

# 2018 History

## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Volleyball

Blue 3, Red 0

Blue	25	25	25	
Red	19	21	21	

*Blue – Kiki White 4 digs, Lisa Gonzalez 6 digs, 11 assists, 2 aces, 1 kill, Katie Robinson 2 digs, 3 kills, 1 block, Katie Sirman 3 digs, 5 kills, 2 blocks, Sarah Richmond 7 digs, Katie Henrichs 2 digs, Hope Hoelscher 1 dig, 4 kills, 2 blocks, Madison Steen 5 digs, 2 kills, 1 ace, Bailey Keith 7 digs, 1 ace, 14 kills, 1 block, Jacey Moore 3 kills, 4 blocks, Madison Rohre 7 digs, 17 assists, 2 kills, 2 aces*

*Red – Gentry Munden 13 digs, 6 kills, Angel Martinez 2 digs, 9 assists, 1 ace, Haley Vaughn 3 digs, 1 kill, 10 assists, 2 aces, Morgan Claxton 1 dig, 2 kills, 1 block, Sydney English 1 dig, Brenea' Lewis 6 digs, 4 aces, Mia Pokluda 4 digs, 7 kills, 2 assists, 3 blocks, Reanna Miller 7 digs, 1 ace, Kayla Lansford 5 kills, Marquisah Houston 1 dig, 1 block, Abby Chiles 4 digs, 3 kills*

## Blue sweeps Red in Victory Bowl volleyball match

Tim Waits, Temple Daily Telegram

WACO — Volleyball players who were once rivals on opposite sides of the net not only found common ground as teammates, but made friendships along the way this week. But there was still a competition to be played Saturday afternoon at Waco University in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Super Centex Victory Bowl volleyball match, showcasing graduated seniors from throughout greater Central Texas. The Blue team — consisting of players from Academy, Rogers, Jarrell and Salado — swept the Red team featuring players from Troy and Central Texas Christian 25-19, 25-21, 25-21. “This has been wonderful,” said Rogers middle blocker Hope Hoelscher, who will play this fall at Mary Hardin-Baylor. “We had players from Academy and Jarrell. We used to be enemies, but we came together in a Christian environment and became close and learned to love each other as sisters.” Live Oak power hitter Bailey Keith was a dominant offensive force and earned MVP honors. Troy setter Angel Martinez, who played for the Red team under Troy coach Rachel Melancon, won the Molly Martinson “Braveheart” Award given to the player who displays character, perseverance and enthusiasm for Jesus Christ during Bowl week. “This means a lot,” said an emotional Martinez, who will play for Mountain View Community College in the fall. “This game was so much fun. I wish we could have played five sets. We all had great chemistry and no drama.” Blue got off to a strong start in the

opening set, with Hoelscher converting a block and Academy's Kenidi White scoring on a tip as Blue opened a commanding 19-7 lead. Red made a late charge but couldn't overcome the deficit. The second set was more tightly contested, with the Red trailing 10-8. However, Blue gained some separation by getting successive scoring tips by Lorena's Jacey Moore and some points at the net from Hoelscher and Keith to go up 19-12. Red ran off five straight points to get back in striking distance, but White collected three kills and an ace down the stretch to close it out for Blue. "We all came from different backgrounds and learned a lot of things," said White, who will play basketball at McLennan Community College next year. "It was so much fun being able to let loose and express ourselves like we never have." The third set was the closest, with eight ties and four lead changes. Abby Chiles of CTCS delivered a kill to give Red a 9-6 advantage. Hoelscher was good for back-to-back kills to tie it at 9 but a missed served, and Martinez followed with an ace to put Red ahead 11-9. Blue gained a 12-11 edge after Hoelscher put away an overpass, and White followed with a kill. Blue took over for good following a Red receiving error off a serve from Jarrell's Lisa Gonzalez at 17-16. Salado's Katie Robinson and Academy's Katie Sirman also contributed for the Blue team, which was coached by Robinson's Kelsi Reynolds. "This was really awesome, but at first it was awkward," said Gonzalez, who will play for Temple College this fall. "But we just started taking turns sharing our faith in God. We praised God all week."

