



## Whitewright ousts Pilot Point

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PROSPER — The Pilot Point Lady Cats were solid on defense, giving up just 10 runs in three games, but accrued only two runs against Whitewright pitcher Tori Perkins in the best-of-three Class 3A Region II finals.

Game 3 saw Perkins strike out 13 Lady Cats to extend her dominance. They managed one run Saturday night and lost 5-1, falling one win shy of a berth in the state tournament.

"She's done a real good job," Pilot Point coach James Ramsey said of Perkins. "I've watched her the last couple nights on film, and she just does a good job working in and working away. She works in the rise ball, and every now

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Class 3A playoffs: Whitewright 5, Pilot Point 1

and then she throws in the changeup. She really does a good job of hitting her spots, hitting the corners and staying away from the middle of the plate."

Perkins tallied 28 strikeouts in the series, keeping the Lady Cats off balance at the plate and frequently finding herself ahead in the count.

Each pitcher had their location on point to start the game, as Perkins and Pilot Point's Preslee Gallaway each struck out two batters in 1-2-3 halves of the first inning.

The Lady Cats (32-10) drew a leadoff walk in the second for their first base runner, but Perkins was there to shut the door with three consecutive strike-

outs to quickly move the game ahead.

After Gallaway worked around a walk in the top of the third, Pilot Point earned the first hit of the game on a bunt single by Mallory Ramsey in the bottom half of the inning.

With Ramsey moving into scoring position with a steal, Marissa Morris ripped a single past the diving Whitewright shortstop to give the Lady Cats a 1-0 advantage.

But in the top of the fourth, the Lady Cats succumbed to a costly error.

After Anna Shope singled, Jayden Melichar sent a fly ball to left-center field. Two Pilot Point outfielders came together to make the catch, but they collided and the ball fell to allow the

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David Minton/DRC  
Pilot Point's Ashton Malone, left, and Mallory Ramsey hit the turf after colliding in center field during Game 3 of the Class 3A Region II finals against Whitewright on Saturday in Prosper.

## A league of her own



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Alicia Mathney, a Mary Kay beauty consultant during the week and a softball player on the weekend, poses for a photo May 20 at North Lakes Park.

## Corinth mom juggles career, family with love for softball

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It's Friday morning and Alicia Mathney calmly walks out the door with her two small girls on her hips. After getting them in the car, Mathney, a successful Mary Kay independent beauty consultant, slips into the

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front seat to begin a long day of running errands and dropping off orders. She checks herself in the rearview mirror to touch up her lipstick one last time before driving off.

"You must look the part," she insists.

Later that day, Mathney gets a Facebook message from a friend who needs an extra player for a slow-pitch softball doubleheader in a few hours. She rushes to her home in Corinth, cooks and has dinner with her family, changes clothes, and is at the ballpark with time to spare.

She again glances in the car mirror,

but this time the lipstick is gone. The warm smile she couldn't let go of earlier that day has been replaced by a mouthful of sunflower seeds and an intense game face few can duplicate.

Again, it's all about looking the part.

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## Lady Hawks keep Krum from state

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COMMERCE — Krum must have felt like it was stuck in neutral.

The potent offense that had averaged just more than six runs per game in the playoffs struggled to produce in back-to-back outings against Texarkana Pleasant Grove ace Madison Haltom. Haltom held the Lady Cats to four hits in a 3-2 win in Game 2 Saturday to sweep the Class 4A Region II finals at Texas A&M-Commerce.

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Class 4A playoffs  
Texarkana Pleasant Grove 3, Krum 2

Haltom did just enough to keep Krum off balance in Thursday's 4-3 win, then looked dominant Saturday as she allowed one hit over the final four innings while striking out six to lift her team into the state tournament.

"Their pitcher did a good job mixing it up. Her changeup was very effective," Krum coach Stacey Lucas said. "It was surprising because we expected to do what we've done all year, which is hit the ball and score runs. Not many teams have done that to us. It was not normal."

