

## Wildcats, Lady Cats blitz Bonham

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It was an unlucky night for the purple Warriors Friday.

Bonham teams got blasted by a combined total of 13-0 in two soccer district matches held at Gerald Prim Stadium.

Lady Cats 9,  
Bonham 0

The Sulphur Springs won their 15th game of the year, and sixth game in district taking a 9-0 victory over Bonham.

“This did it, we clinched a playoff berth,” said Jesus DeLeon, Sulphur Springs girls head soccer coach.

DeLeon designated Jessica Santana as the Player of the Game as she scored twice and added two assists.

Other standouts in the game include: Grace Grafton with two goals, one assist; Esmeralda Sanchez scored twice; Madison Ramirez had one goal, two assists; Sha’nequa Cash and Iris Gutierrez and one goal each; Kinzi Irving had two assists with Estrella Resendiz adding one assist.

Sulphur Springs had nine goals from 37 shots.

Goalkeeper Emily Hurley had a perfect night two saves for a shutout.

Esmeralda Sanchez got the scoring started less than five minutes into the game with a shot to the net off a rebound of Grafton’s close range try.

Cash cashing in a scoring chance with 19:40 left in the first half with a goal off her knee from an assist by Madison Ramirez to make it a 2-0 lead.

That goal started a flurry of points by the Lady Cats which would continue until intermission. Sulphur Springs went on scoring outburst with Grafton tallying two goals, Esmeralda Sanchez, Madison Ramirez, Santana and Gutierrez all scored to make it an 8-0 lead as the first half ended.

The second half saw both teams got the bench for reserves.

Sulphur Springs got a goal from Jessica Santana and the game ended with the Lady Cats taking the 9-0 win.

Wildcats 4,  
Bonham 0

The boys game was a one-sided rout as well with less scoring, but still Sulphur Springs dominated the contest.

Samuel Gallegos had an outstanding game with two goals. Also scoring were Leo Sanchez, Brian Dela Rosa with assists coming from Ryan Watson, Tanner Ramirez and Josh Foster.

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The Warriors and Wildcats battled for also 28 scoreless minutes until the game had a score.

The second half began with Sulphur Springs holding a 1-0 lead.

But more goals were on the way for the hometown team. They continued to dominate play and win most contests for possession.

Gallegos, Leo Sanchez and Andy Green each had shots of goal sail off target. But the Wildcats were getting warmed up.

On the fourth scoring try of the second half, Sulphur Springs found the net. Dela Rosa beat a double team and split defenders to the goal, kicking the ball past the keeper with 29:14 left in the game. Watson came up large with an assist as the score shifted now to 2-0 in favor of Sulphur Springs.

Bonham had a shot on goal, but the try was saved by keeper Moises Torres with 25:13 left.

Gallegos then found his shooting touch.

First he zoomed in close and drew out the keeper, he skillfully poached the ball over the head of the last defender and into the net. The goal came with 16:26 left to play.

Gallegos scored 80 seconds later for the final goal of the game. This time, Gallegos made a move to the keeper, faking out the Warrior for the score.

Sulphur Springs took the win by the 4-0 score and stayed in the thick of the district race.

The Wildcats will host Princeton for a Monday game with the JV beginning at 5:30 p.m. varsity to follow at 7:15 p.m. On Friday, Sulphur Springs will host district rival Paris at Gerald Prim Stadium.