

Lady Cats fall on road, 5-3

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HALLSVILLE — The Hallsville Lady Bobcats wrapped up the District 14-4A softball title with a 5-3 win over Sulphur Springs Tuesday night.

The hometown Lady Bobcats had nine hits and scored five times to take the victory over the second place Lady Cats.

Sulphur Springs struck for two runs in the top of the first take the lead in the regular season finale.

But Hallsville came storming back scoring a single run in the bottom of the first and took the lead with three additional runs in the second to jump ahead 4-3.

Sulphur Springs was held scoreless the rest of the game, unable to get on the board.

Hallsville closed out the win with a lone run in the sixth inning to make the final, 5-3.

The loss dropped the Lady Cats to 20-7-1 overall and 7-3 in district.

Hallsville finishes the regular season as the district champion with a perfect 10-0 mark.

Hailee Hollan had a double, single and knocked in two runs for the Bobcats. Other top hitters for Hallsville were Julie Ann Rawls with two doubles, Emma Hawthorne added a double. Maddison McElroy also knocked in a run.

Cassidy Ferrill got the pitching win for Hallsville, striking out nine, walking three and giving up three runs on four hits. She threw 114 pitches, 69 for strikes. She threw a first pitch strike to 21 of the 29 batters she faced. Ferrill is 17-2 on the year.

Sulphur Springs had a tough night at the dish, managing just four hits in the district contest.

Makayla Glosson had a double and a single from the leadoff position. Kasey Moore had a single. Jaleigh Avery contributed a double and knocked in two.

Katie Sapaugh got the complete game loss, pitching all six innings.

She allowed five runs, just one of the runs was earned. She struck out four and allowed eight hits on the night.

Sapaugh threw 82 pitches, 52 were strikes. She threw first pitch strikes to 12 of the 27 batters faced.

The Lady Cats head into the playoffs against a foe to be determined.

“We played well, Hallsville is the No. 3 team in the state,” said David Carrillo, Sulphur Springs head softball coach. “They are very good, we contended with them. We just did not have enough hits. The team responded to the challenge I put before them. We made a better showing than our last game against Hallsville. I am encouraged by the way we played, even with the loss. Now we focus on the playoffs. I feel like we are playing well. We have two warm-up games set, the girls need to play games more than practice.”

Sulphur Springs will host a warm-up game Friday at 5 p.m. against Mineola.

The Lady Cats host Athens for a warm-up tilt also at 5 p.m. at Lady Cats softball park.