

Sapaugh, Lady Cats blank Marshall

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MARSHALL — The Lady Cats did it with pitching.

After pounding out 11 runs to open the district and take a win over Pine Tree by the 10-run rule to begin district Tuesday, Friday's game at Marshall turned out to be the exact opposite.

Katie Sapaugh pitched a complete game shutout, striking out seven, walking one. She was on target in the game dominating from the circle. The southpaw pitcher threw 74 pitches, 57 for strikes in the rapidly played game.

She had 19 first pitch strikes and did not allow batters in the bottom two thirds of the Lady Mavs lineup a hit.

Sulphur Springs did all their damage early, striking for one run in the top of the first inning.

The rest of the game was scoreless.

The Lady Cats had other scoring chances and recorded nine hits in the outing.

Leadoff hitter Makayla Glosson set the table with three hits and scored the only run of the game. The speedy Glosson also swiped two bags.

Jaleigh Avery, slugging third baseman for the Lady Cats, had a double for the only extra base hit for the Lady Cats.

Kiara "Duke" Johnson, Sarah Womack, Molly Johnston, Haylee Chester and Melanie Ford all had singles.

The Lady Cats are 15-4-1 overall and 2-0 in district.

Marshall fell to 0-2 in district having lost to Texas High and Sulphur Springs.

The Lady Cats host rival Mount Pleasant Tuesday. The junior varsity game is at 4:30 p.m. followed by the varsity at 6 p.m.

"It was a tough win on the road. You have to win games like that when your not hitting the ball as well as you would like. Sapaugh pitched a great game and we played well defensively. I was proud of the way our girls kept there composure and played through it," said David Carrillo Lady Cats head softball coach.