Regardless, Krum (31-7) had chances to extend the series to Game 3, something the Lady Cats had done in two of their three previous playoff series. In each case, the Lady Cats rebounded after losing Game 1.

Krum was leading 2-0 going into the bottom of the third when Pleasant Grove (18-6) scored twice to tie the game. Krum freshman pitcher Tristan Bridges walked one batter in that inning, then hit two on consecutive at-bats with the bases loaded.

"Tristan had a great series. [The Lady Hawks] were crowding the plate, and we had to go in on them since they were getting ahold of the outside pitches," Lucas said.

Bridges held Pleasant Grove to two hits the rest of the way and finished with four strikeouts. But she gave up the go-ahead run in the fourth off a sacrifice fly from Aubrey Ashby.

While Haltom controlled the majority of the game from the circle, it didn't necessarily start that way. Krum scored four batters into the game on an RBI single from Morgan Sebastian. Kaycee Koiner led off the second with a double and stole third base before scoring on McKenna Bruce's sacrifice fly.

With one out in the third, Ashley

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## Rangers' Gonzalez takes no-hitter into sixth in debut

ARLINGTON (AP) — Chi Chi Gonzalez took a no-hitter into the sixth inning of his major league debut and preserved the shutout with some smart fielding, leading the Rangers to an 8-0 win over the Boston Red Sox on Saturday night.

David Ortiz led off the sixth with an opposite-field double to the gap in left-center to end the no-hit bid.

Gonzalez, who'd thrown 87 pitches

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Texas 8, Boston 0

through five innings and walked five, faced three batters in the sixth, including a double by former Ranger Mike Napoli.

He gloved a comebacker by Pablo Sandoval with one out and got Ortiz trapped in a rundown between third base and home plate.

The 23-year-old right-hander struck out two and threw 102 pitches in 5 2/3 innings. He and three relievers limited Boston to five hits.

Adam Rosales tied a career high with four hits for Texas.

Boston's Dustin Pedroia extended his hitting streak to 10 games.

Gonzalez was the first of Texas' two first-round draftees in 2013 (23rd overall) and was the organization's minor

league pitcher of the year last season. In eight starts this year for Triple-A Round Rock, he was 3-5 with a 4.15 ERA.

The Rangers have won two straight home games for the first time this season. They go into today's game having won two of three in the series with a chance to win a home series for the first time after failing six times.

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# Johnson looks to be fifth to accomplish feat

By Dan Gelston  
Associated Press

DOVER, Del. — Jimmie Johnson needs a mammoth man cave at home for all of his Dover trophies.

Known as the Monster Mile, the Dover winner gets a menacing, red-eyed Miles the Monster trophy that weighs 60 pounds and measures at just under 11/2 feet from the base to the top of the hand that clutches a tiny car. But it's not the oversized re-

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ward Johnson truly wants at Dover.

"You guys have tall Budweisers in victory lane," Johnson said, joking.

Happy hour usually comes late Sunday afternoon at Dover after another Johnson victory.

No active driver owns a track like Johnson does the concrete

mile. Johnson, the defending FedEx 400 winner, holds the track record with nine victories in just 26 starts.

Johnson, a six-time Sprint Cup champion, today will attempt to become just the fifth Cup driver with 10 or more wins at a single track.

Should Johnson win, he would join NASCAR Hall of Famers Richard Petty (Martinsville-15, North Wilkesboro-15, Richmond-13, Rockingham-11,

Daytona-10), Darrell Waltrip (Bristol-12, Martinsville-11, North Wilkesboro-10), Dale Earnhardt (Talladega-10) and David Pearson (Darlington-10) as drivers to win 10 races at a single track.

"I go all the way back to my first trip here in an [American Speed Association] car," Johnson said, "and it was love at first sight."

■ **June 2, 2012** — Johnson showed what kind of dominance

was ahead with a win in his first Cup race at Dover. Johnson passed four-time Dover winner Ricky Rudd to take the lead on lap 363 and held off Hall of Famer Bill Elliott to earn his second career win.

