

Bobcats blank Wildcats, 4-0

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HALLSVILLE — The Bobcats avenged an earlier loss to Sulphur Springs, downing the Wildcats, 4-0 here Tuesday in District 14-4A baseball action.

The 1-0 loss to Sulphur Springs on March 25 now is just a distant memory for the district-leading Bobcats.

The win moves the No. 8 state-ranked Bobcats to 23-2 for the year, 7-1 in district.

Sulphur Springs falls to 13-10, 2-6 in district competition.

“It was a disappointing night. Ben Brooks pitched well enough to win, but our Achilles heel hurt us again and that is the lack of timely hits,” said Jerrod Hammack, Sulphur Springs head baseball coach. “ Our kids put a lot of effort into it and I am disappointed for them that the results have not been what we had hoped.’

The loss was the third district defeat in a row for the Wildcats.

Sulphur Springs was no match for the pitching of the Bobcats Tuesday night.

Coby Weaver threw his second shutout game in just over a week. Weaver struck out 10, allowing three hits, issuing two walks and hitting one batter.

Hallsville scored early to control of the game and back up the pitching of Weaver.

Jacob Walker opened the game with first inning single. Macailyn Wilder doubled home Walker to give the Bobcats a quick 1-0 lead.

Hallsville padded the lead to 2-0 when Connor ripped a double to play Wilder.

Sulphur Springs pitching allowed the two-run, three hit first inning, but only surrendered three more hits the rest of the game.

The Wildcats had baserunners in the game, but were unable to score.

Carson Hicks was hit by a pitch to reach base. Larry Pryor beat the throw for a single. Ethan Phillips was retired on a pop fly and Garret Hood struck out and the chance to score disappeared.

The Bobcats scored two more runs in the bottom of the fifth frame. One run scored on a wild pitch, another on a throwing error.

Sulphur Springs was poised to break onto the scoreboard in the game, but a double play killed the possible uprising and the scoring opportunity.

Brooks took the pitching loss for the Wildcats. He allowed six hits, issued four walks, gave up four runs, striking one batter with a pitch and walking one.

Hammack said the Wildcats are “more than likely” out of playoff consideration in the district with two games left.

The Wildcats return home for their final action at Eagle Stadium.

Sulphur Springs will host Pine Tree on Friday. The junior varsity game is at 4:30 p.m. Senior night activities are planned at 6:45 p.m. with the game with the Pirates to begin around 7 p.m.

In recent sub-varsity action - the Sulphur Springs freshmen fell 9-0 to Hallsville.

Hits came from Jackson Kinsey, Willie Black and Michael Arnold. Heston Golightly pitched four innings. Silman and Arnold pitched one inning each for the freshmen.

The Wildcats JV lost Saturday to North Lamar 8-6, Cain Cody and Zack Terry pitched well. Cole Cooper drove in a run as well as Drew McCullough who hit a solo home run in the fifth.

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The JV lost to Hallsville 10-0 in seven innings. Drew Forsman pitched well. The Wildcats had five errors, coaches reported.