

# SPORTS

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Miracle 4 Megan Softball Clinic

Area coaches are holding a charity softball clinic on May 30, with all proceeds going to Megan Horton, the Canyon Vista Middle School eighth-grader in need of a heart transplant.

Round Rock High softball coach Jennifer Painter and Texas State head coach Ricci Woodard are among those leading the clinic. Westwood coach Tiffany Gates, McNeil coach Steve Woodcock and Stony Point coach Kim Moore will also be lending a hand.

The clinic, intended for 7- to 13-year-olds (no incoming freshmen), will be held at the Town and Country Complex from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., located in Northwest Austin near the intersection of US 183 and RM 620. The cost is \$50.

Contact Painter at 586-1828 for more information.

### Rock Hardball camp registration

Coaches John Langerhans, John Carter (Round Rock) and Tom Collins (Stony Point), along with their assistants, will host their annual Rock Hardball Camp this summer.

The first week is open to players ages 8 through 11 and will run from May 30 to June 2. The camp will start at 9 a.m. and go until noon at the Sam Bass fields.

The second session is open to 11- to 14-year-olds and is slated for June 5 through June 7. Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Old Settlers Park Pony/Colt fields.

The camp costs \$110. Contact Langerhans at coachlangerhans@yahoo.com for registration forms.

### Round Rock Express baseball camp giveaway

Mrs. Baird's will be awarding five winners the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Round Rock Express baseball camps. Youngsters ages 6 to 14 are eligible to register for the chance to win a spot in one of three summer camps at the Dell Diamond.

Spike Owen and Kirk Dressendorfer will conduct multiple camps for beginner through advanced skill levels. All campers will receive individual, hands-on instruction in the fundamentals of hitting, fielding, throwing, baserunning and pitching.

Each camp is for four days, starting daily at 9 a.m. and ending at noon. Awards will be presented on the final day of camp.

There are a total of three camp sessions: May 30-June 2, June 12-15 and June 19-22. To be eligible to win, fill out the application available on the Round Rock Express Web site (roundrockexpress.com) and mail it to: Mrs. Baird's Baseball Camps, C/O Round Rock Express, 3400 Palm Valley Blvd., Round Rock, Texas, 78664. When submitting entries, select a preferred camp date.

To sign up for the camps, do so online at roundrockexpress.com/community/camps.

### State wiffleball championships

The wiffleball state championships will be held in Williamson County July 29-30 in conjunction with the Games of Texas.

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# PROMOTING FROM WITHIN

## Westwood calls on Hastings to fill Burton's shoes

By JEFF CASPERSEN  
Sports Editor

This is clearly an opportunity that doesn't come along often. Brad Hastings will become just the third head coach in the 25-year history of the Westwood boys basketball program.

Hastings paid his dues as an assistant under longtime program frontman Dennis Burton the last four years and is ready to make the leap.

"I'm really excited about it," he said. "Coach Burton's done a great job. I hope to take it to the next level if we can. Burton's set a good foundation. These kids always work hard, play hard. They want to learn."

Burton departed his post on the heels of a 19-14 season, capping a 19-year tenure as head coach that saw him rack up an overall record of 392-224 record. He directed the Warriors to five district championships, two regional tournament appearances and a state tournament showing.

Like Burton did before him, Hastings hopes to run a top-notch program.

"I want to be here for as long as I can," said Hastings, a University of Texas graduate who spent four years as a manager under Longhorns men's basketball coach Rick Barnes. "I want to be here to try to make this program into a first-class program, to ultimately try to win championships. Anything less would be settling."

Coming up under Barnes and Burton, Hastings has had ample opportunity to glean coaching knowledge. He's taken a little from each while applying his own person touch.

"Coach Barnes at UT is really good with people, dealing with people and relationships," Hastings explained. "He put a big emphasis on playing physical, hard-nosed defense. With Burton, because I worked so closely with him, he taught me everything about organization, the structure of a program in general."

Hastings played his high school ball at Liberty Hill and credits his coach there, Danny Henderson, for sparking an interest in coaching.

The fast-paced style of play employed by Hastings' old Liberty Hill team is something he'd like to see more of at Westwood.

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Photo by KEVIN M. COX, Leader Staff

New Westwood boys basketball coach Brad Hastings (left) and former coach Dennis Burton talk with players after a class Tuesday morning.

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want to try to make it a little more up-tempo," said Hastings. "We'll try to get stuff in transition."

Hastings graduated from Liberty Hill in 1995 and from Texas in 2001. He taught government and economics, and coached basketball at Keller High School before landing at Westwood in 2002.

"Coach Hastings has a proven track record," said Westwood Athletic Director Anthony Wood. "He's earned the respect of his players, our staff and the entire Westwood community. We're excited about the future of Westwood basketball."

Already knowing the players and the program, Hastings has an inside edge as

### WESTWOOD BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Program history (1981-present)

Year	Coach	Record
1981-82	Gerald Adams	12-20
1982-83	Gerald Adams	11-19
1983-84	Gerald Adams	18-14
1984-85	Gerald Adams	16-14
1985-86	Gerald Adams	20-10
1986-87	Gerald Adams	16-16
1987-88	Dennis Burton	19-15
1988-89	Dennis Burton	17-15
1989-90	Dennis Burton	20-12
1990-91	Dennis Burton	26-7
1991-92	Dennis Burton	22-10
1992-93	Dennis Burton	25-7
1993-94	Dennis Burton	17-15
1994-95	Dennis Burton	15-17
1995-96	Dennis Burton	21-10
1996-97	Dennis Burton	31-5
1997-98	Dennis Burton	31-7
1998-99	Dennis Burton	21-10
1999-2000	Dennis Burton	21-11
2000-01	Dennis Burton	26-6
2001-02	Dennis Burton	8-21
2002-03	Dennis Burton	16-15
2003-04	Dennis Burton	23-11
2004-05	Dennis Burton	14-16
2005-06	Dennis Burton	19-14

**State appearances:** 1997-98, semifinals.  
**District championships:** 1992-93, 14-5A; 1996-97, 14-5A; 1997-98, 14-5A; 1999-2000, 13-5A co-champs; 2000-01, 14-5A.