■ **Sept. 22, 2002** — Johnson went back-to-back at Dover, one of two times he'd sweep the season at the Monster Mile. Johnson joined Petty as the only drivers to win their first two races at Dover.

■ **June 3, 2012** — Johnson raced his way into the track's history books with his seventh win, matching the mark held by Hall of Fame drivers Bobby Allison and Petty. Petty needed 46 races to win seven times and Allison had 35 races. Johnson got to seven in his 21st start at the track.

■ **June 1, 2014** — Johnson's became Dover's career leader in laps led when he hit the 2,802 mark.

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## Mathney

"I have tried to tone it down over the years, but I'm competitive," Mathney said with a laugh. "I don't want to make it sound like I'm not having fun. I love softball. It's a big part of my life."

Most people wouldn't know it.

Unlike her Mary Kay business, Mathney, 35, insists on keeping the softball part of her life private. But truth be told, she's carved out an interesting life as a beauty aficionado, mom and wife — who happens to be a former college athlete who can't imagine stepping away from the game she loves.

One minute she is a dolled-up city girl taking care of her family and making women feel good about themselves, and the next, she has dirt under her manicured nails and bruises on her knees from diving for hard ground balls.

"She is a different person on the field," said John Mathney, Alicia's husband. "She can go from getting dressed up and wearing all the makeup to doing a complete 180 into a full-blown tomboy. With Mary Kay, she flips a switch and is all smiles and giggles. I don't know how she does it."

"She's a very attractive woman who can smash the ball to the fence."

### Not your everyday walk-on

Mathney, whose maiden name is Alicia Petersma, was a three-sport star at Irving MacArthur. The day after her prom in 1998, she drove with her father, Norm, to Tarleton State in Stephenville to try out for the Tex-Ann softball team. She made the team as a walk-on for that upcoming season, and over the next four years became one of the program's more decorated athletes.

Mathney is first or second in 10 of the program's 16 career offensive categories, including home runs (tied for second, 31), doubles (first, 49), games played (second, 203), RBIs (second, 129), hits (second, 192) and runs scored (tied for second, 128).

Her college career included being invited to play in Europe during the summer of 1999.

"Alicia had a great career here. She was a big part of our lineup," TexAnns coach Julie Mata said. "She stood out [as a walk-on] in terms of intensity in the batter's box. She still comes to our alumni games, and she can still hit the ball. If you know her, she's always been destined for success."

John Mathney agreed.

"After college, she tried out for Team USA and didn't make it. She felt like she wasn't as good as she thought ... just because she didn't make the best team in the world," he said with a smile. "You can still be an elite player and not make the best team in the world. Just the fact she had the confidence to try says how good she is."

### Every homer accounted for

Out of nervousness, Alicia begged her parents to not show up at the Olympic tryout. But they did anyway and watched from their car in the parking lot. How could they not? Norm and Debora Petersma always were huge supporters of Alicia and her older brother, Jeremy, who was a sports standout in his own right.

Norm and Debora rarely missed a college game. If one of them couldn't go, the other parent would fill in. And when Alicia hit a home run — which was often — Norm wouldn't hesitate to track it down.

"If a game started at 2 p.m., we'd leave at 12:30 p.m. and get there right as the first pitch was thrown," Norm said. "It was a



David Minton/DRC

**Alicia Mathney insists "you must look the part," whether it's selling Mary Kay products or playing softball.**

cool deal for us. We still have every home run ball from all four years at Tarleton. She'd hit them, and I'd just go get them."

When Alicia's college career was over, Norm and Debora joked that they went through withdrawals.

But Alicia never stopped playing. There were times when she was single when she would go sit at a nearby field daily and wait for slow-pitch teams that were short of players. Sometimes she'd get added to a men's team.

Things are different now that she's a doting mother and wife, but Alicia has at least one dedicated day each week to play softball. There are some weeks when she plays more, especially when there is a weekend tournament.

"They'd probably say, 'She's just a girl,'" Alicia said of the all-guy teams. "If they didn't have a good third baseman, I'd crush them every at-bat."

So much for having a girly girl, Debora joked.

