



Gavin Brewer pitches during a game between Tompkins and Cinco Ranch at the Cinco Ranch baseball field.
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Ivan Gomez hits during a game between Tompkins and Cinco Ranch at the Cinco Ranch baseball field.

KATY

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on and help ourselves out." Lucas Moore came in in the bottom of the seventh and shut the door on Cy-Fair, striking out a batter before ending the game by inducing a fly out.

"That's the Lucas Moore that I know," Hearne said. "He had been trying to get back to being himself, but tonight he went out there and he from that first pitch said 'I'm going to lock this down.' He actually asked me in the dugout when he was going in because he wanted to be in that spot and he wanted to shut it down. He came out and pitched extremely well."

The Tigers advance to the regional quarterfinal round where they will face Tompkins in an all Katy ISD third round matchup. Katy lost two hard fought games to the Falcons early in the season but they're ready for the challenge of facing them again.

"It's exciting, but the most important thing for us is we can't overhype this," Hull said. "It's not about playing Tompkins, it's about playing our game. That's what we have to do at the end of the day is, it's baseball, it's fun, it's going to be a really electric atmosphere but we just have to keep our cool and play our kind of baseball."



Cole Kaase throws a ball to first base during Friday's area round game between Katy and Cy-Fair at Langham Creek.
TYLER TYRE

TOMPKINS

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Gavin Brewer also had a strong day on the mound, going all six innings and allowing three runs on three hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Cy-Creek started the scoring in the first inning with one run and got two more in the second, but Tompkins quickly turned things around. Tompkins got two runners on in the second inning

and Adam Benavidez came up and tied the game with a 3-run home run, Dagley then tripled to bring another run home and give Tompkins a 4-3 lead.

Benavidez added another RBI in the third inning with a sacrifice fly before Woodson brought in one on a single and Aryan Chopra had a RBI single of his own. Tompkins got three more in the

fourth, Landon West had an RBI double to start the scoring in the inning and Tompkins got a run off an error before the Falcons capped off the inning with a run on a passed ball.

It stayed that way until the sixth inning, when Tompkins closed things out. Benavidez hit a sacrifice fly, Woodson hit an RBI double and Dagley closed it out

with an RBI single to secure the run rule win.

Tompkins advances to the third round to face Katy in a district battle as both look to get to the third round. Tompkins won both games against Katy earlier this year, 4-2 and 7-4 and both teams will head into the matchup on a hot streak playing strong baseball.

CINCO

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Now, Cinco has accomplished that mission, beating Memorial 4-1 in game one of their area round series before beating them 12-1 in game two, advancing to their first regional quarterfinal.

"It was huge to get the win today and take that advantage," said senior pitcher Parker Booth after game one. "We want to get to round three, that's what we're focused on and so to get that first win is exactly what we needed. It's our job just to keep it rolling now and keep doing what we've done so far."

Booth led the way for the Cougars in their game one win, allowing just one run in six innings on the mound and striking out two while allowing six hits.

Like he has all season, Booth attacked the strike zone and got outs from his defense behind him, he only needed 83 pitches to get through his six innings and never let Memorial have hope of getting back into the game.

