

## Packing heat

Lady Badgers need just four innings to dispose of Lago Vista as sophomore pitcher collects no-hitter



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Sophomore pitcher Taylor Holloman picked up a no-hitter against Lago Vista Tuesday as the Lady Badgers ran away with a 15-0 shutout victory. Lampasas heads to Austin today for the Bowie tournament.

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Sophomore pitcher Taylor Holloman did not even bother playing the final innings.

In fact, none of the Lady Badgers did.

They did not have to. Thanks to a dominant performance from the lefty hurler and a heavy dose of hits from Lady Badger batters, Lampasas won via the mercy rule after taking just four innings to build a 15-0 lead against Lago Vista.

The victory improves Lampasas' record to 5-2 on the season with four victories coming on the arm of Holloman.

The Lady Vikings produced just two runners on the entire abbreviated evening with one coming by way of a walk and the other off an error.

While Lago Vista could not muster up a hit with Holloman on the mound, the Lady Badgers went berserk on offense, scorching the visitors for 14 hits.

Lead-off hitter Kalen Vann was perfect on the evening, going two-for-two at the plate and scoring four runs. Freshman Kady Crow raised her teammate by one, connecting on all three of her at bats.

Stacey Dickens tallied a pair of hits, scored three runs and batted in another two, while Jennifer Herron and Shelly Holcomb also recorded two hits each.

The victory comes on the heels of an impressive second-place finish at the Elgin Tournament where Lampasas went 4-1.

Today the Lady Badgers head to Austin where they will participate in the two-day Bowie tournament.

Lampasas' junior varsity squad did not compete against Lago Vista, but returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Leander prior to the varsity's game.

The junior varsity (1-2-1) throws out the first pitch at 5 p.m. while the varsity takes the field at approximately 7 p.m.



Kallen Vann slides in for a steal against Lago Vista. Offensively, the Lady Badgers had 14 hits, led by Vann's two-for-two performance. She also scored four runs in the game.

## Lampasas wraps up first half of district play against Killeen

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It might sound simple, but the Lady Badgers need to learn how to just chill out.

After playing to a 1-1 tie with Killeen Tuesday night, Lampasas tensed up and let the shootout slip away.

The final result put a damper on an otherwise impressive

performance by the Lady Badgers who now sport a 1-2-2 record in district play.

"They need to relax and play soccer," head coach Mark Guszak said. "Our girls were super tense on the shootout, and I think that was due to the pressure of playing at home."

Other than letting the jitters get the best of them during the shootout, Guszak was extremely

pleased with his squad's play.

"[They] played very well. [It] was one of the best games we played all year," the coach said. "I think this was a good game to build on. We had a great chance to win it, but we need to put that behind us and move forward."

Lampasas kicks off round two of its district schedule tonight against Hutto. The start is scheduled for 7:45 p.m.

Earlier this year, the Lady Badgers picked up their only district victory against the Lady Hippos, posting a four-goal shutout.

While it will be difficult to top the district-opening showing, Lampasas is displaying plenty of potential for the home stretch.

After dropping matches to district powerhouses Hendrickson and Lake Travis, the Lady Badgers are turning things around, just missing out on a pair of wins and settling for two ties in their most recent outings.

In each of the draws, goalie Liz Hawthorn has played an

instrumental role while team captains Kassie Carpenter and Angel Waters were important to the Lady Badgers' midfield defense against the Lady Roos.

Offensively, freshman Megan Mason scored Lampasas' lone goal against Killeen.

"We have five freshmen playing for varsity, and all are being asked to play key roles," Guszak said. "We are still not a very explosive offensive team, so we will need our defense to stay strong."

On the boys' side, the Badgers lost control during the second half, giving up a pair of goals after the break before losing 3-1 to Killeen.

The Roos struck first, scoring on a direct kick with 32:01 remaining in the opening half. Six minutes later, the Badgers responded with a goal of their own as leading-scorer Jan Ludewig eluded defenders and found the back of the net for the Badgers' only score.

Lampasas (1-3-1 district) opens the second half of district play tonight, traveling to Hutto (0-5-0) for a 7:45 p.m. kickoff.



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Freshman Megan Mason (8) weaves her way down the field during Tuesday's match against Killeen. Mason scored the only Badger goal in a 1-1 tie. The Lady Roos won the shootout.

### 2009 Lady Badgers Softball

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 17	Gatesville	Loss 4-7
Feb. 19-21	at Elgin Tournament	2nd 4W, 1L
Feb. 24	Lago Vista	Win 15-0
Feb. 27-28	at Austin Bowie Tournament	TBA
Mar. 3	Leander	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 5-7	at Seguin Tournament	TBA
Mar. 14	at Waco Midway (DH)	1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.
Mar. 20	at Hutto	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 24	at Hendrickson	7:00 p.m.
Mar. 27	Lake Travis	6:00 p.m.
Mar. 31	at Marble Falls	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 3	Killeen	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 7	Hutto	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 10	Hendrickson	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Lake Travis	6:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	Marble Falls	7:00 p.m.
Apr. 21	at Killeen	7:00 p.m.

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