

# Braves Bi-District Champions Area Qualifiers

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The Iran Braves have left the regular season, winning 12 out of the 14 district games they played. The Braves are now entering into the playoffs, with high hopes that they will be able to drive their way to the top.

The first game the Braves would play after coming back from the holiday break, would be against Eldorado. It was there that the Braves would play an intense game, ending in a victory for the team with a score of 68 - 53.

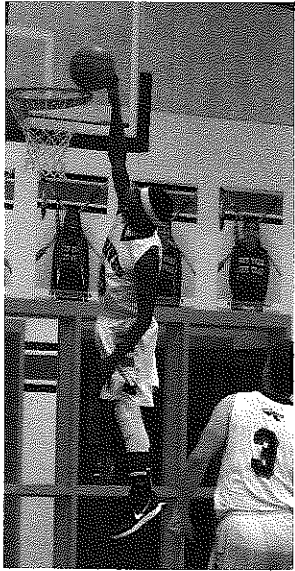
This victory must have sparked a fire in the heart of the team, because they would come to obtain yet another victory in their second game against Bulldog's from Miles. After losing a game to the Bulldog's in the early season, the Braves were determined to come out the victors of their second game in the round robin. The boys geared up and played a heart-filled game ending with a 73 - 42 score. The team would come to lose against the Christoval Cougars with a score of 33 - 37.

The previous loss did not discourage the Braves from gaining another victory though, the team would play Irion County a week after. This game was the epitome of what a good basketball game should be. The Braves played hard against the Hornets, this hard work would help the Braves to end the game with a score of 74 - 36.

The Braves would go on to a small winning streak after this, playing McCamey in a home game, and winning with a score of 60 - 37. The Braves would win again against the Forsan Buffaloes playing a good game ending with a score of 50 - 41. The team then traveled to Ozona a week later, where they would annihilate the lions ending the game with a 50 - 24 score.

The amazing victories didn't end here though, when the Braves played against the Eldorado

Eagles they would end the game with an even bigger score of 73 - 37. It wasn't until the Braves played the Miles Bulldog's, for the second time in the round robin, that they would come to lose their last game



Senior Devan Griffin dunks the ball against the Ozona Lions.

of the regular season. Although the Braves played a very hard game they would not be the victors with a score of 53 - 66 to end the game.

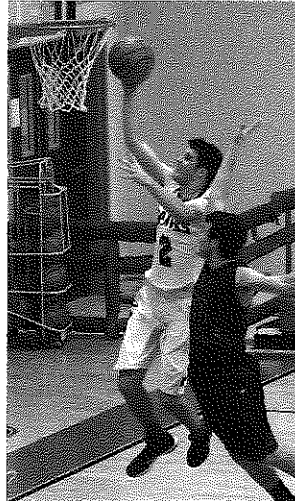
The Braves were determined to not lose another game in the regular season, which is exactly what they did. The team played the Christoval cougars, yet again, on February 3 playing a very, very intense game that had their fans on the edge of their seats. The end score for that game would come to be 55-45, giving the Braves a boost of confidence as they get closer to the playoff season.

The team played Irion County for the second time on February 6 on their home court. This

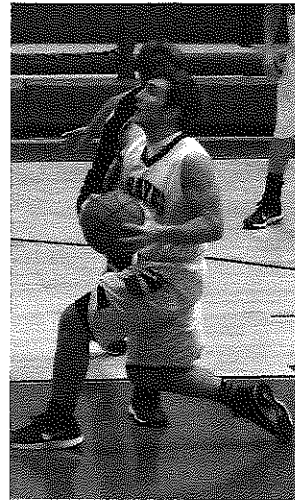
game was a great win for the Braves, ending with an outstanding score of 70 - 15. With the end of the regular season fast approaching, the Braves would gear up to play against McCamey winning with a score of 84 - 32.

The next team that the Braves would play would be the Forsan Buffaloes; the boys would come out the victors with a score of 63 - 53. The Braves must have been feeling good from all this winning, because in their last district game against the Ozona Lions, the team pushed their way to a victory and the playoffs. The game ended with a score of 66 - 44 as the Braves became tri-district champions.

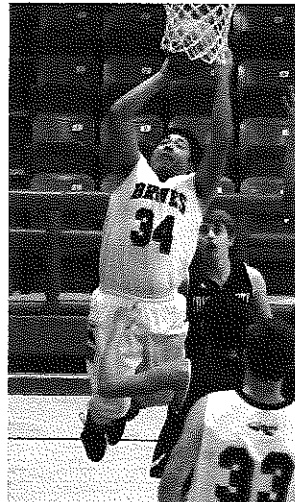
Irion was in a three-way-tie with Christoval, and Miles for the Championship. Who the Braves would play was determined



Sophomore Jarret Doege drives in for the layup.



