

High School Softball Roundup

Lamar, Needville take different pathways to district opening wins

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Lamar Consolidated was pushed to the final inning, while Needville had an easy go of it in the opening games of District 24-4A and 24-3A softball play.

Lamar 5, Bay City 4

The Lamar overcame a quick 2-0 deficit to overtake Bay City in a rescheduled District 24-4A game at Lady Mustang Softball Field.

The Lady Mustangs delivered nine hits, including a 3-for-4 effort from Marissa Thome, who drove in a run and scored a run.

Bel Ramos was 2-for-3 with a double, triple and 2 RBIs. Adding doubles to the cause were Megan Elledge and Elyssa Alvarado.

Alvarado went the distance on the hill for Lamar to get the win. She struck out five and walked five.

Needville 15, Royal 0

NEEDVILLE — Needville scored 10 runs in the first inning and went on to run-rule Royal in three innings in Wednesday afternoon's District 24-3A opener.

The Lady Jays ripped Royal pitching for seven hits and walks and errors contributed to the blowout. Knocking in runs were Becca Rademacher, Lenzie Leonhardt, Lacey Bosak, Shelby Parham and Cally Falls.

Falls did not allow a hit in

three innings of work to get the victory.

Foster 8, Seven Lakes 0

Foster captured its district opener with relative ease, routing Seven Lakes.

Pitcher Keely Shuler went the distance, tossing a three-hit shutout.

The offense pounded Lady Spartan pitching for nine hits, two each from Emily Bledsoe and Tiffany Rodriguez.

Kempner 3, Travis 1

SUGAR LAND — Kempner's Lauren Bates struck out 11 and allowed just one hit in a 3-1 victory over Travis.

Alex Estrada took the loss for the Lady Tigers.

Austin 11, Hightower 0

SUGAR LAND — Austin bounced back from a close loss to Clements by blowing out Hightower Wednesday.

The Lady Bulldogs tallied four in the first on an RBI hit by Jessaca Spears, a wild pitch that plated Spears, a fielding error that plated Smaltz, and an RBI grounder by Melanie Arena.

A six-run third secured the win. Delivering RBIs were Maya Jackson (walk), Sarah Bair (hit by pitch), Courtney Shaw (sacrifice fly) and a bases-clearing hit by Charly Dement.

Clements 4, Austin 3

SUGAR LAND — Liz Paul al-

lowed just one hit en route to a Clements win over Austin.

The lone Lady Bulldog hit was a three-run homer by Sarah Smaltz in the top of the seventh that temporarily tied the game. Her bomb came after Charly Dement walked and Jessaca Spears was hit by a pitch.

In the bottom of the inning, Clements came back off Charly Dement, who came on in the fifth when starter Morgan Hawkins was forced to leave the game after fouling a pitch off her hand.

Flatonia Tournament

FLATONIA — East Bernard lost to Poth in the title game of the Flatonia Tournament.

In the 2-1 loss, errors paved the way to Poth runs in the bottom of the sixth and ninth innings.

Courtney Repka went the distance, striking out 13 and allowing three hits.

Liz Reyes was 2-for-4 and Haley Dawson drove in the only Brahmarette run with a sacrifice fly in the first.

East Bernard reached the finals with 10-0 and 2-0 wins over St. Paul and Sacred Heart, respectively.

Samantha Wasek, Laura Kubes and Paula Lopez each had two hits in the two wins.

Repka took the hill in both games and threw a combined 10 innings, striking out 22 and allowing just two hits.