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Sports

FRIDAY: ROBSTOWN 1, SINTON 0

Robstown's Trevino finds his groove

Cotton Pickers hurler wins duel with Pirates' Martinez

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CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

ROBSTOWN — Robstown pitcher Carlos Trevino loved the chance to take on Sinton ace Jordan Martinez and the pressure that came with it.

In two previous outings against the Cotton Pickers, Martinez threw shut-outs, which meant Trevino would also have to be on top of his game in the battle of District 31-4A heavyweights. Trevino thrived in the pressure and in the process provided the kind of start the Cotton Pickers (7-3, 2-1 in District 31-4A) needed in a 1-0 victory against the Pirates on Friday at Steve Castro Field.

Robstown pitchers struggled in their previous two outings on Monday and Tuesday against Ingleside and Orange Grove, respectively, allowing 11 runs in two games. Friday night, though, Trevino put together a performance that had him and the team beaming.

"I love games like this," said Trevino, who won his first game of the season. "When I first started pitching, I was a closer and I wasn't a starter. Coming in with the pressure already on me I kind of developed the focus for it. This is a pressure game, and they are the best team and we come head to head with them in

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COURTNEY SACCO
Robstown's Carlos Trevino throws a pitch during the second inning of their game against Sinton at Steve Castro Field in Robstown on Friday.

WBC

Puerto Rico beats US team, moves into semis

BERNIE WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO - Puerto Rico is squeezing every bit of fun it can out of this World Baseball Classic.

Come Monday night, the party moves on to Dodger Stadium.

Yadier Molina and Puerto Rico advanced to the WBC semifinals after scoring four runs in the first inning and then holding on for a wild 6-5 win against the United States on Friday night.

When Edwin Diaz struck out Josh Harrison to end the game with Brandon Crawford standing on third base, players raced out of the Puerto Rico dugout to join the celebration on the infield. After a few minutes in the clubhouse, the team returned to the field waving small flags and ran over to celebrate with a large group of fans on the first-base side who were chanting, beating drums, rattling noisemakers and waving flags.

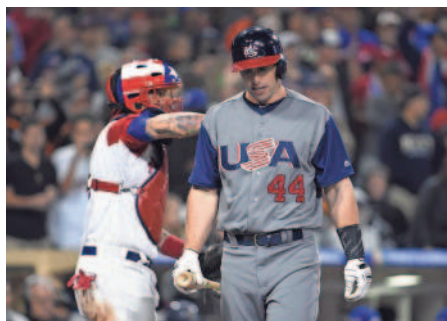
"We are happy for the job all the guys have done," Carlos Beltran said. "I think the boys have done a good job playing for their country. We're happy for our country and for our people. They are very proud of us and we hope to God we finish the mission."

Puerto Rico advanced to the championship round for the second straight WBC. It reached the championship game in 2013 before losing to the Dominican Republic.

By clinching Pool F with a day to go, Puerto Rico (2-0) will play the Netherlands on Monday night at Dodger Stadium.

The other semifinal spot from Pool F will go to the winner of Saturday night's

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DENIS POROY/GETTY IMAGES

United States' Paul Goldschmidt walks back to the dugout after striking out in the ninth inning of a World Baseball Classic game against Puerto Rico on Friday in San Diego.

HIGH SCHOOLS



STEPHEN SPILLMAN/SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR

Referee Billy Gaines works the Class 3A boys basketball UIL state final between Dallas Madison and Brock at the Alamodome in San Antonio, March 11. Gaines is also a Corpus Christi police officer.

Longtime area official hangs up his whistle

Gaines ends career at state Class 3A boys final

MARK TRAVIS
SPECIAL TO THE CALLER-TIMES

When the final whistle blew at the Class 3A boys state basketball championship between Dallas Madison and Brock, it not only signified that the season was over, it was also the end of the line for one of the guys who blew the whistles.

On March 11, local referee Billy Gaines Jr. called the last game of a 32-year officiating career. A career that included thousands of games and working for three officiating chapters across Texas.

"I had a good time," Gaines said. "It was extremely enjoyable and something

that I had a passion for. The longer you do it, the more the game slows down and you start to appreciate the finer things."

