

**Super Bowl update**

The **Weldon Valley Colorado Warriors**, who beat Mullin 58-44 earlier this season, didn't do too well the remainder of the season. Weldon Valley lost two regular season games. First to Peetz, 44-18, and then to Prairie, 70-68. In the Colorado State Quarterfinals, they lost to Idalia, 51-32.

Peetz defeated Kit Carson, 42-23, on November 18 to win the 1995 Colorado State Championship. It was the first time since 1986 that two undefeated teams had met in the finals.

**Jeff Hill of Westbrook** led all passers this season with some incredible statistics. In 9 regular season games (they had a forfeit from Ira), he was 250 of 411 for 2720 yards with 41 td's and 4 int's. In their playoff loss to Sands, Jeff was 27 of 47 for 384 yards with 3 td's and 3 int's.

The NFL called this week. They produce a press release each week on the state of football in America. They saw the article in the NY Times and are going to include Texas six-man football in the next issue.

**game notes:**

**Mullin** started out to a 38-0 lead against Woodson this past weekend before the Cowboys caught fire and rallied to lose by only 52-45. Mullin's **Petey Salaiz** turned an ankle and played only sparingly during the second half. Petey had 121 yards on 11 carries and 2 td's. That leaves Petey at 10,346 yards for his career.

Woodson's QB **Rory Peacock** was still unable to throw the football, so the Cowboys moved him to receiver and

**Pete Miller** to spread back. This paid off in the second half as Miller rushed the ball 20 times for 225 yards and 2 td's and was 11-18 passing for 144 yards and 3td's. Peacock caught 9 passes for 132 yards and 2 td's.

**Chris Arizmendez of Klondike** had 26 carries for 216 yards with 5 td's rushing and 1 catch for a td. **Tanner Ethridge** had another solid night. Tanner rushed 11 times for 110 yards and was 8 of 15 passing for 99 yards. He also ran a kickoff back 67 yards for a score.

Milford's **Chris Pendleton** had another huge night. Chris rushed for 72 yards, passed for 252 yards, returned a KO 75 yards for a td, and had 2 int's on defense. Teammate **Keith Washington** returned an int for a score. **Kinta Cook** had 4 rushing td's.

**Brandon Rodgers** of Whitharral rushed 10 times for 124 yards and 4td's. He has 16 td's in his last 3 football games. His teammate, **Cameron Dockery**, caused a fumble, recovered a fumble, intercepted a pass and had 9 tackles in only one half of play.

**Trey Sykes** of Panther Creek had 229 yards on 26 carries Friday night.

Balmorhea's **Junior Dutchover** had 11 carries for 73 yards and 2 td's rushing and caught 4 passes for 104 yards and 2 td's. He also had 6 KO returns for 180 yards and another td.

**Dewayne Miles** of Amherst had a huge night. Dewayne rushed the ball 33 times for a career-high 394 yards and 8 td's. He also returned a KO 58 yards for a td.

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**Big Time**

What do you get when you have three bulldogs, two panthers, a cougar, a mustang, and a longhorn? You get the 1995 state quarterfinalists, that's what.

In the west, it's district 2 versus district 5 in both matchups. All four teams have a combined two losses between them. Those two losses are to their district rivals that are still in the draw.

We've got our own version of Cinderella, with a Whitharral team that was picked to finish fourth in their district and had a preseason ranking of #68. They deserve to be here though, playing tough all season long and suffering their only loss to district rival Amherst.

In the East, we have a classic Panther Creek-Gordon pairing and a wonderful rematch of last year's Mullin-Milford quarterfinal.

Panther Creek has won nine in a row and looks to be clicking. Gordon is having their best season yet, in what was expected to be a rebuilding year.

But what about the Battle of the Bulldogs I rematch? You would expect Mullin to be the favorite, considering they lost almost nobody from last year's team that played in this game a year ago. Milford though has done a great job in changing styles to suit their talent under first year coach Kurt McGrath.

