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# BOTH AT TOP

Ladycats, Bearcats each lead in respective District 6-5A standings after wins

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Paced by wins over Boswell and Northwest, the Aledo Ladycats and Bearcats are each alone in first place in District 6-5A.

**Bearcats' Wins**

On Tuesday at Bearcat Stadium, the Bearcats handled Boswell, 3-1.

Danny De La Cerda began the scoring when he found the back of the net on a penalty kick. The Bearcats extended their lead to 2-0 when Jarrod Nelson set up leading scorer Tanner VanCuren with a goal, and the 'Cats increased their lead to 3-0 on an unassisted goal by Max Owens. Boswell got on the board late in the match.

"It was a big win. It's huge to finish the first round of district at 7-0-0," Bearcats' head coach Derek Vierling said. "It puts us five points clear of second place. But it also puts a big target on our backs for the second round of district. We are going to have to continue playing with the same intensity and fundamentals to maintain what we did in the first round during the second round.

"Overall I was really pleased with our possession. The midfield kept control the majority of the game and we were able to get goals from three different guys. Boswell is a really good team, coming into the game with a 13-1-1 record having not lost since early



**Aledo senior forward Tanner VanCuren, shown moving the ball up field against Northwest, scored a goal in each of the Bearcats' last two matches. The Bearcats defeated Boswell, 3-1, Tuesday at home. Shown with VanCuren are Reed Vierling (5) and Max Owens (10). Owens had a goal and two assists in the last two matches.**

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January. I'm really proud of the guys and the way they stepped up."

The Bearcats earned a huge road win with a 3-2 victory at Northwest on Feb. 10.

The game was tied 1-1 after the opening half, but the Bearcats scored a pair of goals in the second half while limiting the Texans to a goal to take a one-goal win. VanCuren, Alvero Huerta-Martin and Jarrod Nelson each scored a goal, with Max Owens collecting a pair of assists and De La Cerda adding a helper.

"It was a crazy game - really strong wind going goal to goal," Vierling said. "We scored first against the wind and really played well. They scored on a free kick just before halftime to tie the score.

"We had the wind the second

half and scored early on a corner kick then Mickey (Maloney) received a red card and we had to play the final 31 minutes down a player. We actually scored down a man making it 3-1 and then they scored just before the end of the game to make it 3-2 and make the final minute and half very nery."

**Ladycats' Wins**

The Ladycats traveled to Boswell and came away with a 3-0 win. The big news was the return of junior goalkeeper Makenzie Covington, who recorded the shutout.

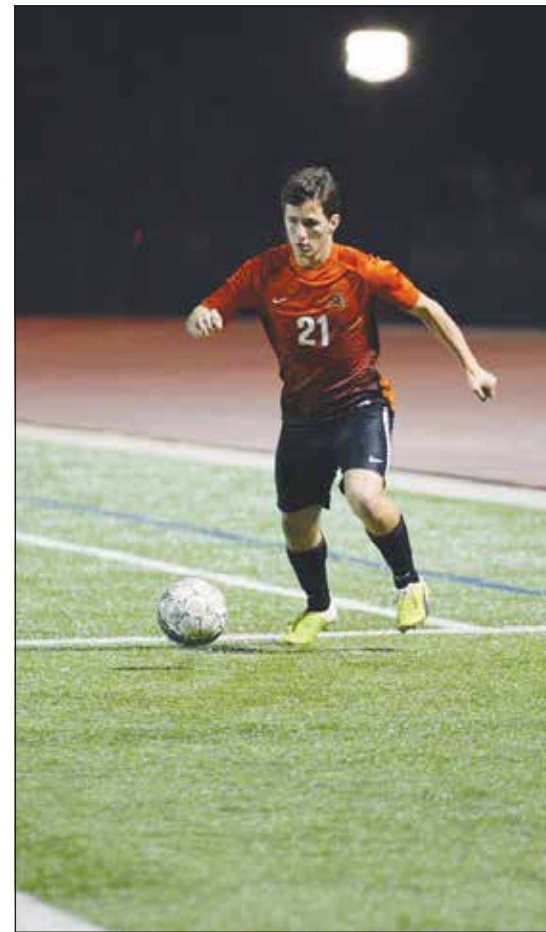
Senior forward Cameron Huddleston led the Ladycats with two goals. She is on a hot streak as she has scored seven goals in Aledo's last two games. Peyton Laughley added a goal,

and Cheney Huddleston, Brooke Jones and Cameron Huddleston each earned assists.

"Makenzie Covington was back in goal after healing from a broken finger," Ladycats' head coach Bryan Johnson said. "She had her first district shut out of the season, and hopefully many more to come. Boswell had a good game plan, keeping nine players behind the ball and leaving one up top. They were very defensive and worked hard. I was proud of our girls' effort and the way they battled."

On Feb. 10, the Ladycats, behind five goals from Cameron Huddleston, defeated Northwest, 5-3, at Bearcat Stadium.

Brooke Jones led the team with two assists, with Megan Crawford, Ashlee Ray and Laughley each earning an assist.



**Aledo senior midfielder Garrett Hill looks to pass during the Bearcats' win over Northwest.**

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**DISTRICT 6-5A SOCCER**

Girls	Boys
Aledo 6-1	Aledo 7-0
Eaton 5-2	Boswell 5-1-1
Northwest 5-2	Northwest 4-2-1
Boswell 4-4	Saginaw 2-2-3
Brewer 3-3-1	Azle 1-2-4
Azle 2-3-2	Ch. Trail 2-4-1
Ch. Trail 1-5-1	Brewer 1-4-2
Saginaw 0-7	Eaton 0-7

# Local gymnasts place in America's Top 100

Impact Athletic Training Center's gymnastics teams competed at the Alamo Classic Feb. 3-5 in San Antonio. Four team members earned spots on America's Top 100 for high scores on floor exercise: in Level 7, Addie Uselman (Aledo) - 9.775 and Karly Laughley (Aledo) - 9.75 and in Level 6, Sydney Orsak (Burlleson) - 9.85 and Maryn Ward (Aledo) - 9.75.

**Individual awards went to:**

Level 8 Brooklyn Clapp

- (Brock) - 5th on floor
- Level 7 Cate Cooper (Fort Worth) - 5th on beam
- Level 7 Karly Laughley (Aledo) - 2nd on beam, 2nd on floor, 4th all-around
- Level 7 Lauren Smith (Weatherford) - 3rd on bars, 1st on floor, 5th all-around
- Level 7 Addie Uselman (Aledo) - 2nd on floor
- Level 6 Sydney Orsak (Burlleson) - 3rd on vault, 1st on floor with a 9.85, 5th all-around
- Level 6 Maryn Ward (Aledo) - 5th on floor.



**Competitors at the Alamo Classic included, from left, Cate Cooper, Lauren Smith, Addie Uselman and Karly Laughley.**

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**Competitors at the Alamo Classic included, from left, Jerilyn White, Maryn Ward, Katherine Boatman, Sydney Orsak and Edyn Esquivel.**

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