

BASEBALL: Lee leads Cy Creek to 15th straight win in playoff opener

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After Jordan Lee followed a solo home run with an RBI triple, the Cy Creek High senior outfielder started thinking about hitting for the cycle.

“Once I got the second home run,” Lee said. “I knew it was out of the question.”

The Texas A&M-Corpus Christi signee set the tone for the host Cougars, 18-1, who defeated Alief Taylor, 18-1 (five innings) in Game 1 of a best-of-three series.

He finished 3-for-4 with two home runs, a triple and four RBI.

“It was a great playoff atmosphere,” Lee said. “We’re just trying to keep the winning streak alive and represent Cy Creek well.”

Cy Creek (23-8), the Class 5A-District 17 Champion, won its 15th consecutive game.

“(Lee) did a good job and he’s seeing the ball really well right now,” Cy Creek baseball coach Michael McCollum said. “That’s why he’s our leadoff guy.”

The Cougars scored the first 17 runs of the game, and senior pitcher Kevin Pappas pitched three perfect innings before allowing two hits and a walk in the fourth.

Senior Will Chenoweth pitched the final inning, because McCollum wanted to rest Pappas, who could play in the infield when Cy Creek visits Taylor for Game 2 at 4 p.m. Friday.

Junior left-hander Craig Carlson, the Cougars’ No. 2 pitcher, will start on Friday.

The game is being played earlier in the day because Taylor’s Prom is Friday night.

“We just came out and approached it like (we did) the regular season,” McCollum said. “We play against the ball and not worrying about who we’re playing. (Pappas) did a great job. He may have come back and play second base tommorow.”

Cy Creek’s backups entered the lineup in the fourth inning and had plenty of opportunities to hit and field.

“Those guys deserve it,” McCollum said. “They work just as hard or harder than our starters.”

Game 3, if necessary, will be played at 2 p.m. Saturday at Cy Creek, and the winner of the series will face Katy Seven Lakes or Houston Milby in the second round.

Matt Sinclair hit a two RBI double and Fabian Garcia picked up a pair of RBI in the victory.

Bill Bay contributed an RBI double, and Logan Muhl added an RBI single.

Brandon Johnson had Taylor’s lone RBI on a two-out single in the top of the fourth.

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