

## SPARTANS

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down a Seven Lakes defense that likes to press high up the field. The Spartans got a couple of good chances midway through the first half, and finally found the breakthrough in the 21st minute, when Abdullah Soliman got brought down in the box for a penalty, which Aidan Morrison stepped up to calmly convert.

"We played so well in the first half," Krueger said. "We controlled possession for most of it and we were making them chase the game."

Plano stepped up the pressure from there, as the Wildcats attempted to get back into the game. But Seven Lakes was able to respond and create chances of its own, neither team however converted as they went into the half with Seven Lakes holding a 1-0 lead.

"It's unfortunate the way this ended tonight," Koc said. "We had a bigger and better goal in mind. But at the end of the day, you have to look back at what we did this season and be happy. There was so much joy, we broke history and did things that this program has never done. We went into uncharted territory and I couldn't be more proud of my boys."

Things continued the same way through the start of the second half, as both teams went back and forth but struggled to create any kind of chances. But Plano continued to work themselves back into it and got the equalizer in the 60th minute, when Steven Wood sent in a cross from 35 yards out that Nolan Giles headed into the net.

Seven Lakes woke back up and as soon as the goal was scored pressed forward, trying to go back in front, but Plano kept countering and got their second in the 69th minute as Giles again scored, this time off a pass from Michael Rogers. And in the 77th minute, Rogers completed his hattrick off a rebound to make it a two goal lead for the Wildcats.

Seven Lakes tried to get back into things, throwing numbers forward, but the Plano defense, and Aidan Morrison trimmed the lead to one with two minutes remaining, but the Spartans couldn't find the equalizer before the game came to an end.

"I'm so proud of the way they fought back to get into it, it's the resolve and the resilience that these guys have had all year," Krueger said. "All it takes is a moment, and when you have a guy like Aidan Morrison, I promise you they hold their breath every time he gets a free kick. He's so selfless the way he played on the backline through these playoffs and that goal just shows what a truly special player he is."

The Spartans will graduate 12 seniors this year and they are part of a group that won three straight district championships. This was the most special season those seniors have had, but they also want it to be a stepping stone and they want bigger things for the underclassman.

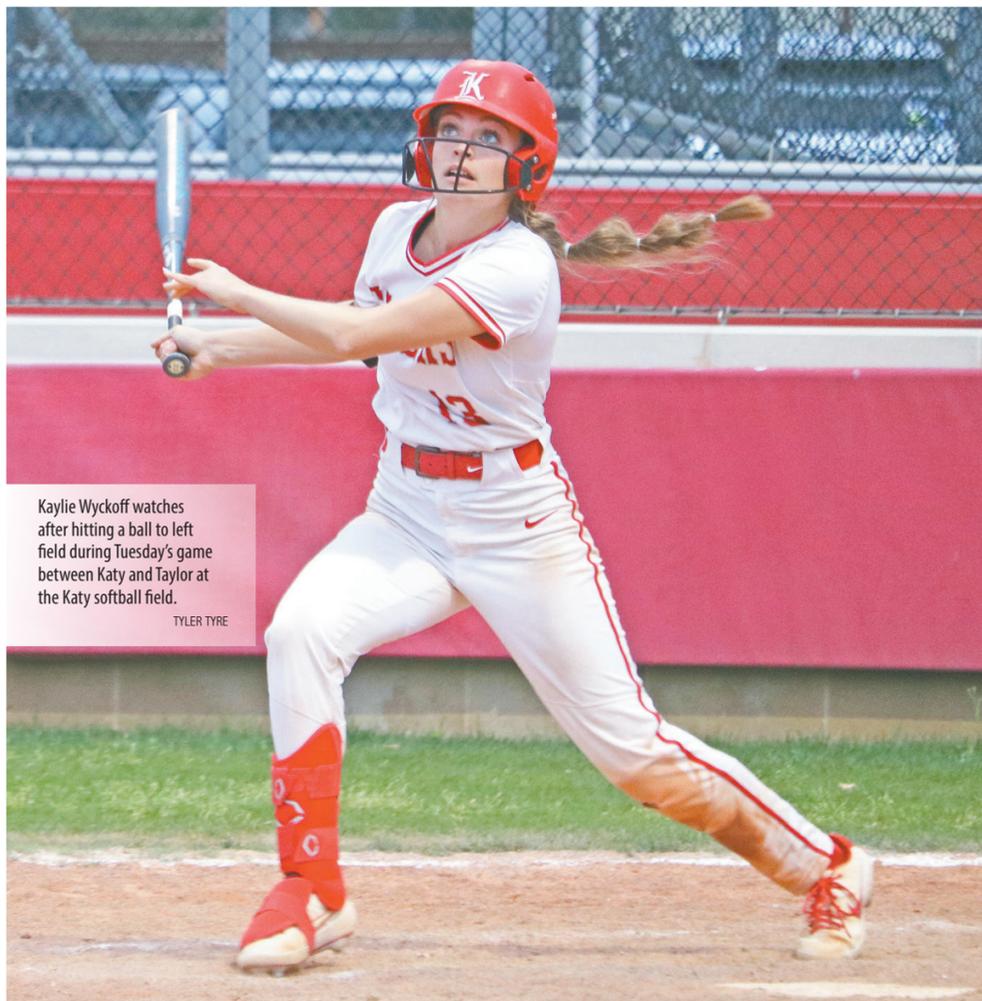
After the game, the group circled for a final time, with Koc and Javi Rivas imploring the younger players to push to get further next year. It's the Spartan way, and they know this is only building to even better things.

