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Aledo right fielder Carter Windes takes a big cut during the Bearcats' regional quarterfinal series against Birdville. The Bearcats won the series two games to one and will advance to the regional semifinals against Canyon. Game one will be at 1 p.m. Friday, May 29, at Lubbock Christian University. Game two will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 30, at McMurry University in Abilene, with game three, if necessary, to follow.

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The junior came back in the second inning looking like a different pitcher with a point to prove. After allowing the two hits he retired 16 straight batters while recording eight strikeouts with no runs or walks in six innings of work in the Bearcats 3-0 victory in game two of the regional quarterfinal series May 22 at Arlington Heights to force a game three.

Bradford, now 2-0 in the playoffs, showed no signs of giving up and kept a solid game face to intimidate the Birdville batters.

After a 1-0 losing effort in game one in Glen Rose on May 21, this time Aledo scored all their runs in the top of the first inning.

The game kicked off with Raburn reaching base on an error and senior Carter Windes sacrifice bunting to advance Raburn. But with a second straight error on Birdville, Raburn scored and Windes ended up on second.

Duer recorded the first hit in the game with a double to deep right center field to drive in Windes.

After yet another Birdville error, Cheema reached base and Collins, courtesy running for Duer, scored on a Hawks' error to give the Bearcats the 3-0 edge.

After a three-run first inning the Bearcats had trouble offensively but their defense and Bradford helped keep the lead.

Windes had an outstanding front sliding catch from a popup in left field, losing his hat in the process in the bottom of the second inning. The catch silenced any momentum Birdville was trying to gain.

Brown came on in relief in the seventh inning, allowing a walk and recording a strikeout while not allowing a hit to earn the save and force a game three in the series that kept the defending state-champion Bearcats state championship hopes alive.

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Impact Athletic Training Center had four gymnasts represent Texas at the 2015 Level 7 Regional Championships in Colorado May 1-3. To advance to regionals, a gymnast must first qualify to compete in their state championships and be a top scorer in that competition. Nearly 500 gymnasts from seven states competed at regionals and Impact's athletes all scored in the top 15. Abby Dodson of Fort Worth is the Region 3 Level 7 all-around champion. She also placed first in floor exercise, first in vault, second in beam, and seventh in bars. Leah Rogers of Aledo placed second in floor, fourth in beam, fifth in vault, and fourth all-around. Brooklyn Clapp of Brock placed eighth in bars, tenth in floor, and ninth all-around. Jordan Propel of Aledo placed seventh in bars, 11th in beam, and 15th all-around.

Region 3 includes gymnasts from Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. Shown, from left, are Jordan Prokell, Abby Dodson, Brooklynn Clapp and Leah Rogers.

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