Gaines, who began officiating as a student at the University of Texas, also called games in his hometown of San Antonio before he moved to Corpus Christi to work for the police department. During his 24 years as a referee in Corpus, Gaines called everything from pee-wee football to high school state finals, with a focus on high school football and basketball.

"I called some memorable games, and also some games where it seemed the only fans in the stands were the wives the officials brought," Gaines said.

As a result of his positive critiques, Gaines made eight trips to the state basketball tournament and officiated five state finals in the Alamodome, the Astro-

dome, and the AT&T Center. In 2015, he was the head referee for the state's first Class 6A girls basketball championship game, and he also called a Class A football title game in 2010.

After moving to Corpus Christi, Gaines officiated Division II and Division III college basketball in Texas, and throughout his career he shared the floor and the field with future professionals such as NBA Champion Kendrick Perkins and NFL Pro Bowler Eric Metcalf.

Gaines also refereed semi-professional basketball back when the Corpus Christi Sharks played at the Memorial Coliseum in the late 1990s.

"Those checks are still bouncing," he said.

Officiating was Gaines' beloved avo-

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Alfords winding down successful run together at UCLA

JOHN MARSHALL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - Steve Alford was criticized for not winning enough, considered to be on the hot seat heading into this season. Bryce Alford was knocked for shooting too much, expected to have a hard time taking a back seat to freshman phenom Lonzo Ball.

Look at them now.

Through all the trials and tribulations, father and son arrive at the end of their four-year run at UCLA together

with a chance to do something special on their way out.

"There have been ups and downs and the challenges of being a coach's kid and dealing with that in LA and the pressures that come behind that," Bryce Alford said. "But at the end of the day I wouldn't trade my experience at UCLA and my experience for anything and I don't know if I could have done it without him by my side."

When Steve Alford was hired at UCLA in 2013, it came as a bit of a surprise. He had just signed a 10-year con-

tract extension at New Mexico and said he was happy in Albuquerque, leaving Lobos fans feeling jilted.

UCLA supporters were not exactly thrilled about his hiring, believing he was not an upgrade from Ben Howland, who led the Bruins to the Final Four three times. They wanted a bigger name.

Alford took the pressure of coaching at a college basketball blue blood head on and had a successful start in Westwood,

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RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

UCLA coach Steve Alford talks with his son, Bryce Alford, on Friday in Sacramento, Calif.

High school results, schedules

BASEBALL

STANDINGS	Zone	All
DISTRICT 30-5A		
NORTH ZONE		
Calallen	2-1	9-7
Ray	2-1	11-3
Alice	2-1	7-7
Miller	1-2	6-6
Gregory-Portland	1-2	4-5
Tuloso-Midway	1-2	9-4
SOUTH ZONE		
Moody	3-0	12-0
King	1-1	12-5
Carroll	1-1	9-4
Veterans Memorial	1-2	10-6
Flour Bluff	0-2	5-8
DISTRICT 31-4A		
Ingleside	2-1	10-2
Sinton	2-1	8-3
Orange Grove	2-1	8-2
Robstown	2-1	8-3
Kingsville	2-1	4-9
West Oso	1-2	5-6
Rockport-Fulton	1-2	6-6
Aransas Pass	0-3	5-9

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

NON-DISTRICT	Score	Score	Score	Score
CARROLL 5, ROBSTOWN 4	200	120	0-5	10 0
Carroll	210	001	0-4	7 1
Robstown	210	001	0-4	7 1

W — Michael Garza. **L** — Jacob Garcia (2-3). **Sv** — Jacob Flores. **2B** — Carroll, Christian Servantes, J. Flores, Hector Gonzalez. **Highlights** — Carroll, Servantes 2-4, R; Ryan Flores 2-4, 2R; J. Flores, 1-2, 2BB, R; Gonzalez, 3-3, 2B, 2RBI; Robstown, Austin Kwiatkowski 2-2, 2R; Marco DelosSantos 1-2, 2RBI, 2IP; Garcia, 2-3, RBI, 4IP, 5R, 3ER; Julian Salinas RBI.