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### 10th Annual Football

Blue 27, Red 26

Blue	0	10	20	27
Red	0	0	20	26

*First quarter*

*Second quarter*

B – Branch 19 yard run, XP good by Ojeda

B – Ojeda 20 yard field goal

*Third quarter*

R – Wyatt 13 yard run, XP good

R – Wright 66 yard run, XP good  
 R – Wright 54 yard run, XP good  
 B – Long 27 yard pass by Pearson, XP good by Ojeda

*Fourth quarter*

R – Bible 13 yard run  
 B – Long 20 yard pass from Giddens, XP good by Ojeda

	Blue	Red
Rushes – Yards	34 - 155	28 - 146
Completions – Attempts – INTs	18 – 33 - 0	8– 19 - 0
Passing Yards	272	102

**Individual statistics**

*Rushing*

Blue – Gage Pearson 3 - -13, Charles Giddens 9 - 85, Ulises Ramierez 5 - 9, Kolbe Branch 2 - 3, Colin Highfill 2-14, Marc Gutierrez 12-56

Red – Wyatt Young 8 - 31, 1 TD, Courtney Hewitt 21– - 16, John Anderson 3 - 23, Ozias Wright 11 – 106, 2 TD’s, Garrett Dutschmann 3 – 14, Hayden Haire 1 - -12

*Passing*

*(comp – att – yds – td – int)*

Blue – Gage Pearson 11-14-154-0-0, Charles Giddens 7-18-118-3-0, Colin Highfill 0-1-0-0-0  
 Red – Courtney 3-6-63-0-0, John Anderson 4-9-33-0-0, Ozias Wright 0-1-0-0-0, Hayden Haire 1-3-6-0-0

*Receiving*

Blue – Bryce Ranes 4-85, John Laxton 1-6, Kolbe Branch 1-19, Jamal Long 8-129,2 TD’s, Jacob Peoples 1-13-0-0-0, Max Woytek 1-4-0-0-0

Red – Wyatt Young 1-6, SirDautrel Bible 2-8, Ty Culp 3-47, Marshall Fish 1-9, Davion Carter 1-32

**BLUE**

*Tackles:* Caden Costa 2, Joshua Walker 7, Koby Smith 4, Braydon Morrow 1, Brandon Pierino 3, Zach Karnowski 4, Logan Bellinger 1, Anfernee Bookout 1, Zarek Roberts 1, Myles McGruder 2, Colin Highfill 2, Jayden Bishop 6, Branson Armstrong 2, Jacob Peoples 1, Anakin Sullivan 2, Austin Lee 1, Lowisley Ojeda 1, Stacey Guerrero 1

*Sacks:* Joshua Walker 1, Zach Karnowski 2, Anfernee Bookout 1

*Interceptions:* None

**RED**

*Tackles:* Joseph Lowe 1, Ty Culp 4, Chase Hill 2, Jacob Smith 8, Benjamin Muniz 5, Wyatt Young 6, Nasario Rosas 1, Jared Stellbauer 4, Clay Riddle 2, Clutch Cleveland 3, John Anderson 1, Katerius Douglas 2, Markavion Thompson 2, Cooper McCauley 4, Julio Delgado 2, Terry Murphy 4, Joaquin Martinez 3, Chad Pajestka 3, Collin Drain 2, Mason Howell 1, AJ Harris 1, Justin Trussell 1

*Tackles for loss:* None

*Sacks:* Wyatt Young 2, Alex Parsons 2

*Interceptions:* None

## Prayer answered: Late TD pass lifts Blue over Red, 27-26, in 10th annual Victory Bowl

By BRICE CHERRY [bcherry@wacotrib.com](mailto:bcherry@wacotrib.com)

