

Wildcats, Lady Cats split with Paris

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The Paris Wildcats scored a 4-0 win Friday night at Sulphur Springs to get a firm hold on first place in District 19-4A with one game left.

Meanwhile in Paris, the Lady Cats continue their run to the playoffs with 3-0 win over the Lady Wildcats.

Paris 4,
Wildcats 0

The hometown Wildcats were celebrating Senior Night and began the game full of optimism that they might get a home win and move closer to the top of the standings.

Instead, Sulphur Springs was shutout by the visitors.

The activities began with pre-game honoring senior players - Brian Dela Rosa, Leo Sanchez, Josue Roque, Gino Medina, Ryan Wilson and Moises Torres.

"We played hard, you hate to lose any game, especially on Senior Night," said Andy Holt, Sulphur Springs head coach. "The seniors are a special bunch. They have been in and won lots of game and hopefully more to come this season. It was a tough loss for them. But we have to learn from it. The game had a playoff atmosphere, maybe it will help us prepare for the playoffs."

In the early going, Paris and Sulphur Springs exchanged saves on quick shots. Sulphur Springs seemed in a hurry to keep up with the aggressive play of Paris. Torres saved a Paris scoring try with 33:40 left in the first half. But two minutes later, the visiting Wildcats got on the scoreboard.

Paris got a goal with 31:06 left on the first half clock to ease ahead 1-0.

Roque had to leave the game with an injury at this time with Josh Foster coming in to substitute for Sulphur Springs.

Watson had a good defensive play which quelled a possible goal by Paris.

The Wildcats from Lamar County padded their lead with a goal by off a rebound with five and half minutes left in the first half. The 2-0 lead for Paris, held up to be the score at intermission.

Paris extended their lead to 3-0 some 13 minutes into the second half. Play became spirited with several cards issued for rough play on the field.

Sulphur Springs surrendered another goal to fall behind 4-0 with 17:53 remaining in the game.

Scoring goals for Paris were Michael Cade, Josh Kirby, Jesus Ruiz and Blake Beshirs.

Sulphur Springs is tied with Princeton for second place in the district behind Paris. The next game for Sulphur Springs is against North Lamar on March 18 in Paris.

Holt added, "We need some time off to get well and reflect on the Paris game and what we want to do in the playoffs."

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Paris 0

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PARIS — The Sulphur Springs Lady Cats took a 3-0 road win in district action Friday night. “Grace Grafton got the scoring going early set up by Estrella Resendiz, the time game got more difficult after that as Paris played strong defense,” said Jesus DeLeon, Sulphur Springs Lady Cats head coach. “Sulphur Springs continued to press recording 15 shots. It wasn't until late into the second half that super sub Jessica Santana neatly finished a Madison Ramirez cross that the issue was settled. Esmeralda Sanchez added the final goal assisted by Sha'nequa Cash. The goal was Sanchez's team leading 19th of the year.”

The Lady Cats are 16-3-2 and will end the regular season March 20 at home against North Lamar for Senior Night.