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Sports

Lady Indians make 'significant improvements'

From STAFF REPORTS

The Waxahachie Lady Indians brought home some hardware from the Byron Nelson Classic but it was not the hardware the Lady Indians went into the tournament looking for.

Waxahachie worked through pool play with a 2-1 mark Friday before entering the championship bracket on Saturday.

A 27-25, 25-8 loss to Keller Central to kick off action on Saturday sent the Lady Indians into the consolation portion of the bracket.

"They were huge, but with that comes new challenges. We played them close the first set, served tough and kept them out of system for a good part of the match. Courtney Miller did a good job serving with nine straight points," Waxahachie head coach Sandy Faussett said. "In

the second set we just couldn't get around their block and they took it up a notch passing well and using their big hitters."

Waxahachie edged Frisco Liberty 25-22, 25-18 in its first consolation game.

"We played well, had them down 20-9 at one point and then struggled with our passing game," Faussett said. "Kristen Cotten and Kate Praslicka led in kills with six each, Courtney Miller had four and Kristen Foster had three kills in six attempts with no errors, she also led the team in points with 10. Lacie Tucker has been doing a great job in the backcourt both on serve receive and defensively."

Tucker was 9-for-9 passing with six digs in the win.

In the consolation championship game the Lady Indians faced rival

Red Oak for the second time in as many tournaments.

The District 15-4A preview went the way of Red Oak 25-17, 25-22 sending Waxahachie home with the runner-up consolation trophy.

"We did not play with the same intensity and confidence that I saw in previous matches. We played well at times and then would let the mistake get to us and they would rattle off several points," Faussett said. "Against Red Oak, Kate led in kills with seven. Courtney Miller and Kristen Foster had four each. Lacie Tucker, Ashley Rosch and Kristen Foster all did a great job passing and playing defense."

In pool play Waxahachie defeated Aledo 19-25, 25-17, 25-20 before defeating rival Midlothian 25-23, 25-18. The lone pool play loss came against Magnolia 25-22, 25-14.

"This team has made some significant improvements since Tuesday of last week. The setters are coming on and learning the offense while getting better every day," Faussett said. "We are excited about our first district game tonight and looking forward to another tough tournament with great teams."

Lake Travis claimed the tournament championship with a win against Keller Central. Red Oak lost to Magnolia in the opening round of bracket play before Magnolia was defeated by Lake Travis. After Red Oak lost to Magnolia they rallied to defeat Hewitt Midway and Hereford to play Waxahachie in the consolation championship game.

Waxahachie plays host to Ennis tonight as both teams open District 15-4A action. With a nine-team district the district portion of the

schedule starts earlier this season.

The final tournament of the year for the Lady Indians takes place on Friday and Saturday. Friday the Lady Indians open pool play at 10:15 a.m. in the Arlington Invitational against Arlington Sam Houston at Arlington Lamar High School's court three. Waxahachie will compete in pool play with Northwest, LD Bell and Sam Houston. Bracket play begins at 9:15 a.m. Saturday.

Red Oak is also in the Arlington Invitational. The Lady Hawks play in pool 4 and could face one another late Friday in a challenge match before opening bracket play. Challenge matches determine the seeding in bracket play.

Waxahachie and Red Oak will square off in district play on Sept. 24 and Oct. 26.



AL East	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	77	48	.616	—
Tampa	77	48	.616	—
Boston	72	54	.571	5½
Toronto	65	59	.524	11½
Baltimore	44	81	.352	33

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	72	53	.576	—
Chicago	67	57	.540	4½
Detroit	62	63	.496	10
Kansas	53	72	.424	19
Cleveland	50	74	.403	21½

West	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	70	54	.565	—
Oakland	61	62	.496	8½
Angels	62	64	.492	9
Seattle	49	76	.392	21½

Monday's Games
Detroit 12, Kansas City 3
Toronto 3, N.Y. Yankees 2
Boston 6, Seattle 3
Texas 4, Minnesota 0
Tampa Bay 4, L.A. Angels 3

Tuesday's Games
Kansas City (Davies 6-7) at Detroit (Porcello 5-11), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Gonzalez 10-8) at Cleveland (Carmona 11-11), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Moseley 3-2) at Toronto (Rzepczynski 1-1), 7:07 p.m.
Seattle (Pauley 2-4) at Boston (Beckett 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Pavano 15-8) at Texas (C.Lewis 9-10), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Guthrie 7-12) at White Sox (Floyd 8-10), 8:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Davis 9-9) at L.A. Angels (Santana 13-8), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Kansas City (O'Sullivan 2-4) at Detroit (Galarraga 4-5), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 9-10) at Boston (Lester 13-8), 1:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 10-3) at L.A. Angels (Haren 1-4), 3:35 p.m.
Oakland (Cahill 13-5) at Cleveland (Talbot 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (P.Hughes 15-5) at Toronto (Cecil 10-6), 7:07 p.m.
Minnesota (Duensing 7-1) at Texas (C.Wilson 12-5), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Matusz 5-12) at White Sox (Buehrle 12-9), 8:10 p.m.

