



Athletic Department Update  
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**Hallsville Tennis**

**Hallsville Tennis Advances to Area Round After Bi-District Championship**

The Hallsville High School Tennis team has advanced to the area round of the UIL Team Tennis Playoffs following a dominant 16-1 victory over McKinney North in the bi-district round.

Hallsville finished the regular season as the **District 10-5A runner-up**, recording an impressive district record with its only loss coming against district champion Texas High.

The postseason appearance continues a remarkable tradition of success for the Hallsville Tennis program under the leadership of **Coach Haney**. With this year's qualification, Hallsville has now advanced to the postseason for **16 consecutive years**.

Following the bi-district championship victory, the Bobcats will move on to the **area round**, where they will face **No. 3 Frisco Centennial** on **Tuesday, October 13, in Van**.

The Bobcats will look to continue their postseason run and advance to the next round of the UIL Team Tennis Playoffs.

**Hallsville Tennis — 16 consecutive postseason appearances and still competing for more.**



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| District 10-5A Team Tennis Standings 2026-2027 |      |      |
|------------------------------------------------|------|------|
| SCHOOL                                         | Wins | Loss |
| Texas High                                     | 6    | 0    |
| Hallsville                                     | 5    | 1    |
| Whitehouse                                     | 4    | 2    |
| Nacogdoches                                    | 3    | 3    |
| Tyler High                                     | 2    | 4    |
| Marshall                                       | 1    | 5    |
| Mount Pleasant                                 | 0    | 6    |



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**Ladycat Volleyball**

**Ladycat Volleyball Continues Strong Season as District Play Nears Completion**

With just four games remaining in the 2026–27 season, the Hallsville Ladycat Volleyball team continues to put together an impressive season under the leadership of **Coach Andrew Harbison**.

The Ladycats are currently **undefeated in District 10-5A play** and are working toward repeating as district champions. With the district race entering its final stretch, Hallsville remains in a strong position as the team prepares for postseason competition.

While the final playoff scenarios are still developing, current projections indicate that the Ladycats could compete in the **UIL Class 5A big-school division** this postseason. This would provide Hallsville with a different postseason path than the program has experienced in recent years and could lead to new opponents and matchups once the playoffs begin.

The Ladycats' success has extended beyond the volleyball court as well. Under Coach Harbison, the program continues to emphasize the development of student-athletes both competitively and personally, with the team making a positive impact throughout the school and community.

With four regular-season matches remaining, Hallsville will look to finish district play strong, defend its district championship and prepare for what promises to be an exciting postseason.

**The Ladycats are building momentum — on the court and beyond — as they continue their pursuit of another district championship.**

| District 10-5A Volleyball Standings 2026-2027 |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------------|---|---|
| SCHOOL                                        | W | L |
| Hallsville                                    | 8 | 0 |
| Whitehouse                                    | 6 | 2 |
| Texas High                                    | 6 | 2 |



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|----------------|---|---|
| Marshall       | 3 | 4 |
| Nacogdoches    | 2 | 5 |
| Tyler High     | 2 | 6 |
| Mount Pleasant | 0 | 8 |

### **Cross Country**

The Hallsville High School Cross Country teams turned in a strong performance at the 15th Annual Hallsville XC Invitational on September 18, with both the boys and girls programs earning top finishes in front of the home crowd.

The Varsity Boys captured the team championship, finishing first overall. Hallsville was led by a strong group of individual performers, including Kalon Powell, who finished second overall, followed by Brycen Richardson in fifth, Colton Smith in 12th, and David Macedo in 19th.

The JV Boys continued the team's success by also claiming first place in the team competition. Hallsville was led individually by Lochlan Johnson, who finished 14th, and Carter Russell, who placed 16th.

The Varsity Girls finished second as a team, turning in several strong individual performances. Rilee Gustavsen led the Ladycats with a second-place finish, while Macy Smallwood placed sixth. Other Hallsville runners finishing in the top 20 included Vivian Loe in 16th, Eliana Rodriguez in 18th, and Gabby Fontenot in 20th.

Additional top performances for the Varsity Girls included Natalie Juarez, who finished 32nd, and Hannah Mendenhall, who placed 34th.

In the JV Girls race, Hallsville was represented by Addison McKean, who finished 11th, and Keeleigh Jones, who placed 17th.

The strong results across all four divisions highlighted the depth and competitiveness of the Hallsville Cross Country program. With the postseason approaching, the Bobcats and Ladycats will look to build on their performances at their home invitational as they continue their 2026 season. The District Championships are over Fall Break in Tyler.



