 16 for the women.

Glasgow showed out in the competition, taking top honors in both, boys and girls. The guy side of things was extremely close; whereas, the Lady Scotties ran away in the ladies half. Closely following the Scotties' 99 points was Russellville, who fell by only nine points, while Grayson and Butler were less than a dozen from the leader, as well.

Garnering points in hurdles for the Bears were Talyn Beasley and Kane Justis. Heloisa De Almeida, Eli Hibbard, Carson Davis, Colton Hampton, and Emma Winchel all contributed to the point totals in their respective runs.

Harmony Taylor ran the 1600 only two seconds off the leader's six-minutes, thirteen-



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE  
Bella Easley finishes the release in the shot put.

seconds to finish second overall in the girls. Case Hooten was four seconds behind Grayson's Houston Brooks, who pushed Ryder Harbaugh in the 800 meters. Harbaugh ran the best in 800, going 2:01.60 for the win.

Hooten, an iron-man, ran the 3200 meters for the win after his second place 1600-meter gallop. Hudson Fuller got points on the board in the 3200, also. The second place finish by the seventh-grader registered an eight-point

earning for the Bears.

Other individual efforts for BC were Xavier Johnson and Bella Easley in the shot put and discus throw. Johnson was two feet short in the shot put from winning top dawg while Easley produced points in both events. Easley's top-three finish in the discus was three inches from second; she was a foot from third in the shot put, good for fifth.

Ann Marie Skaggs won the high

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### Op-Ed Sounding Off Sports Editor, Greg Moore

First, I wanted to thank Coach Calvin Dockery for his many years of dedicated service coaching basketball for Butler County Schools—13 seasons at BCHS and many others at BCMS. His coaching career could be argued as one of the finest in Butler County sports history.

Without having experience coaching a sports program within a school system, it is hard to comprehend the amount of time and energy that is poured into that exertion; moreover, those efforts are not handsomely compensated nor appreciated by some nearly enough.

Coaching takes thick skin to endure the criticism which comes from losing or playing time or something else. Players win and coaches lose games, it's just the way it is to many. Coaches must have tremendous passion for the game and be disciplined within, but possibly more important, love for his/her players must be abound.

With that being said, Coach Dockery is a compassionately caring person. A magnitude of student-athletes whom have played for him knows, he would do near anything in order to help them. In addition to his kind nature of one's well-being, Coach Dockery has been extremely successful winning throughout his years of coaching, despite me not always agreeing with all his tendencies.

Let's share some of those feats during his 13 seasons leading the high school varsity team. Eight of those have been winning campaigns, including his first season, 2012-13. That year, they went 20-12 overall, 15-4 in the region, and 8-0 in district play.

Butler County basketball made their first state tournament appearance (the All-A Classic played during regular season) that '12-13 season with an All-A Classic Region Championship win over Owensboro Catholic, who they would lose to in the Region 3 Tournament during postseason play. The Bears lost to Russell in the first round of the State All-A Tournament. Coach Dockery went on to receive Coach of the Year in the 3rd Region, also.

With a 196-164 overall record in 13 years under Coach Dockery, Butler County has won five 12th District Championships and produced four runner-up performances. So, nine out of the 13 years under Dockery, the Bears have reached the 3rd Region Tournament. Of those, they have won the opening round game three times. Last year, the Bears won the region and made school history with their first ever KHSAA Sweet Sixteen appearance.

Even with all the excitement over Butler County basketball and the accomplishments galore, change is inevitable. Coach Dockery has officially announced that he is stepping aside. His replacement is going to have big shoes to fill; yet, there are areas that can be approached

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