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Travis seniors enjoying softball journey

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Three years ago Becca Rush and Rachel Webster had to be dragged kicking and screaming to attend Travis High School.

On Thursday the two senior softball players couldn't stop gushing about their experience.

Rush and Webster were two of the many kids at Austin High School who were zoned to attend Travis when it opened. They did not like the idea of starting over.

"We didn't really want to because we didn't want to lose our friends, come over here and start a whole new thing," Webster said. "It actually turned out to be a lot better than we thought."

A big reason for that is the fact the Tigers played their way into the playoffs this year – their second as a varsity team. They will play a first-round series against League City Clear Creek Friday and Saturday. The first game is 7 p.m. Friday at Clear Creek. The second game is 11 a.m. Saturday at Travis. If a third game is needed it will follow the second game.

Travis is District 23-5A's No. 3 seed. It reached that point after beating Austin, 2-0, with three games left in the regular season. Austin won both meetings between the teams last year the first meeting this year. The Tigers needed a diving catch by Kaitlyn Jones with two outs in the seventh to get it, but that only made the victory sweeter.

"That pretty much makes the season," Webster said. "It was great to show them we can start something new and be just as good as everyone else."

The Tigers hope to add further proof this weekend by beating Clear Creek, which beat Travis via the mercy rule last season. Rush said she expects the Wildcats to underestimate the Tigers.

"We didn't have half the team we have now," Rush said. "They're definitely going to take us lightly. I'm excited because we're probably more prepared than they are because of that."

Webster said playing with confidence will be the biggest key to victory. Without it, she said, their stout defense and the usual above average pitching from Alexis Estrada may not matter.

The Tigers have come a long way since Rush and Webster were sophomores. They said they don't plan for the fairy tale to end in the first round.

"The fact we made the playoffs is satisfying, but we're not done yet," Webster said. "If we go and win it will be like a cherry on top of everything. It will make the season even more exciting."

Softball playoffs schedule

Friday

Elkins vs. Brazoswood; 7 p.m. at Manvel

Austin vs. Clear Brook; 7 p.m. at Pearland Dawson

Travis vs. Clear Creek; 7 p.m. at Clear Creek

Saturday

Travis vs. Clear Creek; 11 a.m. (DH) at Travis

Monday

Fort Bend Baptist vs. Midland Christian; 3 p.m. at University Texas-San Antonio

Clements vs. Dickinson; 7 p.m. at Alvin High School

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