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Travis eases past Knights In last moments of game

(AUSTIN, TX)-The Travis High Rebels racked up their fourth overall victory in defeating the McCallum Knights 36-33 Friday, Sept. 24, at House Park. McCallum was first on the board with about six minutes left in the first quarter as Griffen Stuesser scored on a five-yard pass from Colton Luson. Jonathan Pacheco's kick attempt was unsuccessful. With less than a minute left in the first, McCallum's Tee Tolliver ran for a touchdown on a two-yard pass from Luson, who tossed for five touchdown passes in the game. Pacheco added the extra point to give the Knights a 13-0 lead, leaving the Rebels scoreless as the first quarter ended.

Kevin Zeladon scored on a 10-yard pass from Adam Solis for the Rebels. Eduardo Espinoza was successful on the point after touchdown.

Travis hit pay dirt again on a 32-yard run by C. J. Herrera, as Espinoza added the kick. Spurred by the action, McCallum followed up with two touchdowns in a row. Deon Price ran for 11 yards on a pass from Luson, and Jacob Backhaus also ran on an 11-yard pass from Luson. Pacheco split the uprights with his kick in both cases.

As the teams went to the locker rooms for halftime, McCallum had a 27-14 lead. Early in the third period Deondra Square added to the Knights' score with a 16-yard pass from Luson as 7:18 remained in the third quarter. It would turn out to be the Knights' last score of the game.

About halfway through the third, Erick Gonzalez of Travis rushed into the end zone on a 22-yard pass from Solis. Espinoza was good with the point after touchdown.

In the opening moments of the fourth, Nate Guerrero made a touchdown on a 13-yard pass from Solis, and Solis added the conversion for the Rebels. Late in the

fourth Travis recovered a McCallum fumble to set up a play resulting in Zeladon galloping ahead on a 34-yard pass from Solis. Espinoza was surefooted with the kick for the extra point

Luson was tops in passing with 19 completions in 32 attempts and 332 yards for McCallum. Solis posted 13 completions out of 17 attempts for 200 yards for Travis. The Knights' Brayton Cannon caught four passes for 108 yards, while the Rebels' Zeladon caught five for 103 yards.

Michaels Sorrells rushed 22 times for 105 yards for the Knights. And C. J. Herrera ran 11 times for 106 yards for the Rebels. Leading the Rebels in rushing was Hererra with 11 runs for 126 yards.

"Our kids have great character, said Armando Jacinto, the Rebels' head coach. They keep fighting and they always believe we're going to come back. I've got to give all the credit to the team and our coaching staff. They did a great job, believing, and fighting and fighting."



Deondra Square of McCallum High escapes a tackle attempt by Simon Martinez of Travis. Square ran one touchdown as McCallum lost to Travis 36-33 at House Park. Photo by George E. Hardin.

New basketball league makes plans for competition in 2011

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Players seeking positions on the new Austin Jesters basketball team hold a vigorous workout in hopes of being selected for the roster. The Jesters are affiliated with the Community Basketball Leagues. Photo by George E. Hardin.

The Austin Jesters of the new Community Basketball Leagues (CBL) held open tryouts Saturday, Sept. 25, and Sunday, Sept. 26, at Martin Middle School, 1601 Haskell St. The semi-pro league, which is launching an effort to expand throughout the nation, will have two local teams that will play each other as well as the teams in other cities that will visit Austin to play at local venues.

Rodney Hargrove was among those who showed up for the tryouts. He said, "I played high school basketball at Copperas Cove, Texas, and then I played college ball at Mary Hardin Baylor in Belton, Texas." As he tried to catch his breath after a vigorous round on the court, he said, "I'm trying to work out with these guys. The CBL is a good thing for the community. It's a step up for some guys to get in a new league, an opportunity to move up to the next level."

Also among the eager prospects was Curtis Jamison who said he played high school basketball at Pflugerville. He said he believes that "hard work" and "a strong work ethic" will be

in his favor when the team members are selected.

The CBL will have "a prep team with players that are post-high school and/or between the ages of 17 and 23 and a grad team with players that are post-college and/or ages 24 and up." Teams will have 12 active and two reserve players and will have a 20-game schedule.

"The Community Basketball League is composed of local community guys," said Rachel Ates, commissioner of the Austin league, "and the purpose is to kind of give them some exposure and create an atmosphere for them to be able to get looked at by college and professional scouts, and so forth. And it's also a way for the community to get involved. We're still trying to get all our players intact and once that is done we will have our season startup in April (exhibition games) and (regular season play) May. The CBL is actually nationwide." Game locations are yet to be determined.

Among the other teams in the CBL are the San Antonio Inferno, South Bend Ma-

gicians, Omaha Invaders, Charlotte Sharpshooters, Gilbert (Ariz.) Explosion, Detroit Accelerators, and Elkhart Tigers.

Jamar Johnson is commissioner and CEO of the CBL. He founded the organization, which has its national headquarters in Elkhart, Ind. He was an All-State basketball player at Indiana High School and was on the University of Nebraska team that won its first ever Big 12 Conference tournament championship in 1994.



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