Senior Jacob Callahan drives the ball against the Irion County Hornets.



Senior Robert Reyes back up to the basket after a rebound off the board.

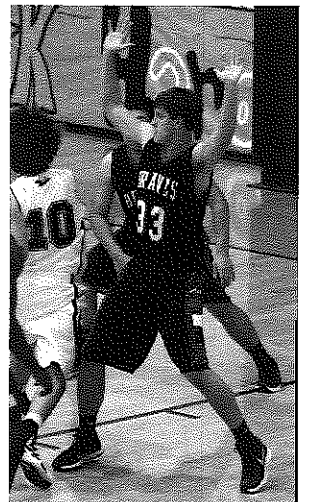
by a coin toss due to the three way tie that concluded that the team would play the Haskell Indians.

Oh what a game it would turn out to be, as the Indians and Braves battled hard to the end; ultimately sending the game into overtime where the Braves would come out the victors with a close score of 48-45.

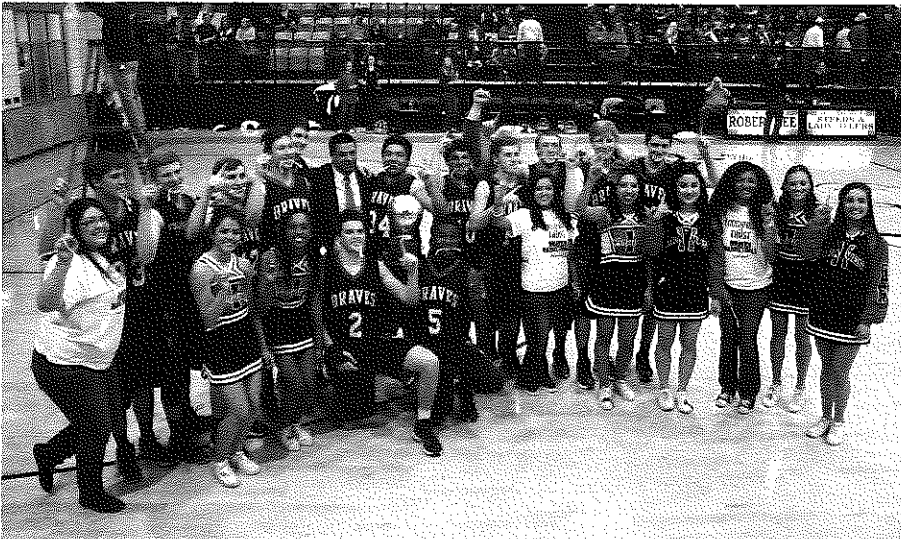
This victory would make the Braves Bi-district Champions, making them area qualifiers. It is very exciting as the suspense is on to see if the Braves can rise to victory.

When asked what the Braves tactics were for the playoff season, Point Guard Devan Griffin said, "As the underdog team, we must survive and advance."

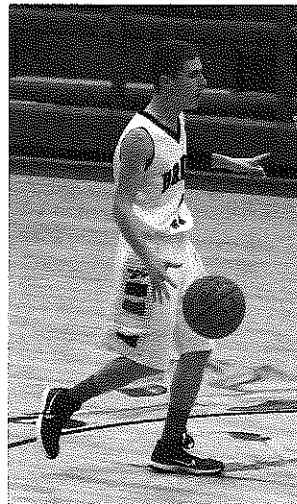
The Braves faced off against the Smyer Wildcats for the Area Playoff game held in Andrews. The Braves fought hard throughout the games but fell short and lost to the Wildcats with a score of 79-34 ending the season for the Braves.



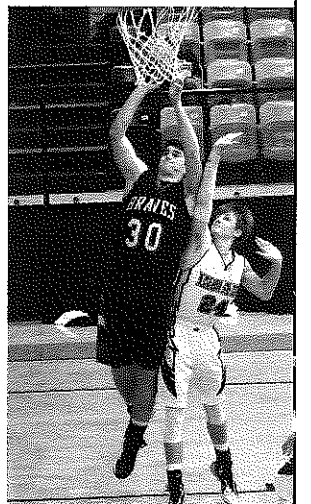
Senior Brandon Hooker denies the shot against the Haskell Indians.



Braves won the Bi-district basketball game against the Haskell Indians on Tuesday February 24.



Junior Tanner Myers calls out the play for the Braves offense.



Sophomore Canon Andrews takes it to the basket during the playoffs.