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### Hallsville XC Invitational Highlights

- 🏆 Varsity Boys — 1st Place
- 🏆 JV Boys — 1st Place
- 🥈 Varsity Girls — 2nd Place
- Varsity Boys Individual: Kalon Powell — 2nd
- Varsity Girls Individual: Rilee Gustavsen — 2nd
- JV Boys Individual: Lochlan Johnson — 14th
- JV Girls Individual: Addison McKean — 11th

The 15th Annual Hallsville XC Invitational proved to be another successful home meet for Hallsville Cross Country, with the program continuing to demonstrate strong team depth and individual talent throughout the field.

Hallsville hosted its annual junior high invitational on September 19, where the program showcased its depth and talent across the 7th and 8th grade divisions.

The **7th Grade Girls finished second as a team**, while the **8th Grade Girls earned a third-place team finish**. Hallsville runners also recorded several impressive individual results.

**Laila Haskins** led the way with a **first-place finish**, followed closely by teammate **Meli Trejo**, who finished second. **Sophia Jeansonne** added a fourth-place finish, while **Harper Cohagen** placed 14th.

Additional Hallsville runners included **Averie Curry**, who finished 21st, **Dylan Hooker-Juarez** in 24th, and **Adeline Bailey** in 33rd.

The success at the home invitational was just one highlight of an outstanding season for Hallsville Junior High Cross Country.

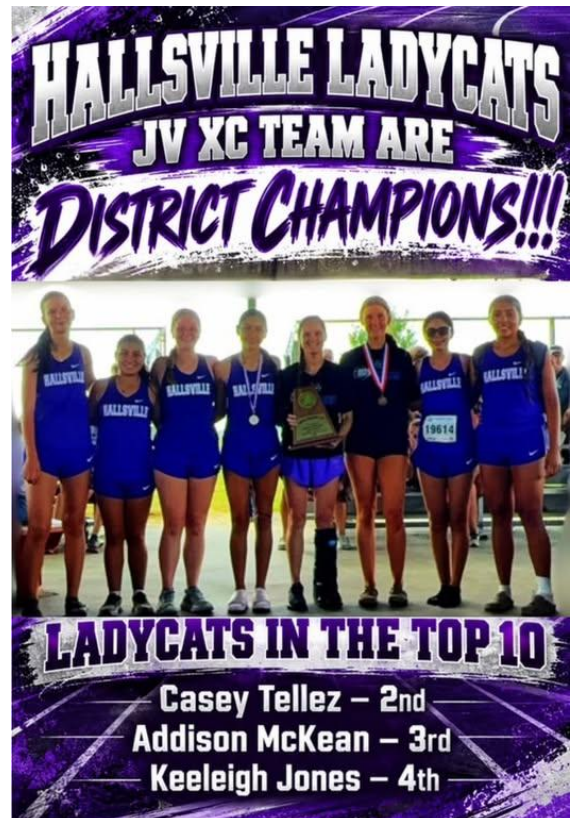
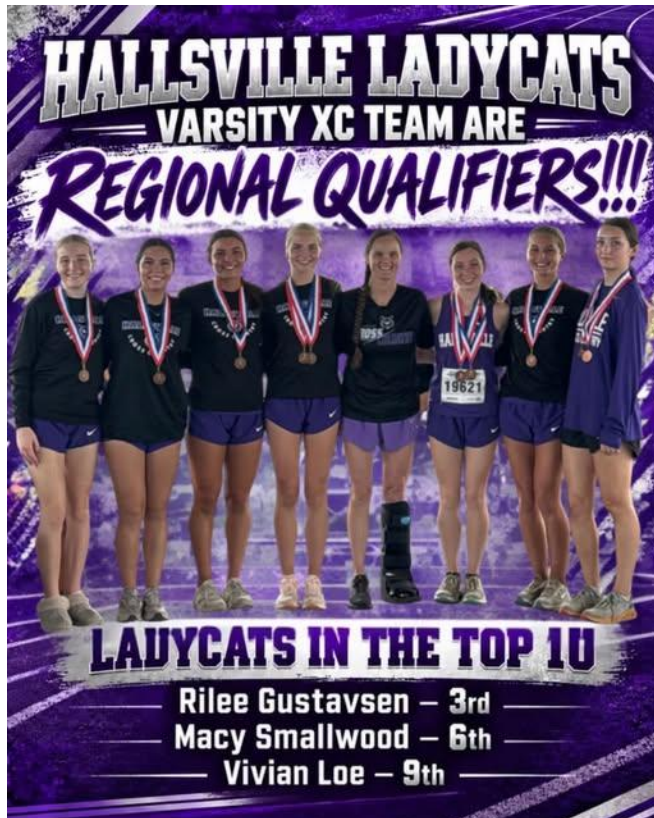
### District Championships

Varsity Girls Finish 3rd



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JV Girls Finish 1st  
Varsity Boys Finish 2nd  
JV Boys Finish 2nd





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HALLSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

# REGIONAL QUALIFIERS



Varsity Boys

## DISTRICT RUNNER-UP

2ND PLACE • UIL 5A DISTRICT 10

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### **Bobcats Sweep District Championships**

Hallsville Junior High capped its successful season by claiming **both the boys and girls District Cross Country Championships**.