"It starts from the second they get back to school on Tuesday," Koc said. "It doesn't start next August, or next season. It starts as soon as possible. Those guys can do remarkable things, we've done that this season but it's not the end of it. I just want those guys to know that even though I won't be on the team next year, I will always be their teammate and brother. I'll always be a Seven Lakes Spartan."



SCOTT W. COLEMAN

Seven Lakes players take a moment to console one another after a 3-2 loss to Plano in the Class 6A boys state semifinal on April 15, 2022 in Georgetown, Texas.



Kaylie Wyckoff watches after hitting a ball to left field during Tuesday's game between Katy and Taylor at the Katy softball field.

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nior catcher Kaylie Wyckoff. "Once we focused in and found the right mindset we discovered that toughness and it's really helped us."

It's the seventh straight outright district title for the Tigers, who have put together a 22-3 record and 10-1 district record so far this season. But it didn't always seem like an inevitability like in some years.

The Tigers actually started off district with a loss, the team's first district loss in eight seasons, the day after that game, the group got together and deciding to be better. And the Tigers have done just that, winning 10 straight games since that loss en route to the district championship.

"The biggest change was when we lost to Seven Lakes," said Katy head coach Kalum Haack. "I think it hit really hard with a lot of them because that was our first district loss in eight years. But I told them also that ballgame that it wasn't on them, it was on me. Since then, they have been a completely different team. They're hitting the ball, the defense is playing well and I'm just really pleased with how they've turned the corner since that game."

Katy's win over Taylor was a microcosm of how they've won all season, as they put together a strong offensive performance to go with dominant pitching and elite defense.

Katy put two runs up in the first inning, as Ashtyn Reichardt hit a sacrifice fly to get the Tigers on the

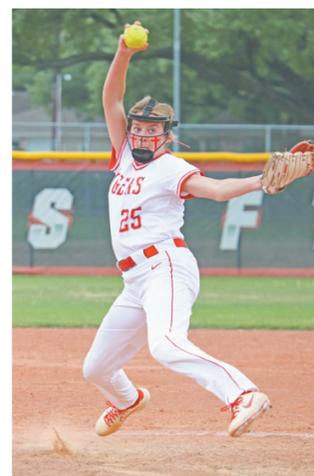
board before Cameryn Harrison reached on an error and another run scored.

Taylor held Katy at bay for the next two innings, before Katy got two more runs in the fourth, with an RBI double from Avery Porter and an RBI triple from Wyckoff and Katy got two more in the fifth from a Montgomery Henderson single and a Hailey Gore sacrifice fly.

"We were very impatient in our first few at bats," Wyckoff said. "We're not really used to seeing someone who is a bit slower with the ball but is very precise. We had to regroup and we realized that she will give you a strike eventually, you just have to wait. We had a lot more success once we did that."

The Tigers did the rest of their damage in the sixth to end the game. Erynne Castillo started the scoring by driving in Wyckoff before Henderson drove in a run with a single and Harrison doubled before Gore closed things out with an RBI single.

"We hit the ball really well all throughout the ballgame, we just hit it right to him," Haack said. "I told them after the game, you just keep doing the same thing you're doing and those hits will start to fall. We didn't really change up anything we did, we just have to keep hitting the ball hard. When it goes right to them, there's nothing you can do about it. I was really pleased with our defense pitching and how we hit, especially after



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Cameryn Harrison pitches during Tuesday's game between Katy and Taylor at the Katy softball field.

having four days off with seeing no live pitching."

The win secures the one seed for Katy, who will play Morton Ranch on Friday before preparing for the playoffs.

"We focus on what we can control, and that's what we do," Haack said. "We work on certain aspects of the game so we know we'll be ready for anything anyone throws at us and that we can execute anytime we want to execute it. But playing in this district allows you to see all different styles of pitching and seeing all those things combined really helps us once we get to the playoffs because once you get there, you see a lot of the same thing."

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