

## **Barracudas bring bite to Bell County Expo Center**

*After thrilling victory over Frisco, CenTex hosts San Angelo in home opener*

BELTON – Rumor has it a local angler caught a barracuda at Stillhouse Hollow Reservoir a few years back. And speaking of tall tales, it's even been said that Big Foot has been spotted in the woods surrounding Belton Lake.

Now, as unlikely as those two urban legends sound, there are two loosely related facts you can take to the bank. You can catch the CenTex Barracuda professional indoor football in the Bell County Expo Center for its 2008 home opener Saturday night. And in the process, first-year head coach Chris Duliban hopes to see his inspired squad takes another step toward becoming giants in the Intense Football League.

Last Saturday night in Frisco, the Barracudas (1-0) certainly grabbed everyone's attention with their thrilling 54-50 come-from-behind victory over the previously-unbeaten Thunder (3-1) in the Deja Blue Arena of the Dr. Pepper StarCenter. But now, CenTex will attempt to make a great first impression with the local crowd when the Barracudas host the San Angelo Stampede-Express in its 2008 Intense Football League home opener 7 p.m. Saturday.

"It's going to be electric at the Expo Saturday," Duliban said. "The team is determined to put on a good show for Central Texas. Conditioning played a big role in our victory over Frisco. There is no quit in these guys, so the fans will definitely get their money's worth."

The Stampede-Express (0-3) opened the season with three consecutive losses before getting an open week to try to regroup. In week one, San Angelo dropped its season opener to Frisco, 63-44, before losing its next two games to Louisiana and Corpus Christi by a combined score of 133-37. But Coach Duliban insists the Stampede could be trouble.

"They pose a problem with their unique approach on offense," Duliban said. "They come out in a deep shotgun and wide open offense. We must contain their quarterback while keeping pressure on him. Offensively, we must stay patient and take what they give us."

That's exactly what the Barracudas did against Frisco.

Although CenTex quarterback Bart Gloyd completed less than 50 percent of his passes, he did a great job of spreading the ball around to receivers Olan Coleman, Kendrick Wade, Reggie Smith and P.J. Williams. Wade hauled in three touchdown passes, while Coleman and Williams contributed one each.

"Bart has so much heart," Duliban said. "He just knows the game so well. I told him before the game that the team that made less mistakes would win the game, and he did a great job of not making mistakes. His poise and ability to shrug off adversity drove this team."

Smith led the team with five catches for 65 yards on offense, and picked off two passes on defense. Coleman added two more electric touchdowns on kickoff returns.

"Reggie had a great game on both sides of the ball," Duliban said. And what an amazing talent O.C. is, he's just a special guy. It is exciting to watch him play this game."

NOTES – The 2008 Barracuda home opener against San Angelo Saturday will be Magnetic Schedule Night at the Bell County Expo Center. The first 2,000 in attendance

will receive a free magnetic schedule featuring the CenTex Barracuda's road to the Intense Bowl. Halftime entertainment will be provided by the Barracuda Babes Dance Team, choreographed by instructor Krystyn Barnett.