

The Bandera PROPHEET

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Bandera softball sees first action of the tournament season

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Bandera's softball team saw some positives in this past weekend's Kerr County Classic Softball Tournament.

In their first real test of the season, Bandera went 3-3 with 43 runs scored and 43 runs allowed resulting in a sixth place out of 18 teams competing.

Cailin Ortiz led the team with a .778 batting average and knocked in 8 RBIs and Kinlee Lawlis had four stolen bases for the tournament.

As a team, Bandera recorded a .417 batting average, had 35 runs batted in and stole 18 bases.

Bandera won over Medina, 7-2, and scored a 10-8 victory over Sonora in Day 1 competition. They followed up with two losses on Day 2, 11-8 to Ingram Tom Moore and a 9-4 effort against South San Antonio West. Day 3 saw Bandera go 1-1, the win a 12-0 shutout over Harper and a 13-2 loss to Johnson City.

All in all, this was a great showing by the Bandera Bulldogs Softball team. All 16 players represented Bandera ISD, BHS and Athletics with true sportsmanship and character and contributed to the team's success. Going 2-0 on day one, 0-2 day two and 1-1 on day three, Coach Salinas and I are very proud of the progress this team has made already in this young season. The leadership shown by seniors Aubrey Mangold and Tatum Trevino is proving invaluable in the process of developing a team first attitude.

From playing multiple positions to coaching up teammates the lone seniors on the team helped make this a pretty successful tournament.

Bandera will host 5A Seguin Tuesday. The Lady Matadors are 5-1 with their only loss, a 4-1 deal, coming at the hands of Pearsall. That will be followed up by another home game against Santa Anna on Friday evening.