

SOFTBALL ROUNDUP

Austin edges Lady Tigers in season opener

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SUGARLAND—Heavy rains pushed back the opening day of the 2008 softball season. But those in attendance for Wednesday's Austin-Travis opener, it was well worth the wait.

The two Fort Bend ISD teams featured a pitcher's duel that was interrupted by a solo run in the third, which proved to be the difference as the experienced Lady Bulldogs edged Travis 1-0 in the District 23-5A opener at Lady Tiger Softball Field.

The lone run of the game came in the third off losing pitcher Alexis Estrada. Austin's Maya Jackson singled, stole second, reached third on a Courtney Shaw single and scored on Caitlyn Barnes' RBI base hit.

That was all Estrada allowed. She struck out five and scattered six hits over seven innings of work in Travis' first-ever varsity contest.

But Austin hurler Charly Dement took it one step further. She tossed shutout ball en route

to a complete-game three-hitter. She struck out seven and gave up two hits to Holly Berger and one to Maryssa Silva.

Recording the other hits for Austin were Dement, Breanna Hutchinson and Morgan Hawkins.

Lamar 11, Sealy 6

SEALY — Lamar exploded for 14 hits on a cold night en route to a non-district victory over Sealy Tuesday.

Elyssa Alvarado collected the win for the Lady Mustangs. She also powered two triples to pace an offense that saw every Lady Mustang in the lineup score.

JUNIOR VARSITY**Lamar 9, Sealy 3**

SEALY — Lamar got a solid balance of pitching and hitting in a non-district win over Sealy.

Winning pitcher Cassie Faucher fanned six and walked three in three innings of work.

Offensively, Faucher and Colleen Blinka each had RBIs and Lauren Vela added a single. Stealing bases were Blinka and Jenaya Lev.