

Wildcats, Lady Cats at Hallsville

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The Wildcats and Lady Cats both play games at Hallsville tonight under very different circumstances.

The Lady Cats have clinched a playoff berth and play at district leader Hallsville today at 6 p.m.

Both teams are already bound for postseason action and have their most important games ahead of them - in the postseason.

The game is just to finish out the regular season for both squads and won't affect the standings.

"The game is for pride," said David Carrillo, Sulphur Springs head softball coach. "We want to improve on our last game against them. We also want to going into the playoffs with a good game and we have been playing well lately."

The Lady Cats are 20-6-1 and have clinched second place in district.

Sulphur Springs has scheduled a warm-up softball game Friday at Lady Cats park against Mineola at 5 p.m.

The Wildcats, on the other hand, have a very important game at 7 p.m. in Bobcatland.

Hallsville, the top team in district and a state-ranked foe, stands in from of the Wildcats who need to get on a winning streak. Sulphur Springs is 2-5 in district, tied with Marshall in the standings.

Hallsville, 22-2, is leading the 14-4A race with a 6-1 record. Their lone loss was the Wildcats.

"Hallsville obviously is the best team in our district," said Jerrod Hammack, Sulphur Springs head baseball coach. "We have our work cut out of us. With that being said, we are going to fight to the end with no regrets. I believe these kids will leave it all on the field and that is all I can ask of them."

Hammack said he was unsure of the status of catcher Ryan Ferguson. The catcher was injured Friday prior to the contest against Texas High and was unable to play after getting struck by a ball in pre-game warmups. He left the field suffering from blurred vision. Carson Hicks filled in at catcher in the last game.

Ben Brooks will get the start on the mound for the Wildcats. Brooks saw a short relief stint in the loss to Texas High Friday.