Records — Carroll 10-4; Robstown 7-4-1

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

DISTRICT 30-5A

SOUTH ZONE

VETERANS MEMORIAL 7, KING 6

King	200	310	0-6	7 4
VM	000	104	2-7	9 1

W — Jaythen Luna. **L** — Alex Garza. **2B** — King, Abel Pena, Bland Chamberlin. **Highlights** — Abel Pena 2-2, BB, HBP, R; Chamberlin 2-4, 2B, R; Jon Barrera 2-4, R, VM, Jeffrey Boggess 2-4, 2 R; Arnold Pere 2-3, 2 R; Ian Miller R; Jesus Rodriguez 3-4, RBI, R.

Records — Veterans Memorial 10-6, 1-2 in 30-5A South Zone; King 12-5, 1-1

MOODY 8, CARROLL 0

Moody	420	101	0-8	10 2
Carroll	000	000	0-0	2 5

W — Marcus Cantu. **L** — Ryan Flores. **Highlights** — Moody, Robert Arredondo 1-3, 2 R; Ramsey Flores 2-3, 3 R, RBI; Nathaniel Medina 3-4, RBI; M. Cantu 2-3, 3 RBI. Carroll, Ryan Flores 1-4.

Records — Moody 12-0-3, 3-0 in 30-5A South Zone; Carroll 9-4, 1-1

DISTRICT 31-4A

ROCKPORT-FULTON 6, WEST OSO 5

West Oso	Score	Score	Score	Score
R-F	211	200	x-6	5 2

W — Muirhead. **L** — Baker. **2B** — WO, Tobar. **Highlights** — R-F Resendez 2-3, R, RBI; Muirhead 6Ks. WO, Tobar 3-4, R, RBI; Torrez 2-3, RBI.

KINGSVILLE 9, INGLESIDE 5

Kingsville	001	001	2-5	6 4
Ingleside	001	440	x-9	8 3

W — Tyler Kieschnick. **L** — Cobe Reeves. **2B** — Ingleside, Eric Sheffield; Kingsville, Nathan Salinas 2. **3B** — Ingleside, Reeves; Kingsville, Michael Carrales 1, Jacob Villarreal 1. **HR** — Kingsville, Omar Navejar. **Highlights** — Ingleside, Brayden Fessenden 2-4, Reeves 1-4, 3B, 2 RBI, Sheffield 1-4, 2B, RBI; Kingsville, Carrales 2-3, 3B, RBI; Villarreal 2-3, 3B, RBI; Navejar 2-3, HR, 4 RBI; Salinas 2-3, 2 2B, RBI.

NON-DISTRICT

LONDON 11, RUNGE 1 (6 INN.)	Score	Score	Score	Score
Runge	000	000	001	1 8 2
London	230	303	-11	9 2

W — Ryan Lawver. **2B** — London, Bailous King, Trey Ortega. **Highlights** — London Lawver 8Ks, Ortega 2-3, R, RBI; King 2-2, R, RBI; Chaz Becker 2 R, 3 RBI.

MONDAY'S GAME

NON-DISTRICT

London at IWA, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

DISTRICT 30-5A

Tuloso-Midway at Ray, 5:30 p.m., Cabaniss Veterans Memorial at Flour Bluff, 7 p.m. Miller at Alice, 7 p.m. Carroll vs King, 8 p.m., Cabaniss Gregory-Portland at Calallen, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 31-4A

Aransas Pass at Sinton, 7 p.m. Ingleside at West Oso, 7 p.m. Kingsville at Orange Grove, 7 p.m. Robstown at Rockport-Fulton, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 30-3A

San Diego at Cotulla, 7 p.m. Hebronville at George West, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 31-3A

Bishop vs Banquete, 7 p.m., Whataburger Field Santa Gertrudis Academy at Fallfurrias, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 31-2A

Woodsboro at Agua Dulce, 4 p.m. Three Rivers at Port Aransas, 7 p.m. Refugio at Kenedy, 7:15 p.m.

DISTRICT 32-2A

San Perlita at Ben Bolt, 4 p.m. La Villa at Riviera, 6 p.m.

NON-DISTRICT

Palacios at Skidmore-Tynan, 7:15 p.m. John Paul II at Beeville, 7 p.m.

