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Aleo pitcher Cody Bradford raised his District 8-5A record to 2-0 after earning a win on April 10 during the Bearcats' victory at Joshua.

BASEBALL

Centennial blanks Bearcats, 5-0, as Aleo suffers second 8-5A loss

By **Tony Eierdam**
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Burleson Centennial pitcher Thomas Santos limited Aleo to only one hit Wednesday. The Spartans blanked the Bearcats, 5-0, in a District 8-5A game at Centennial High School.

The loss drops the Bearcats to 7-2 in district play.

Bearcats head coach Chad Barry did not like the intensity level his team took into the contest.

"I felt like our kids came in not ready to play baseball," he said. "I guess they thought Centennial would concede the game to us, and that didn't happen."

"Those (Centennial) kids came out and competed hard and took it to us."

One bright spot in the contest was the one-inning relief performance of Kannon Brown. He came within one bloop double of retiring the side in order in the bottom of the sixth. He had one strikeout and did not allow a run facing four batters.

"Kannon has been up and down (from junior varsity to varsity) some, and he went to Abilene (tournament) with us and he has pitched some Saturday, non-district games," Barry said. "We have liked what we have

seen from him.

"We felt like we needed an extra arm out of the bullpen, and he is filling that role for us. I thought he did a nice job."

Centennial recorded two hits, including a double, and took advantage of a hit batter to forge a 2-0 lead in the first inning. The Spartans added two more runs in the second courtesy of a double, error and a sacrifice fly to increase the lead to 4-0.

Meanwhile Santos, who retired the first six batters he faced, mowed down six of seven Aleo batters in the next two frames to hold the 4-0 lead. The lone hit was an infield single to Noah Collins.

Centennial closed the scoring with a run on three base hits in the fourth to forge a 5-0 lead.

In the last three innings, Santos allowed just two base runners, and in the sixth his defense bailed him out with a double play. He retired the side in order in the seventh to seal the complete-game win.

Aleo starting pitcher Isaac Hale took the loss, allowing five runs - four earned - on seven hits with one walk and five strikeouts in five innings.

Although Aleo is still in good position for a chance to win the district championship, Barry feels any

talk of a district crown at this point is looking too far ahead.

"We don't need to worry about anything but the next practice and next game," he said. "We proved (Wednesday) that we can't overlook anybody and that we aren't near as good as we think we are."

On April 10, the Bearcats registered 10 hits on their way to a 7-3 win at Joshua.

The Bearcats added to their slim 3-2 lead by scoring four runs in the sixth to take a 7-2 lead. Joshua added a run in the bottom of the frame to close the scoring.

Collins swatted three hits to lead Aleo, and Cody Bradford earned the win on the mound for the Bearcats.

Bradford finished with eight strikeouts as he pushed his district record to an unblemished 2-0.

District 8-5A

Cleburne	7-1
Aleo	7-2
Granbury	6-2
Centennial	6-3
Crowley	5-4
Burleson	2-6
Joshua	1-8
Everman	0-8

Note: Standings do not include all games from late Wednesday



SPECIAL TO THE COMMUNITY NEWS

Impact's Level 7 team, from left, Leah Rogers, Emily McSwain, Abby Dodson, Brooklynn Clapp and Jordan Prokell.

GYMNASTICS

Impact team places fifth as individuals advance to regionals

Special to The Community News

Impact Athletic Training Center's Level 7 gymnastics team took home the fifth place team award at the Level 7 State Gymnastics Championships April 11-12 in Allen.

Leah Rogers and Jordan Prokell, both of Aleo, also qualified to advance to the Level 7 Regional Championships.

Also qualifying were Brooklynn Clapp of Brock and Abby Dodson of Fort Worth. Dodson also placed third all-around.

Top scorers at state advance to regionals where they will face competitors from Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, and Wyoming May 1-3 in Estes Park, Colo.

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