For a moment, it looked like a game sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes would be won on a Bible drill. Then, in the next moment, it was won on a prayer. Methodist Children Home's Sir Dautrel Bible scooped up his own team's fumble and scooted 13 yards for the go-ahead touchdown with 6:17 to play, lifting the Red team to its first lead of the night. But Blue kept calm and mounted one final miracle. With four seconds to play, Blue quarterback Charles Giddens launched a high, heaven-nuzzling pass toward the end zone, and his receiver Jamal Long of Hillsboro climbed the ladder to bring in the TD pass. The ensuing extra point by Milford's Lewisley Ojeda pushed the Blue to an entertaining 27-26 win in the 10th annual Super Centex Victory Bowl on Saturday night at Waco ISD Stadium. Midway through the third quarter, the Blue team seemed destined for a rare blowout in the decade-old all-star game, holding a commanding 17-0 lead. But the Red began to rally by wisely putting the ball in the hands of one of the most turbo-cleated players on the field, Shoemaker scatback Ozias Wright. Wright dialed up one of the most electrifying plays of the night when he took a handoff and darted right, only to cut back to the left, where a wall of blockers helped spring him for a sweet 66-yard touchdown run. The Red squad missed the kick, but they suddenly had new life, trailing just 20-13 with 11:39 to play in the game. The Red defense then forced a quick three-and-out, and the rejuvenated offense constructed another scoring march. They went 54 yards in eight plays, capped off by Wright's second TD run of the quarter, this time from three yards out. Like the waves of the Red Sea, the momentum was completely with the Red team, coached by Temple's Scott Stewart. The defense forced another three-and-out, giving the ball back to its offensive unit with 6:58 to go. On the team's second play, Hillsboro's Courtney Hewitt fired a bullet over the middle to Temple's Ty Culp. But as Culp broke toward the middle of the field, a Blue team defender shot in and punched the ball loose, and Bible found himself at the right place at the right time. The Methodist Children's Home standout hauled in the ball off the bounce and motored the final 13 yards into the end zone for the score, lifting his team to a 26-20 lead with 6:17 on the clock. After another three-and-out, Blue seemed dead in the water. But Marty Herbst's squad rose up like Lazarus in the end. They got the ball back with 1:48 to go, and immediately tried a trick play, a reverse pass that the Red squad blew up with swarming pressure on the passer. Two subsequent incomplete passes later, Giddens and Long connected for a huge 16-yard conversion for the first down. Giddens continued to work the middle of the field to Long and Copperas Cove's Bryce Ranes, adeptly scrambling to elude a steady pass rush. Finally, the quarterback tossed one last 20-yard pass that Long snagged out of the sky and came down with in the end zone with four seconds left, sparking a wild celebration by the Blue. Giddens picked up the Bob McQueen Offensive MVP honor, while his Blue teammate, linebacker Joshua Walker of University, was the Defensive MVP. The game started sluggishly from an offensive standpoint, as the Blue team's Marc Gutierrez fumbled on the opening play from scrimmage and Red recovered. That sparked a trend, as the defenses ruled the opening stages of the game, stacking up the running game and controlling the line of scrimmage to provide heavy pressure on the quarterbacks. The first eight possessions of the game ended in either a punt or a turnover. Finally, in the second quarter, Giddens removed his jumper cables and gave the Blue squad a charge. On his first snap at quarterback, the recent Florence graduate faked a handoff and befuddled the defense on a 24-yard keeper around the right side. His next play provided a similar momentum surge, as he broke off 11 more yards on another scamper. With the running game established, the Blue sucked the defense in and beat them through the air. Giddens eventually lofted a 19-yard scoring toss to Fairfield's Kobe Branch, and with five minutes exactly left before the halftime break, the Blue held a 7-0 lead. They added a field goal before intermission and another score in the third quarter, when Crawford's Gage Pearson absorbed a big hit but still made an on-time delivery to Long for a 27-yard TD. That pushed the Blue lead to 17-0, and it seemed the game was headed for its first blowout since 2013, when the Blue squad won, 35-21. But Red, behind relentless defense from Hico's Jacob Smith, Walnut Spring's Ben Muniz and others, wouldn't go quietly. They began shutting the Blue offensive attack down, and Jonesboro's Wyatt Young finally put the Red squad on the board with a 13-yard TD jaunt with four minutes to go in the third quarter, starting the rally. Blue's win gave it a 5-4-1 lead in the all-time series.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Baseball