"When Alicia was a toddler, I started her in tumbling and gymnastics. I figured she would do girly things, but then her dad got ahold of her," Debora said. "She has always been competitive. I managed to get her into a dress a few times when she was little, but I had to put shorts on her because she spent so much time outside. She knows what she wants, and she strives to be the best at everything."

### Feeling beautiful

Alicia is just as competitive with Mary Kay, a global leader in cosmetics and skin care products. Consultants are considered independent and do not receive a salary. Instead, most of their pay is based on commissions from product sales. They may receive bonuses and prizes like the company's famous pink Cadillacs.

Since joining Mary Kay in 2003, Mathney — who has been using the products since she was a teenager — has become one of the company's top consultants and is more than halfway toward her goal of being a sales director, based on production and the number of recruits she mentors.

Some of her accolades include earning National Consultants Queens Court of Sales last year, as she was awarded a .45-carat diamond ring. She's also spent 16 quarters as the company's Star Consultant and earned Queen of Sharing twice.

"I love working with people and helping them feel better about themselves, inside and out," Alicia said. "If I can sit across from one woman and she leaves feeling better about herself, then I have done my job — whether she spends money with

me or not. I don't think of myself as a pushy salesperson. I'm an educator."

Mathney is super organized. Beyond softball — she keeps a ball bag and change of clothes in her vehicle "just in case" — Alicia is religious about keeping product inventory, samples and supplies in the back of her car.

Her car has a business decal on the rear window, and it's not uncommon for her to get approached by potential customers while driving around town. Her husband joked that he's seen Alicia sell Mary Kay sunscreen to people in the stands, teammates and the opposing team at softball games.

Earlier this month, she was finalizing orders on her cellphone while getting her hair done.

She's heavy into business networking and is the executive director of the Lake Cities Chamber of Commerce. She's active in her church and, despite her busy schedule, always manages to be there for her two daughters.

"Alicia has a drive and enthusiasm about the things she is passionate about, which is why she is so good at both Mary Kay and softball," said Sylvia Frisch, a Mary Kay sales director. "I remember asking her in March, 'To reach your goals, would you ever be willing to put softball aside for a while?' She quickly said no."

"I don't know how she does it. There are very few consultants that have been able to succeed like Alicia."

### Proud, not boastful

Alicia may be tight-lipped about her successes, but deep down she is proud of her glory days — and everything she has become. This month she cheered as if she were still in the dugout as Tarleton won its first NCAA South Central Region tournament to advance to the super regional series in San Antonio.

A few weeks earlier, she found herself looking through scrapbooks from her college days. She flipped through the pages a little too fast, but every so often she stopped to take a longer peek into the past.

"I have a hard time looking at it because it was so long ago, but I keep the scrapbooks so my girls can look through them one day," Alicia said. "For me, it's natural to go play softball, do Mary Kay and be a mom and a wife. That's why I know I am doing what I was meant to do."

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# Williams edges Azarenka

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PARIS — At the outset, Serena Williams was grimacing and cursing and, worst of all, losing by a lot.

Then, suddenly, the 19-time Grand Slam singles champion was putting shots right where she wanted, imposing her will as only she can. And the only anger Williams displayed was directed at her opponent, Victoria Azarenka, while they traded gestures and words over the chair umpire's decision to replay a key point.

By the end, when she was aggressively grabbing the final six games and 10 of the final 12, all that really mattered was that the No. 1-ranked Williams was not going to let this one get away. Williams erased deficit after deficit and beat former No. 1 Azarenka 3-6, 6-4, 6-2 Saturday in a third-round French Open match filled with momentum swings and one GIF-ready contentious exchange.

"I was just really down and out in that match, and I just feel like, you know, I just really zeroed in," Williams said. "I really focused and I really wanted to win that."

**Pro tennis**  
French Open

Williams is 28-1 in 2015, 9-0 in three-setters. The American improved to 50-11 at Roland Garros, making her the first woman since 1968, when Grand Slam tournaments admitted professionals, to have that many wins at each major.

