## **BCMS FOOTBALL**



BCMS Cheerleaders in proud support of their 8th Grade Football Bears!



Howie Shaffer rips through the banner as the Bears get ready to take the field.



Coach Tomes getting his lineman fired up before the championship.



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BCMS Cheerleaders lead the Bears' supporters, which nearly matched the home side, in a rally in between quarters.

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flexed largely on the skill that was basically non-existent in the loss a month prior.

In what has to be

a school record, Jenelle Kimmel and Miley Franzell, both, recorded 14 blocks throughout the hard fought win, which was the first time since 2019 and only the second time ever, the Lady Bears have beaten the Whitesville Trinity Lady Raiders. Ending the '19 season, Butler County fell in post season to Trinity. Despite winning five sets in three different matches the next year, the team never got a win in 2020, dropping heartbreakers along the way.

Another important skill which stood out in the stat line and throughout the impressive victory last Tuesday...Digs! While every skill is critical in volleyball, digging the ball out and not allowing the other team to score would be the most imperative for many coaches. Whereas, the Lady Bears recorded 81 digs in the loss, they

doubled that amount in the win, 162.

Libero, Sammie Johnson, dug out 55 balls, pacing the Lady Bears in that statistic with her spunky play. Fellow senior, Maddie Jones, did her part and some; Jones had 36 digs, six blocks, four aces, two kills, and 34 of the team's 40 assists.

Another senior, Evana Martin, played crucial time and contributed greatly in the winning effort. Martin, who had 21 digs, was just one dig behind Megan Clark, who produced four kills and three aces, also.

Without one of the team's top kill fabricators (Lily Glass) playing at Trinity, Franzell had herself a night, including the game winner in the fifth and final set. The senior spanked 21 balls on the Lady Raiders, while Kimmel helped her dominate above the net, blasting nine kills herself. Kills and assists were up more than a dozen as a team compared to the first match with

Trinity.

With fall break this week, the Lady Bears are enjoying some much needed down time from game action; however, it is a guarantee they are working on their skills in preparation for one last week of regular season before the 12th District Tournament will be played. It is lining up to be Grayson as the top seed, not losing a district contest. After that, it is still unknown.

What is known, Butler County controls their own destiny. With a win over Edmonson County on Tuesday, the 14th, they will clinch the number two seed, with a 3-3 district record. Of course, that would set up another match in opening round of the tournament with Trinity, who would hold the third seed. Before you go to Brownsville to root on these gals, get out to BCHS on Monday, the 13th. About halfdozen of them and their parents will be honored during Senior Night.

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rushing or receiving the ball, found the end zone shortly thereafter.

The Hornets, who were explosive on the offensive side of the ball, trucked down near the goal line on their third possession. However, Butler County would come up with an enormous fumble recovery and march all the way back down the field behind Abbott and Reid-Gay.

On a play where it appeared Reid-Gay got out-of-bounds, the clock continued to run. Ultimately, the Bears would not score before the half, which would have helped create momentum. Plus, they could have possibly tied the score with a successful

conversion. As it was, the Bears trailed 14-6 at intermission.

Hancock continued to run the ball successfully throughout the second half. The Bears fought hard until the final sound of the horn. Abbott muscled one over the goal line and Reid-Gay nearly scored on the final play. The young man, like all the Bears, battled relentlessly to not go down; unfortunately, the Hornets were slightly better that night, winning 30-12

This group has shown the commitment to do great things on the field, but most importantly, this season will help build a solid foundation for them to become

men in the real world, not too far in future. "Everyone knows that football isn't easy, but these young men are showing our community why it's worth stepping up to the challenge," Coach Johnson concluded.

Whether they won the championship or finished runnerup, the BCMS Bears football team will cherish these memories and continue building a framework of success in life after four more years of commitment under Coach Robins and his staff at BCHS.

This group has size, strength, speed, athleticism, and determination. The future is bright for Bears Football!

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