

Varsity Softball Roundup

Lady Jays clip Columbia; Austin takes pair

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Needville 3, Columbia 1

WEST COLUMBIA — In a showdown between ace pitchers, Cally Falls outdueled Cassie Newsome as Needville scored two runs in the eighth and held on to edge state power Columbia in Friday night's District 24-3 showdown at Lady Neck Softball Field.

In the eighth, Becca Rademacher (2-for-4) singled and Alyssa Rodriguez (2-for-4) bunted her way on. An errant throw on the play got Rademacher to third, and she scored on Shelby Parham's infield single. A throw to third was wild, allowed Rodriguez to score.

Falls gave up a Kiara Bonner single and walked Shelby Poff. After a sacrifice got runners in scoring position, Falls struck out Natalie Rodriguez and got Kayla Avirett to line to right to end the game.

Falls went all eight innings, allowing just three hits and

striking out nine.

The Lady Jays took a 1-0 lead in the first when Rodriguez singled, stole second and scored on a base hit by Parham (3-for-4).

But Columbia tied it in the fifth when Kylie Kotis tripled and scored on an errant pickoff attempt.

Austin 5, Travis 4

SUGAR LAND — Jessaca Spears delivered a walk-off home run, her second of the game, to lead off the bottom of the seventh, giving the error-prone Lady Bulldogs a win over Travis Saturday at Lady Bulldog Field.

Down 4-2, Austin tied the game in the sixth. Erin Cassani singled and Caitlyn Barnes reached on an error to score Cassani. Maya Jackson then singled in Barnes.

Travis (4-5) took a 4-1 lead in the second, thanks to three Lady Bulldog errors. Alexis Estrada walked, Ligia Bolivar singled and Kim Pepper reached on an error, scoring Estrada.

After Kaela Bilodeau reached

on a throwing error, Holly Berger singled in both Pepper and Bilodeau. But the Lady Tigers went on to strand 13 base runners in the game.

Austin got one run back in the bottom of the inning when Spears homered off Alexis Estrada. Spears also doubled in a run in the first.

Austin 3, Kempner 2

SUGAR LAND — Austin scored in the bottom of the sixth to edge Kempner in a District 23-5A game Friday night at Lady Bulldog Field.

With two out, Morgan Hawkins tripled in Breanna Hutchinson with the go-ahead run. Hawkins then retired Kempner in the seventh to secure the win.

After Kempner scored a run in the top of the first, Austin tied it when Courtney Shaw singled, went to second on a passed ball and scored on a Jessaca Spears single.

Kempner took a 2-1 lead in the third thanks to two errors, but Austin tied it in the fifth on two

errors, the second of which allowed Maya Jackson to score.

Travis 5, Dulles 1

Travis scored four runs in the fifth to break a tie and defeat Dulles Friday night at Lady Tiger Field.

The Lady Tigers had 10 hits, getting RBI hits from Holly Berger in the first and fifth innings. Also in the fifth, Becca Rush delivered a bases-clearing triple.

East Bernard 2, Van Vleck 0

VAN VLECK — Courtney Rêpka struck out 18 and allowed just two hits in blanking Van Vleck on the road Friday night.

The Brahmarettes (13-2-1, 3-1 in district) got an RBI single from Liz Reyes and a 2-for-3 effort at the plate from Samantha Wasek.

Van Vleck 5, Brazos 4

WALLIS — Van Vleck scored in the sixth off Victoria Morris to edge Brazos.

Leading hitters for the Cougarettes were Morris, Brittany Fischer, Christina Fischer and Brittany Sheets.