**The Huntress Six-Man Rankings (after second playoff round)**

| rk  | team             | record   | rating | rk  | team               | record  | rating | rk  | team           | record   | rating |
|-----|------------------|----------|--------|-----|--------------------|---------|--------|-----|----------------|----------|--------|
| 1.  | Amherst          | (12-0-0) | 227.04 | 29. | Lazbuddie          | (5-5-0) | 165.10 | 57. | May            | (3-7-0)  | 136.89 |
| 2.  | Klondike         | (12-0-0) | 210.21 | 30. | Silverton          | (5-5-0) | 164.51 | 58. | Trent          | (2-7-0)  | 134.56 |
| 3.  | Gordon           | (12-0-0) | 208.15 | 31. | Southland          | (7-4-0) | 163.88 | 59. | Lefors         | (4-6-0)  | 134.07 |
| 4.  | Milford          | (11-1-0) | 206.25 | 32. | Rochester          | (7-3-0) | 163.39 | 60. | Lueders-Avoca  | (2-8-0)  | 133.81 |
| 5.  | Mullin           | (10-2-0) | 205.75 | 33. | Blackwell          | (8-3-0) | 160.40 | 61. | Brookesmith    | (5-6-0)  | 133.19 |
| 6.  | Covington        | (9-1-0)  | 199.63 | 34. | Loraine            | (5-5-0) | 159.83 | 62. | Follett        | (3-7-0)  | 131.11 |
| 7.  | Panther Creek    | (9-3-0)  | 199.45 | 35. | Sidney             | (6-5-0) | 159.22 | 63. | Benjamin       | (4-6-0)  | 128.29 |
| 8.  | Whitharral       | (11-1-0) | 196.06 | 36. | Paint Creek        | (5-6-0) | 159.02 | 64. | Newcastle      | (4-6-0)  | 126.57 |
| 9.  | Jayton           | (9-2-0)  | 196.04 | 37. | Morgan             | (7-2-0) | 158.80 | 65. | Higgins        | (2-7-0)  | 125.36 |
| 10. | Sands            | (11-1-0) | 194.48 | 38. | Blanket            | (4-6-0) | 157.62 | 66. | Oglesby        | (3-6-0)  | 122.86 |
| 11. | Trinidad         | (9-2-0)  | 191.57 | 39. | Rochelle           | (7-3-0) | 154.98 | 67. | Ropes          | (0-10-0) | 120.86 |
| 12. | Woodson          | (9-2-0)  | 190.74 | 40. | Dell City          | (3-5-1) | 152.91 | 68. | Star           | (2-8-0)  | 120.40 |
| 13. | Strawn           | (9-2-0)  | 183.54 | 41. | Moran              | (5-5-0) | 151.26 | 69. | Patton Springs | (2-7-0)  | 119.96 |
| 14. | Westbrook        | (7-4-0)  | 183.09 | 42. | Coolidge           | (6-4-0) | 150.89 | 70. | Bynum          | (1-9-0)  | 119.86 |
| 15. | Richland Springs | (8-2-0)  | 182.85 | 43. | Wilson             | (4-6-0) | 150.47 | 71. | Cranfills Gap  | (2-6-1)  | 119.20 |
| 16. | Wellman          | (7-3-0)  | 181.15 | 44. | Loop               | (3-7-0) | 150.07 | 72. | Lohn           | (1-9-0)  | 118.74 |
| 17. | Chillicothe      | (8-3-0)  | 179.92 | 45. | McLean             | (4-6-0) | 149.69 | 73. | Cotton Center  | (1-9-0)  | 116.95 |
| 18. | Jonesboro        | (8-3-0)  | 177.41 | 46. | Gustine            | (3-7-0) | 149.31 | 74. | Union          | (4-6-0)  | 114.20 |
| 19. | Highland         | (5-5-1)  | 172.49 | 47. | Paint Rock         | (3-5-1) | 147.28 | 75. | Dawson         | (0-10-0) | 111.69 |
| 20. | Sammorwood       | (9-2-0)  | 172.06 | 48. | Fruitvale          | (4-6-0) | 146.97 | 76. | Sierra Blanca  | (2-7-0)  | 110.92 |
| 21. | Buena Vista      | (9-2-0)  | 172.01 | 49. | Buckholts          | (4-7-0) | 144.11 | 77. | Aquilla        | (0-8-0)  | 108.78 |
| 22. | Zephyr           | (7-3-0)  | 171.59 | 50. | Borden County      | (5-5-0) | 143.93 | 78. | Megargel       | (1-8-0)  | 103.70 |
| 23. | Guthrie          | (7-2-0)  | 170.79 | 51. | Northside          | (4-6-0) | 142.90 | 79. | Harrold        | (1-8-0)  | 102.84 |
| 24. | Miami            | (9-2-0)  | 169.48 | 52. | New Home           | (3-7-0) | 142.14 | 80. | Ira            | (1-9-0)  | 101.69 |
| 25. | Balmorhea        | (7-2-1)  | 167.81 | 53. | Grandfalls-Royalty | (3-5-2) | 141.49 | 81. | Rule           | (0-8-0)  | 101.02 |
| 26. | Cherokee         | (8-4-0)  | 167.70 | 54. | Grady              | (4-6-0) | 139.92 | 82. | Iredell        | (0-9-0)  | 99.39  |
| 27. | Meadow           | (5-7-0)  | 166.81 | 55. | Hermleigh          | (5-5-0) | 139.86 | 83. | Novice         | (0-10-0) | 90.69  |
| 28. | Three Way        | (5-4-0)  | 166.53 | 56. | Walnut Springs     | (4-5-1) | 139.30 | 84. | Marathon       | (0-9-0)  | 81.69  |

