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## PRESS RELEASE

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**AUSTIN** - Burleson High School must forfeit all football games played during the 1995-96 season as the result of a decision made Wednesday by the University Interscholastic League State Executive Committee.

Burleson Independent School District was appealing the decision of the District 6-5A Executive Committee who ruled a Burleson football player ineligible based on his residence. The State Executive Committee determined that the student, who transferred from Cleburne High School, did not have a bonafide residence in Burleson. As a result, the committee denied Burleson's appeal, which allows Hurst Bell High School to advance in the playoffs as the third place team representing District 6-5A.

In other action, the committee upheld the decision of the District 4-4A Executive Committee, who ruled a Big Spring High School football player ineligible for playing in two contests in one week. The Big Spring Independent School District determined that a student had participated in a junior varsity contest on October 26, 1995, and then played the following night in a varsity contest. Big Spring reported the violation to the district executive committee on November 8. The district executive committee determined that the minimum penalty for playing an ineligible player was forfeiture of contest. Big Spring appealed this decision to the State Executive Committee, but their appeal was denied.

In a case involving Richland Springs High School, the State Executive Committee upheld the decision of the District 15-A Executive Committee, who ruled a Richland Springs student ineligible, causing Richland Springs to forfeit two football games. The student lives in Brownwood with his parents, but attends Richland Springs High School, which is a violation of the UIL parent-residence rule. As a result, Cherokee and Brookesmith will advance to the six-man football playoffs representing District 15-A.

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