MONDAY

Ray Tournament, OSO Beach CC Port Lavaca Calhoun Tournament

TUESDAY

Port Lavaca Calhoun Tournament

WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY

Bishop Golf Tournament, Alice Municipal

SOFTBALL

DISTRICT 30-5A	Score	Score	Score	Score
Carroll	011	100	1-4	8 0
Tuloso-Midway	001	001	0-2	2 2
Veterans Memorial	001	001	0-2	8 4
King	001	001	0-2	8 4
Gregory-Portland	001	001	0-2	8 4
Flour Bluff	001	001	0-2	8 4
Moody	001	001	0-2	8 4
Calallen	001	001	0-2	8 4
Alice	001	001	0-2	8 4
Miller	001	001	0-2	8 4
Ray	001	001	0-2	8 4

DISTRICT 31-4A

DISTRICT	Score	Score	Score	Score
Sinton	000	000	0-1	8 2
Ingleside	000	000	0-1	8 2
Orange Grove	000	000	0-1	8 2
Rockport-Fulton	000	000	0-1	8 2
Robstown	000	000	0-1	8 2
Kingsville	000	000	0-1	8 2
West Oso	000	000	0-1	8 2
Aransas Pass	000	000	0-1	8 2

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULTS

DISTRICT 30-5A

TULOSO-MIDWAY 4, GREGORY-PORTLAND 2

T-M	011	100	1-4	8 0
G-P	001	001	0-2	2 2

W — Reyna. **L** — Oullette (0-1). **2B** — G-P, Skylar Oullette. **3B** — Sydney. **Highlights** — T-M, Reyna 8Ks, Fernandez 2-4 R, RBI; Perez 2-3, RBI, R, Galvan 1-4, 2R, G-P, Sydney 1-3; Nix 1-4, R; Escamilla 2-3; Oullette 2-3, RBI.

Records

T-M 2-0 district; G-P 1-1.

DISTRICT 29-3A

MATHIS 12, BLOOMINGTON 5

Mathis	050	400	3-12	15 2
Bloomington	020	000	3-5	10 6

W — Stephanie Salinas. **L** — Huerta. **2B** — Mathis, Kyla Luna. **3B** — Mathis, Luna. **Highlights** — Mathis, Luna 3-3, 2B, 3B, 3 RBI; Bianca Comenero 3-5, RBI, Brianna Saldivar 2-5, 2 RBI, Melissa Salinas 2-4, 3 RBI.

MONDAY'S GAME

DISTRICT 30-5A

Flour Bluff at Carroll, 6 p.m., Cabaniss

TUESDAY'S GAMES

DISTRICT 30-5A

Alice at Ray, 5:30 p.m., Cabaniss Gregory-Portland at King, 7:30 p.m., Cabaniss Veterans Memorial at Tuloso-Midway, 7 p.m. Miller at Calallen, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 31-4A

Ingleside at West Oso, 7 p.m. Kingsville at Orange Grove, 7 p.m. Orange Grove at Aransas Pass, 7 p.m. Robstown at Rockport, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 29-3A

Taft at Mathis, 5 p.m. Bloomington at Skidmore-Tynan, 7 p.m. Odem at Goliad, 7 p.m.



COURTNEY SACCO

Robstown's Jose Molina drops a bunt down during the third inning of a game against Sinton at Steve Castro Field in Robstown on Friday. The Cotton Pickers won 1-0.

DISTRICT 30-3A

Hebronville at George West, 6:30 p.m. San Diego at Cotulla, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 31-3A

Bishop at Banquete, 7 p.m. Three Rivers at Agua Dulce, 4 p.m.

DISTRICT 32-2A

Ben Bolt at La Villa, 7 p.m.

TENNIS

THURSDAY

Skidmore-Tynan at Goliad Tournament

FRIDAY-SATURDAY

Carroll, Ray, Veterans Memorial at Kemah Tournament, Houston

TRACK AND FIELD

THURSDAY

San Diego at Hebronville Banquete at Banquete Meete, Banquete

SATURDAY

Kingsville, Gregory-Portland, Taft at Pirate Relays, Sinton

Rockport-Fulton, Tuloso-Midway at Tribal Relays, Tuloso-Midway

Skidmore-Tynan at Goliad

Alamo Relays

IN BRIEF

NC State to introduce new coach Kevin Keatts on Sunday: North Carolina State will introduce new basketball coach Kevin Keatts on Sunday.