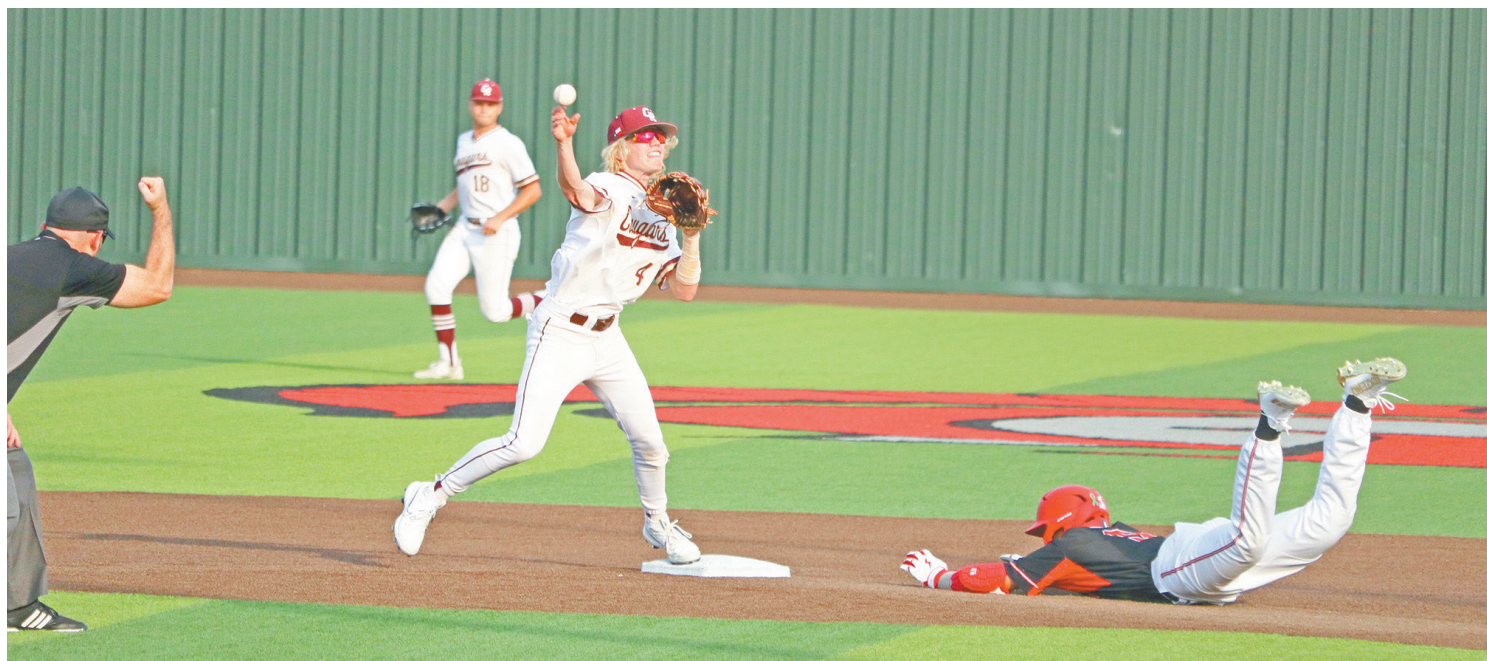
"That's what we expect out of him," said Cinco Ranch head coach Brett Wallace. "He's done it all year, he's attacked the zone and put us in good positions. As long as he's doing that, and he's done that all year, we know he's going to give us a good chance. That's exactly what he did tonight."

The Cougars took the lead in the bottom of the first inning, when Lucas Franco doubled in Brock DeYoung, who had singled to lead off the inning and then stole second to get in scoring position.

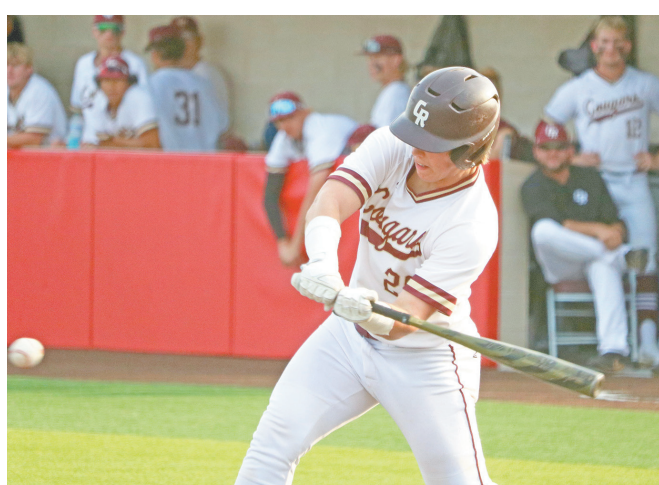
Cinco kept that one run lead until the fourth inning, when Memorial tied things up, but immediately the Cougars had an answer.

The Cougars got runners on and then Ethan Muniz drove in two before another run was brought in when Memorial's pitcher balked, putting Cinco ahead 4-1.

Booth didn't allow anything the rest of the way through his start, getting through six innings before Logan Sosolik came in for the save, pitching a perfect



Brock DeYoung throws to first base during Thursday's area round game between Cinco Ranch and Memorial at Cy-Lakes.
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Right: Ethan Muniz hits during Thursday's area round game between Cinco Ranch and Memorial at Cy-Lakes.

top of the seventh to seal the win.

"It's just a boost having Logan," Wallace said. "The entire team knows when we get into a save opportunity that we can bring in Sosolik and he's just going to work and get us through it. He's done it for us all year and is a tremendous closer."

The Cougars came back out with a strong game two to close it. They

weren't about to let the chane to make history slip through their fingers. Cinco advances to play Ridge Point in the third round.

"The kids know what's at stake and they want it," Wallace said. "This is the best team in school history and they have wanted this all year. That's one more thing that we have to do and they're ready for that challenge."

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