

Surprising Austin Bulldogs defeat Katy Tigers 10-4

The Austin Bulldogs climbed all over the Katy Tigers early in their quarter-final baseball game Friday afternoon. The Bulldogs cruised to a 10-4 win over Katy setting up a semifinal game against the Sharpstown Apollos in the Katy I.S.D. tourney.

The Bulldog batters abused Katy pitcher, Jeff New, from the very first pitch. Austin was up 1-0 with one out and bases loaded when Chris Sheffield came to the plate and ripped a triple to give Austin a 4-0 lead.

Katy got on the board in the bottom of the first off a defensive error on the part of Austin.

The Bulldogs recorded another run in the second off a single by

Nick Jones driving in Troy Holt.

Bulldog pitcher Ben Hulse pitched a strong game for four innings allowing only three runs and four hits. The Bulldog defense complemented the pitching by committing only three errors.

Katy left a total of 12 men stranded on base. Austin only left five on base without scoring.

Austin put the game out of Katy's reach in the sixth inning. John Warmke hit a single bringing in Charles Burton. Nick Jones was walked by the Katy pitcher to load the bases.

Visage Clay came to the plate and rapped a double to bring in two runs.

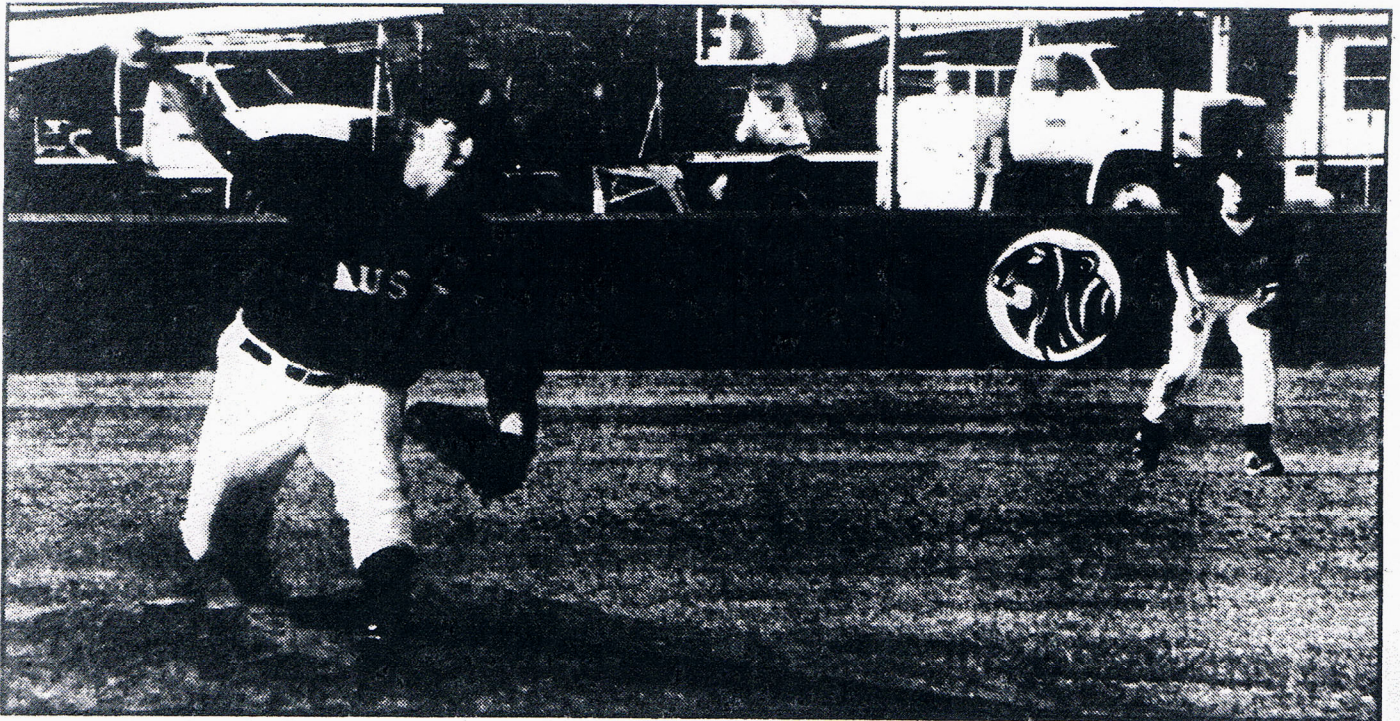
Austin was up 10-4 with Katy taking their last chance at bat. Austin relief pitcher Steven Ramirez sat the side down 1-2-3 to end the game.

Later Friday night, Austin defeated Sharpstown 4-1 to set a meeting in the championship game against number-one area-ranked Klein Oak.

The winning pitcher for Austin was Nick Jones.

The championship game will take place Saturday at 4 p.m. at Katy High.

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WP-Ben Hulse. LP-Jeff New.



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Bulldog on the mound

Pitcher Ben Hulse allowed only three hits against the Katy Tigers Friday afternoon, en route to the 10-4 Austin victory. The Bulldogs advanced to the tourney finals against Klein Oak with a 4-1 victory over the Sharpstown Apollos.