NL East	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	73	52	.584	—
Philadel.	70	54	.565	2½
Florida	62	61	.504	10
New York	62	62	.500	10½
Washing.	53	72	.424	20

Central	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	72	53	.576	—
St. Louis	68	54	.557	2½
Milwauk.	59	65	.476	12½
Houston	55	69	.444	16½
Chicago	52	74	.413	20½
Pittsburgh	41	84	.328	31

West	W	L	Pct	GB
San Diego	74	49	.602	—
San Fran.	70	56	.556	5½
Colorado	64	60	.516	10½
Dodgers	63	62	.504	12
Arizona	49	76	.392	26

Monday's Games
Chicago Cubs 9, Washington 1
Houston 3, Philadelphia 2
St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 2
Colorado 5, Atlanta 4
San Francisco 11, Cincinnati 2

Tuesday's Games
Cubs (Zambrano 4-6) at Washington (Lannan 5-5), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Norris 6-7) at Philadelphia (Hamels 7-10), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 17-7) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 7-12), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Jo.Johnson 11-5) at N.Y. Mets (Dickey 8-5), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Lilly 7-8) at Milwaukee (Bush 6-10), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (D.Lowe 11-11) at Colorado (De La Rosa 4-4), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (R.Lopez 5-11) at San Diego (Richard 11-5), 10:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tr.Wood 4-1) at San Francisco (Sanchez 9-8), 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta (Jurjens 5-4) at Colorado (Rogers 2-2), 3:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 3-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 5-4), 3:45 p.m.
Cubs (Dempster 11-8) at Washington (Marquis 0-6), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Happ 3-2) at Philadelphia (Halladay 16-8), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Westbrook 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Karstens 2-10), 7:05 p.m.
Florida (Sanabia 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 12-7), 7:10 p.m.
Dodgers (Kuroda 8-11) at Milwaukee (Ra.Wolf 10-9), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (J.Saunders 1-3) at San Diego (LeBlanc 7-11), 10:05 p.m.



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Finding gold in San Antonio

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The Canterbury Lady Cougars varsity volleyball team won the gold bracket at the 12-team Bracken Invitational Tournament this past weekend. The Lady Cougars won 14 of their 15 sets during the weekend, winning all seven matches and taking home the top spot. Kaitlyn Lucy (libero from Midlothian) led the team receiving MVP honors while Blase Saucedo (middle blocker from Palmer) and Victoria Bowens (outside hitter from Duncanville) were voted to the All Tournament Team.

Canterbury went 8-1 in sets on Friday taking first place in its pool and moving on to the gold bracket. On Saturday, the Lady Cougars opened up with a first round win over the fourth place team in the other pool before playing in the semi-final game against Class 2A Austin Waldorf. Canterbury defeated Waldorf 25-7, 25-23 to move on to the finals. The final game of the tournament was a rematch between Canterbury and Boerne Geneva. Canterbury took both games 25-23, 25-23 to go undefeated in matches for the weekend.

"The girls are starting to come together and our transition from offense to defense is beginning to flow a little smoother," said coach Scott Vaughan of his team. "Although three of our girls received individual honors, several more played well enough to be recognized as well. Seniors Mary Vaughan (Duncanville), Katy Fitzgerald (Duncanville) and Caitlin Pierce (Waxahachie) all had a great tournament and could have made the all-tournament team."

Juniors Kelsey Steuben (setter from Duncanville), Kyleigh Vaughan (Red Oak) and Vallery Mitchell (DeSoto) also played very well throughout the weekend. Sophomore Claire Metoyer (DeSoto) also saw plenty of action and is one of two sophomores on the team. Varsity players Emily Painter and Rachel Roberts also saw action on the varsity this weekend although they helped out the JV team in its quest to win the silver bracket champion-



Members of the tournament champion Lady Cougars volleyball team are, back row, Kaitlyn Lucy (Midlothian), Caitlin Pierce (Waxahachie), Blase Saucedo (Palmer), Rachael Roberts (Duncanville), Vickie Bowens (Duncanville), Katie Fitzgerald (Duncanville), Mary Vaughan (Duncanville); front, Kelsey Steuben (Duncanville), Emily Painter (Ovilla), Vallery Mitchell (DeSoto), Claire Metoyer (DeSoto) and Skyler Vaughan (Red Oak).

ship. The junior varsity team struggled in the Friday varsity pool, but responded well on Saturday by winning both of its matches against Class 2A varsity teams.

In the championship game the Lady JV Cougars won the first game against Central Texas before dropping game two.

Canterbury responded with a big game three, winning the silver bracket. Girls playing this past weekend for the junior varsity team

were Emily Painter, Rachel Roberts, Kaelin Adkins, Morgan Williams, Xzandria Henderson, Samantha Bowens and Aundrea Deacon.

