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COURTSIDE REPLAY

Game balls

Boys

Fernando Garcia and **Will May, Colleyville Covenant**: The 6-foot-4 posts each scored in double figures as the Cougars knocked off North Texas Basketball Academy 67-47. Garcia scored a team-high 21 points, while May added 18 for Covenant (8-7).

Drew Allen, Cooper Land and **Jordan Alexander, Marcus**: The trio scored 44 of the Marauders' 54 points as Marcus overcame an early deficit to beat Mesquite 54-43.

Tommy Smith, Fort Worth Christian: The Cardinals' leading scorer helped them win a back-and-forth game 52-50 at Brock. Smith intercepted a late Brock pass, which forced Brock (9-6) to foul Smith. He made both of the foul shots, and despite a late Brock 3-pointer, the Cardinals (11-6) held on.

Girls

Brooke Shepherd, Argyle: The junior guard scored a team-high 26 points for the Lady Eagles, with 10 points coming in the first quarter and 16 in the third. She had also three steals.

Porche Torrance, Colleyville Heritage: The junior had 12 rebounds, 11 points, five assists and four blocks. The Lady Panthers scored only 14 first-half points, but pulled away for the 45-28 win over Grapevine.

Shaunice Orabo, Trinity: The junior guard scored 12 of her 20 points in the second half as the Lady Trojans (10-6, 2-0) beat Grand Prairie 46-22 in District 6-5A play.

By the numbers

51 Margin of victory for the Bedford Christian boys over Trinity Baptist in their 76-25 win. Bedford Christian has back-to-back blowout wins in its tournament, as it beat Gospel Center 79-35 on Thursday.

22 Offensive rebounds for the Argyle girls in their 65-40 win over S&S Consolidated.

9 Colleyville Heritage players who scored in the Panthers' 75-35 win over Irving Nimitz.

8 Fossil Ridge Lady Panthers who dressed out and played in their 58-40 win over Denton Ryan. Coach Stacy Henson said everyone stepped up, as the team was missing three players - two due to injuries.

Buzzer beaters

Down by three with seven seconds remaining, Flower Mound's Candace Brown was fouled on a made layup and hit the foul shot to force overtime. In the extra period, Flower Mound

(8-7, 1-1) made 6 of 7 free throws to beat Plano East (13-4, 0-2) 66-62.

The Keller boys bounced back from Tuesday's lopsided loss to Bowie. Led by Logan Pounders' 16 points, the Indians (5-9) upset Flower Mound (10-6) 43-36 at home.

Fossil Ridge girls coach Stacy Henson said she had nothing to complain about her team's 58-40 win over Denton Ryan, even though the Lady Panthers' leading scorer Whitney Cormier couldn't get her shots to fall. "The good news is others stepped up," Henson said. "It was a great team effort." Guard Ellie Torres led Fossil Ridge with 20 points, while Vanessa Hammonds added 12 points and eight rebounds. Cormier, who scored six points, did have nine rebounds and four steals.

Carroll's Kristi Eveland led a trio of Lady Dragons who scored in double figures in a 67-32 win over Richland in District 5-5A play. Eveland had a game-high 20 points, including four 3-point shots.

Power rankings

Fort Worth Christian, the top team in the *Star-Telegram's* Class 3A/others girls poll, held rank over No. 4 Lake Country, as the Lady Cardinals (13-5) won 68-58 on the road. This is Fort Worth Christian's second win over Lake Country (15-7) this season; the Lady Cardinals won the first meeting 59-51 in the third-place game of the Colleyville Heritage Tournament. Three Lady Cardinals scored in double figures, including point guard Kat Kundmueller (12 points), who scored more than 10 points for the first time this season. Coaches said Kundmueller has improved in finding and taking more shots, though she is a pass-first guard.

District play

Girls

Both Carroll (10-7, 2-0) and Fossil Ridge (11-5, 2-0) graduated post players and rely on their guards for scoring and controlling games. The two playoffs teams from 2004 will meet at Fossil Ridge at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Boys

The pre-district hasn't been too friendly to District 5-5A, as only three teams have winning records. Two of those teams -- Haltom (8-5) and Grapevine (8-5) -- will play at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Grapevine.