Red 8, Blue 6

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Runs
Red	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	8	8	8
Blue	0	2	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6

### Good times: Red edges Blue in Victory Bowl baseball game

By Josh Weaver

BELTON — Obviously, A.J. Gonzales didn't like watching over his shoulder as a ball he just pitched to Garrett Kilcrease was hit and sailed over the left-field fence for a two-run home run. The circumstances were different Friday night, though, and Gonzales couldn't help but grin. "It's not often I smile when I give up a two-run home run," said Gonzales, who recently graduated from Troy. "But, you know, it's just a fun environment. Best day ever over here."

Gonzales and his Red shirt-wearing teammates put together a two-run top of the eighth to scoot past the Blue team 8-6 in the third-annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Super Centex Victory Bowl baseball game at Mary Hardin-Baylor's Red Murff Field. It was the third consecutive win by the Red team — which won the inaugural event 9-2 and last year 14-4 — in the exhibition that features graduated seniors. But this edition, despite looking early like it would be a slugfest, tightened up down the stretch, with just two of the combined 16 hits coming after the fifth inning. Those knocks were courtesy of Gonzales, whose double to left-center field put runners on second and third with one out in the eighth, and Moody's Cody McNiel, whose two-run single to right scored Gatesville's Ryan Stovall and Gonzales to break a 6-all tie. "I didn't know where I wanted to try to hit it, but I went up there and was like, 'You know what? I'm going to try,'" said McNiel, who said his fondest memory from the last three days that also included daily devotionals and community service projects wasn't what turned out to be the game-winning hit. "The host family, probably. The host family was fun. I mean, it was a long drive because I had to go to Troy, but it was worth it. It was a nice family. Love the family."

Each player participating in the baseball game, softball game — which also was Friday night at UMHB — and Saturday's volleyball match and football game stayed with host families around Central Texas. Another forum for all involved to share their faith within the sporting landscape. Temple's Jonathan Flores and Belton's Aaron Krueger also played on the Red team. Holland's Nolan Groseclose and Jarrell's Hayden Boyd suited up for the Blue. Prior to the game, Blooming Grove's Taylor Drain was presented with the Gene Pemberton Servant's Heart award. Copperas Cove's Cameron Johnson struck out the side in the ninth for the save. Gonzales finished 2-for-2 with a walk. "Made a lot of new friendships. Met a lot of new people and, you know, we all grew close these three days,"

Gonzales said. “Even my host family. I hope I keep in touch with them. ”China Spring’s Carson Bell put Red on the board in the first with an RBI double, but Blue starter Matt Edgar from Florence kept the deficit there over the next two innings and his team scored four straight with two in the second and two in the third — on the homer by Kilcrease, a Kerens graduate — to grab a 4-1 lead. Red hit back in the fourth, scoring five runs on five hits to jump in front 6-4. Mart’s Jace Terry had an RBI single, Harker Heights’ Tre Martin popped a two-run single and Gonzales added an RBI hit in the frame. Blue got one back in the bottom of the fourth, and Groseclose tied it in Blue’s half of the fifth, dropping a base hit into left-center. “I always think I’m going to get a hit. The pitch was there and I just took a hack at it,” said Groseclose, who was grateful for the opportunity to play one final time and for the chance share a few days with like-minded athletes. “It’s just great getting out to serve the community and it felt good being able to be productive in society.”