The varsity team will be back in action this weekend at the Dallas Christian Tournament and then will be at home the following Monday to host district opponent Dallas Cambridge. The games on Monday, Aug. 30, start at 4 p.m. with the middle school A team followed by the JV team at 5 and varsity team at 6.

Rangers lose team no-hitter in ninth

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Texas Rangers flirted with the sixth no-hitter in the majors this season. Joe Mauer turned it into another near no-hitter.

Mauer became the fifth player this season to spoil a no-hit bid in the ninth inning, ruining the effort of starter Rich Harden and three relievers with a clean single off All-Star closer Neftali Feliz in the Rangers' 4-0 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night in a meeting of division leaders.

Rangers president Nolan Ryan threw two of his record seven no-hitters for Texas, and he was in the owner's box rooting for another one.

Then he saw Mauer, hitting .330, in the batter's box.

"When I looked at who was hitting in the ninth I worried about Mauer because he's a good hitter and with Feliz's fastball you feel like if he leaves a ball in the hitting zone that he's going to have a shot at it," Ryan said.

Harden, who was activated from the disabled list earlier in the day, went 6 2-3 innings before being lifted after throwing 111 pitches. Matt Harrison got the final out of the seventh. Darren O'Day pitched the eighth and Feliz got one in the ninth before Mauer broke through.

"I felt like I made a great pitch but he was able to make the adjustment and hit it," Feliz said through an interpreter.

Mauer broke up a no-hit bid by Gavin Floyd of the Chicago White Sox on May 6, 2008 with a one-out double in the ninth.

"We had some opportunities where Harden walked a couple guys and we just couldn't get that hit to get a couple runs across the board," Mauer said. "But you definitely don't want to get no-hit. It's nice to get a hit up there but we want runs."

Harden had the longest no-hit outing in Rangers history among starters who didn't finish the game.

Afterward, he was philosophical rather than angry.

"That's baseball," he said. "We had Feliz, who's one of the best closers in the game facing Mauer, who's one of the best hitters in the game. That's the way it goes."

Texas fell two outs shy of its first no-hitter since Kenny Rogers' perfect game against California on July 28, 1994.

There have been five no-hitters this season, including perfect games by Oakland's Dallas Braden and Philadelphia's Roy Halladay. The last no-hitter was Matt Garza of Tampa Bay against Detroit on July 26.

The home plate umpire Monday night was Jim Joyce. He was the first base umpire who made the incorrect call with two outs in the ninth inning that cost Detroit Armando Galarraga a perfect game.

The Twins went through a similar situation to Harden's on Aug. 15, when Kevin Slowey was lifted after seven innings without allowing a hit. Reliever Jon Rauch gave up a hit with one out in the eighth.

Harden (5-4) struck out six. His fifth walk was of Michael Cuddyer and it brought manager Ron Washington to the mound for a lengthy discussion. It wasn't until Joyce came to the mound, where the entire Rangers infield was already patting Harden on the back, that the pitching change was made.

"I wasn't going to sit around and let him throw 120 pitches out there," Washington said. "The seventh inning was going to be his last one anyway."

Day, a submarine-throwing right-hander, got a fortunate bounce for an out when Delmon Young's leadoff grounder in the eighth

ricocheted off first base. Rookie Mitch Moreland retrieved the ball and flipped to O'Day covering first.

Feliz had walked a batter in the ninth before Mauer broke up the no-hit bid.

Harden, who had been on the disabled list with shoulder tendinitis, walked the leadoff hitters in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings, but his infield turned double plays in the fifth and sixth.

Harden's last major league start was Aug. 7 at Oakland, taking the loss while allowing three runs in 2 1-3 innings. Harden showed he was ready to be activated when he allowed one run and struck out 10 in a six-inning minor league rehab start for Triple-A Oklahoma City on Wednesday.

David Murphy had a two-run triple in the first for the Rangers, who were returning from a 2-5 trip.

Murphy's triple was upheld by the umpiring crew when a video review clearly showed that the drive hit high on the center field wall and stayed in the ballpark.

Murphy's liner just eluded the glove of leaping Twins center fielder Denard Span, striking the top edge of the padding on the 8-foot wall and bouncing back toward the infield.

Murphy went to third standing up after Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero scored following infield singles.

Sudoku Solution #1906-D

9	7	5	6	1	2	3	4	8
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5	9	8	7	3	1	6	2	4
4	2	7	5	9	6	8	1	3
7	4	3	2	6	5	9	8	1
6	8	1	9	4	3	2	5	7
2	5	9	1	7	8	4	3	6

Sudoku Solution #1906-M

6	7	1	8	2	9	5	3	4
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1	8	5	6	9	2	3	4	7
4	6	3	5	8	7	9	1	2
9	4	6	1	7	8	2	5	3
8	3	2	9	5	6	4	7	1
5	1	7	2	3	4	6	9	8