**Westwood all-time record:** 485-317

**Coach Gerald Adams:** 93-93

**Coach Dennis Burton:** 392-224

Source: warriorsports.org

he grabs the reins.

"It helps a lot," he said. "I've got the relationship with the kids. I'm going to change a few things here and there as far as styles go, but I think it'll be a smooth transition, just because of the four years I've spent here."

At the very least, Westwood has stumbled upon a man who has made basketball his life.

"I've always wanted to be around the game," said Hastings. "I've had a love for it since middle school and even before that. I've always wanted to learn and be a student of the game. I like being around the kids, to help them grow. The only way to do it is to be involved in high school athletics."

## Barzilla golden as Express blank 51s

### Left-hander one-hits Las Vegas

#### Leader Staff Report

Philip Barzilla threw a one-hitter and the offense provided plenty of support as the Round Rock Express posted an 8-0 win over the Las Vegas 51s at the Dell Diamond Tuesday night.

After giving up a one-out single in the first inning, the left-handed

Barzilla settled in and held the 51s hitless the final 8 2/3 innings for Round Rock's first complete-game shutout of the season.

The longest outing of Barzilla's seven-year professional career prior to Tuesday lasted eight innings, and that came for the Double-A Corpus Christi Hooks on June 30 of last year.

Barzilla, who lowered his ERA to 3.05, is now 2-3.

Joe McEwing and free-swinging Charlton Jimerson both knocked solo home runs and Royce Huffman was 2-for-4 with a double, a run and four RBIs snapped a five-game losing streak against Las Vegas.

Jimerson's home run, a shot to center, came in the second inning, while McEwing led off the third with his solo blast.

The Express and the 51s resumed their four-game set on Wednesday. Round Rock finishes its eight-game homestand against Las Vegas tonight before hitting the road

Friday for a short four-game road trip to face the Albuquerque Isotopes.

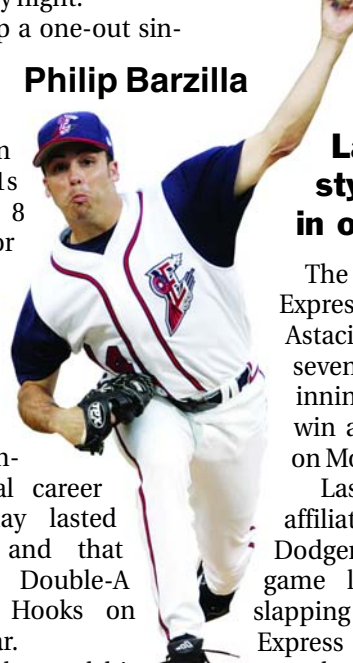
#### Las Vegas stymies Express in opener

The Las Vegas 51s lit up Express starter Ezzequiel Astacio for five runs on seven hits in the first two innings en route to a 12-3 win at the Dell Diamond on Monday night.

Las Vegas, the Triple-A affiliate of the Los Angeles Dodgers, snapped a four-game losing streak while slapping more runs on the Express pitching staff than any other team all season.

Charlton Jimerson doubled and scored for the Express and Brooks Conrad drove in all three runs, upping his RBI count to 36, good for second in the Pacific Coast League. Jimerson's double gave him 14 for the year, which is a team high.

Astacio had given up just one run in four innings since returning to Round Rock from Houston on May 12.



courtesy photo

### Three Tigers sign on at colleges

From left to right, Stony Point basketball standouts Kyle Weathersby, Miles Randolph and Demetrius Proby finalize their college plans. Weathersby and Randolph are heading to Ranger Junior College and Proby will attend Angelina College.

## Round Rock Youth Baseball League Results

Note: additional accolades in parentheses

- T-ball North**  
1. Astros (mid-season first, end-of-season first)  
2. Red Sox (mid-season second)  
3. Cubs (end-of-season second)

- T-ball South**  
1. White Sox (mid-season first, end-of-season second)  
2. Rangers (end-of-season first)  
3. Devil Rays  
4. Phillies (mid-season second)

- Coach-pitch North**  
1. Orioles (end-of-season second)  
2. Cubs (mid-season first, end-of-season first)  
3. Astros (mid-season second)

- Coach-pitch South**  
1. Blue Jays (mid-season second)  
2. Cardinals  
3. Reds (mid-season first, end-of-season first)  
4. White Sox  
5. Braves (end-of-season second)

- Kid-pitch North**  
1. Orioles (mid-season first, end-of-season first)  
2. Marlins (mid-season second, end-of-season second)  
3. Yankees

- Kid-pitch South**  
1. Padres  
2. Braves  
3. Rangers (mid-season first, end-of-season first)  
4. Red Sox (mid-season second, end-of-season second)

#### RRYB Spring Slam Tournament Results

- Kid-pitch North**  
1. Orioles, 2. Marlins.  
**Kid-pitch South**  
1. Rangers, 2. Red Sox.  
**Coach-pitch North**  
1. Cubs, 2. Orioles.  
**Coach-pitch South**  
1. Reds, 2. Braves.  
**T-ball North**  
1. Cubs.

- Upcoming postseason events**  
June 2-4 First Pitch Tournament at T & C  
June 9-11 First Elimination Tournament  
June 16-18 Elimination Tournament at RRYB  
June 23-25 Centex All-Stars Championship