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### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Softball

Blue 7, Red 4

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Runs
<b>Red</b>	0	0	0	3	3	3	4	4	4	4
<b>Blue</b>	2	2	3	3	3	6	6	6	7	7

## Blue prevails in competitive Victory Bowl softball game

By Daniel Zepeda, Temple Daily Telegram

BELTON — Aaron Kinney described Friday night’s game as having a playoff-like atmosphere, mainly because of the amount of talent on the field. It wasn’t far from the truth. The third annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Super Centex Victory Bowl softball game saw highlight-reel plays, plenty of offense and a competitive nature despite having no impact on the already ended softball season. Both the Red and Blue teams delivered quality performances, but ultimately it was Blue that prevailed 7-4 at Mary Hardin-Baylor’s Dee Dillon Field. “Coming out of batting practice, I told my team that this has a bit of a playoff atmosphere to it. There were a lot of people in the stands, a lot of talented

players on the field and there was a competitiveness to it that made it special,” said Kinney, who coaches at McGregor and was in charge of the Blue squad. “Each kid played to a high level. Everyone wanted to win tonight.”

The Blue team, which was a 14-5 winner last year, scored two runs in the first inning on a two-run double by Mildred’s Ally McKendree, before Red starting pitcher Kathryn Reed of Axtell recorded three straight strikeouts to end the frame. Arianna Perales of Waco University gave Blue a 3-0 advantage with a single that scored Rice’s Avery Carlisle in the third. The Red team found life in the bottom of the fourth when Hillsboro’s Marissa Hernandez reached on a base hit, and Copperas Cove’s Addison Cook singled her home. Cook eventually scored on an error by the catcher, and Crawford’s Kinnidy Markum tied the game at 3 with a base hit up the middle. “I think we were just seeing the ball better that second time through the lineup,” said Belton’s Bethany Edwards, who was 1-for-3 with a single for the Red squad. “It was a great atmosphere to have so many girls competing at a high level, especially since most of us haven’t seen live pitching in a while. Getting to play for the Belton community one last time was something I’ll always remember.” Blue responded with three runs in the sixth, all coming with two outs. Kyndal Moyer of Lampasas — who finished 2-for-4 with a pair of singles — reached on a base hit to left field, and Perales singled as well before Hewitt Midway’s Sophie Wideman hit a two-run triple to right field. McKendree followed with a single to center field that plated Wideman and put Blue up 6-3 lead. “It was intense out there, but it was definitely a fun intense,” Moyer said. “We all wanted to win, but ultimately we just wanted to have fun because this whole thing is about a bigger picture than just winning.” Both sides exchanged runs in the late going. Reicher’s Ana Watson walked to lead off the seventh and came around to score for Red after Markum was tagged out at second base trying to turn a single into a double. Blue got the run back in the top of the ninth thanks to an error at second base that allowed Perales to score after she reached on a single. Red threatened with two runners on in the bottom of the frame, but a strong throw home from Kerens second baseman Nia Brown beat Holy Trinity Catholic’s Lauren Carranza to the plate for the final out. Troy’s Marley Hilton allowed four runs on five hits while striking out four and went 2-for-3. Carranza finished 1-for-3, and Cook had two hits in two trips to the plate. “This game was a great example of what it should be,” Kinney said. “It was a chance for these girls to have one more good time with competitive players and show the community what we’re about. Hopefully tonight, they inspired some young girls to be a part of this game one day.”

## Inaugural Golf Tournament

### **Blue golf squad bests red in inaugural Victory Bowl golf tourney**

Staff report June 5, 2018

The blue team vanquished the red squad in the inaugural Victory Bowl golf tournament, which wrapped up Tuesday at Twin Rivers. The tournament, the latest addition to the Heart of Texas Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Victory Bowl week, was conducted in a team format, with boys and girls playing together. The blue squad was made up of Belton's Wyatt Weir, Gatesville's Jett Truss, Hamilton's Paige DeJong and Kodee Crouch, Jarrell's Timothy Handlos, Midway's Mason Mikeska, Salado's Jamie Rich and Shoemaker's Anthony Ybarbo. The red team was comprised of McGregor's Paige January and Alli Ainsworth, Midway's Austin May, Teague's Ben Whitaker and Kaitlin Villa, Valley Mills' Hunter Krumnow and Whitney's Juan Arredondo.