She's never been as comfortable or confident on the French Open's dusty red clay as with grass or hard courts underfoot, exiting in the second round last year and the first in 2012. She's been past the quarterfinals once in the past 12 years — in 2013, when she won her second French Open title.

Compare that with the 33-year-old's trophies elsewhere: six apiece from the Australian Open and U.S. Open, five from Wimbledon.

Azarenka owns a pair of Australian Open trophies. She also was twice a U.S. Open finalist, but lost each time to Williams, who has won 16 of their 19 matchups. They tend to be close as can be: This month on clay in Madrid, Williams won after Azarenka double-faulted three times while serving for the

match.

So maybe that collapse and Saturday's, when Azarenka led by a set and 4-2 in the second, are an indication that Williams holds an edge in more than shot-making. She produced nearly twice as many winners as Azarenka, 41 to 21.

On the last point of the second set, Azarenka hit a shot that landed near the baseline. Williams netted a response at about the same time an "out" call came. Chair umpire Kader Nouni decided the point should be replayed, which Azarenka disputed. She and Williams wound up looking at each other, and Azarenka waved her hand, as if to say, "Eh, never mind." Williams then appeared to tell Azarenka to not wag her hand.

In the fourth round, Williams will face the other remaining U.S. woman, 40th-ranked Sloane Stephens.

Andy Murray won his 13th consecutive match by eliminating 20-year-old Nick Kyrgios 6-4, 6-2, 6-3, while No. 1 Novak Djokovic stretched his winning streak to 25 matches on all surfaces by defeating 19-year-old Thanasi Kokkinakis 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

# Scandal hurts youths, underdogs

By Stephen Wade  
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — The accused in the FIFA scandal are easy to spot: globe-trotting executives charged with diverting millions meant to build the game to their personal accounts. Those who feel victimized aren't as obvious: Youth players with hand-me-down equipment, semi-pro clubs that can't afford to travel and developmental leagues that can't pay referees.

Players and coaches can only dream about millions reportedly siphoned off by top officials.

"The reason that these people were able to make so much money corruptly goes to the love that people have for the sport,"

**Soccer**  
FIFA

Kelly Currie, the acting U.S. attorney in Brooklyn, said as 14 world soccer officials were indicted. "And so it's taking that love and skimming off the marketing rights that allowed these people to enrich themselves."

Take Fabio Braz, a 36-year-old defender on Brazil's lower-division America Football Club, which is deep in debt and having trouble paying for basics. He doesn't see money trickling down from powerful Brazilian Football Confederation, whose new \$35 million headquarters is a monument to wealth and power and whose former presi-

dent was arrested Wednesday.

The indictment claimed Brazilian soccer officials took bribes for decades, selling off TV rights and marketing agreements while millions were delivered to them personally.

"They take away our money," Braz said after Friday practice. "We are here daily working our butts off, earning our keep, defending our families, fighting for our survival."

The indictment said "youth leagues and development programs" were hit hardest by corruption. FIFA spent \$1 billion on development the last three years. It's unclear how much money got to players and clubs, or ended up in the accounts of FIFA officials.

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It's important to incorporate reg-

ular exercise into your lifestyle. Numerous studies confirm the health benefits associated with it and many Medicare Advantage plans now cover fitness and yoga classes as a supplemental benefit — so long as your doctor prescribes them. Check with your plan about its rules.

Medicare also now covers dozens of free screenings your physician can use to detect potential health problems. There are a number of tests available which you may want to speak with your doctor about such as screenings pertaining to blood pressure, high cholesterol, breast cancer and diabetes.

Proper financial planning is also imperative. Not only can chronic health conditions such as diabetes, asthma and heart disease ruin plans for an active and rewarding retirement, such conditions can cut deeply into your retirement funds.

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2. Do I need long-term-care insurance even if I'm taking care of my health?
3. How can I make sure that I won't be a burden to my children as I age?

As with any type of planning, the sooner you begin to prepare, the more options you'll have and the greater likelihood that your retirement lifestyle lasts a lifetime.

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