## The Draw



### Whitharral-Klondike at Lamesa 7:30 Friday

Like my preview for Klondike-Balmorhea last week, this one could be a scoring explosion. This pits the #2 and #9 ranked scoring offense in the state.

Whitharral has to be considered the Cinderella team so far this season. They were ranked #64 in the pre-season and have done nothing but win. They are young and excited about their chances. Cameron Dockery is the defensive glue for this bunch that shutout Meadow last weekend. Brandon Rodgers has been on a scoring tear the last few weeks.

Klondike escaped with a victory over an explosive Balmorhea bunch. Look for the Cougars to put up a lot of points behind Tanner Ethridge and Chris Arizmendez.

**What the computer thinks:** Klondike by 14

### Amherst-Sands at New Home 7:30 Friday

This is a battle between the top two ranked scoring defenses in the state.

The Bulldogs are suffering from some injuries and last weekend ran the ball behind Dewayne Miles all night long. Amherst hopes they won't have to rely on that strategy again this weekend against a stout Sands defense.

The Mustangs will try to stop Miles and make the Bulldogs pass. They don't do anything fancy, they just win ball games.

**What the computer thinks:** Amherst by 32

### Panther Creek-Gordon at Early 7:30 Friday

At the beginning of the season, both of these teams would have been considered longshots to get this far. Gordon knew they would have some talent, but they were so young. Panther Creek was coming of a tough season and trying to master coach Mitch Lee's system.

The Longhorns will go as far as Jason Sizemore and Jim Kostiha take them. Those two are the heart and soul of this well-oiled machine. This is a gutsy team that is very well disciplined in the basics.

The Panthers, like Gordon, won't try to win this game with razzle-dazzle. Expect tough, hard-nosed running behind Luis Dellagadillo, Cory Crye, and Trey Sykes.

**What the computer thinks:** Gordon by 8

### Mullin-Milford at Hamilton 7:30 Friday

A rematch of last year's great quarterfinal game, which Milford won 32-30. The difference then was a ball snapped over the punter's head for a safety.

Mullin's hopes lie in whether or not Petey Salaiz is completely healthy. They are playing a lot more physical, but without his presence, they are in trouble.

Milford's Chris Pendleton has been running the show this year. On both sides of the ball, Chris has spelled trouble for opposing teams. Another noticeable change this year is Milford's switch to a spread offense. They don't have the size of years past, but they make up for it with speed.

**What the computer thinks:** Milford by 1

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