Winning district championships in both the boys and girls divisions is a significant accomplishment and reflects the commitment of the student-athletes, coaches, and families who continue to support the program.





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### 🏆 COACH OF THE MONTH WINNERS 🏆

Congratulations to our September Coach of the Month winners!

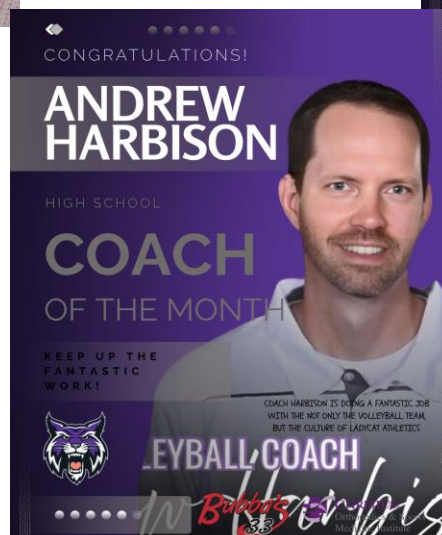
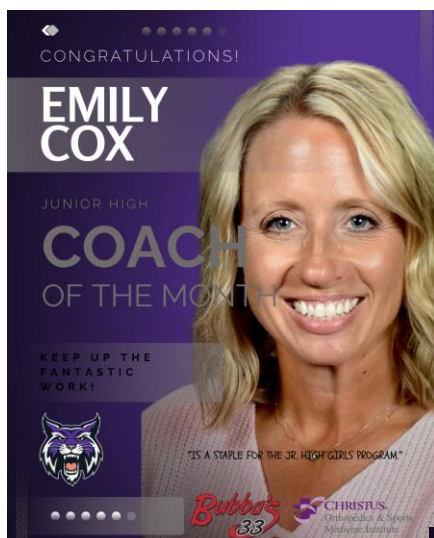
👉 Clinton Farrell — High School

👉 Andrew Harbison — High School

👉 Emily Cox — Junior High

All three were recognized by their peers for their hard work, leadership, positive attitude, and dedication to our student-athletes.

We appreciate what you do for Bobcat Athletics! 🐾💜

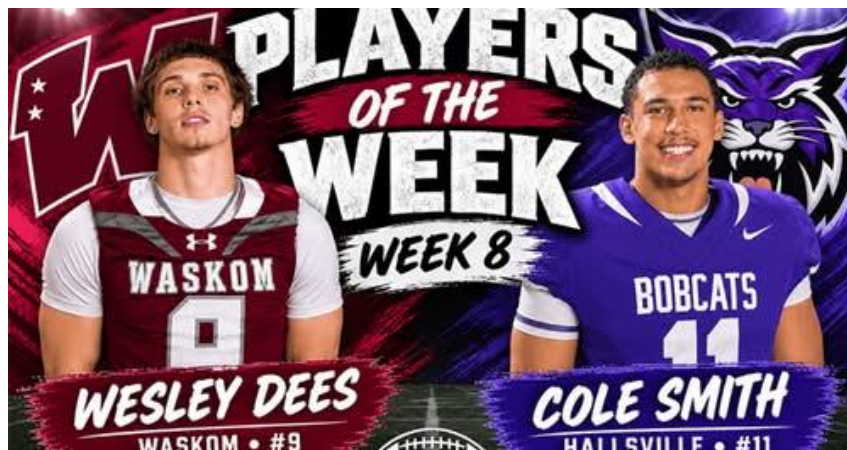




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### Bobcat Football

The team earned two thrilling victories this past week, battling through an overtime thriller against Marshall before securing a resounding victory over Nacogdoches!



### Bobcat Swim

Hallsville Swimming kicked off the season with a strong showing at its first meet! The Bobcat boys finished 3rd overall, while the Ladycats took 5th, combining for an impressive 3rd-place overall finish! 🏊 🏊 Go Bobcats!