School officials say Keatts' introductory news conference will be held at 1 p.m. from Reynolds Coliseum. N.C. State hired Keatts from UNC Wilmington on Friday to replace fired Mark Gottfried.

The 44-year-old Keatts is a former assistant to Rick Pitino at Louisville and two-time Colonial Athletic Association coach of the year. He led UNC Wilmington to a 72-28 record and two NCAA Tournaments in three seasons in his first head coaching job.

Gottfried took the Wolfpack to the NCAA Tournament four times in his six years at the school but was fired in February during a 15-17 finish.

Illinois hires Oklahoma State's Underwood as new coach: Illinois has hired Oklahoma State's Brad Underwood as its new coach.

Underwood spent three successful seasons at Stephen F. Austin before signing on to coach Oklahoma State for 2016-17. The Cowboys got off to a rough start to Big 12 play before rallying with a 9-1 stretch that landed them an NCAA Tournament bid.

Oklahoma State fell to seventh-seeded Michigan 92-91 on Friday, closing out

Underwood's only season in Stillwater.

Underwood replaces John Groce, who was let go earlier this month.

The Fighting Illini went 95-75 in five seasons under Groce but made just one NCAA tournament appearance.

Bucs sign veteran kicker Nick Folk: Veteran kicker Nick Folk has signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

The 10-year pro spent the past seven seasons with the New York Jets, ranking second in franchise history with 172 field goals. He was 27 of 31 last season while converting 24 of 26 extra point attempts.

With Tampa Bay, he'll compete for a job with Roberto Aguayo, a second-round draft pick a year ago who was inconsistent as a rookie when he was 22 of 31 on field goal attempts.

Jets sign former Cowboys CB Claiborne to 1-year deal: New York Jets have signed former Dallas Cowboys cornerback Morris Claiborne to a one-year deal.

Claiborne, the No. 6 overall pick in the 2012 NFL draft, will help the Jets replace Darrelle Revis, who was released last week.

The team announced the signing Saturday. Financial terms weren't immediately available, but multiple outlets reported that the deal is for \$5 million.

- Wire services

Robstown

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district. I was really pumped up for this game."

The Pirates had two runners on base in each of the first two innings but then Trevino retired 14 of the next 17 batters he faced the rest of the game. Sinton (8-3, 2-1) had one baserunner reach third base and that was in the first inning.

Trevino gave up two hits and a first-inning walk. His run support came on a Jose Molina single to left that scored Pete Salinas.

"Man, I tell you what I'm ecstatic," Robstown co-coach Elias Vasquez said. "His last outing, he was a little off and we don't know what the deal was. But I told him, 'You have the kind of stuff that can really, really propel you to be a No. 1 starter.' That's what we are looking at and (Friday) he showed it."

Martinez, meanwhile, also was stellar, giving up five hits in six innings and striking out seven.

The two teams will next meet on April 10 in Sinton.

"He's been there every year I've been in Robstown playing against him," Trevino said. "This is my first year being here as a pitcher and he's been there three years. I kept my stuff together and the team kept me up and it was real good for us."

FRIDAY NUGGETS

Veterans Memorial's 6-5 come-from-behind win against King was a watershed victory for the young program. It was an upset of a team many expect to contend for a district title but also vaulted the Eagles back into the race for the playoffs in the rough-and-tumble 30-5A South Zone.

Moody's 3-0 record gives it some breathing room, while King, Carroll, Veterans and Flour Bluff are all separated by a game or fewer.

"We are still 1-2 and all it really did was give us a chance to get back in the race," Veterans coach Lee Yeager said late Friday night. "I've been doing this long enough that it's just a win but definitely for Veterans Memorial High School that's a big one."

Meanwhile, Alice's upset of Calallen in the

North Zone has jumbled that part of 30-5A. The Coyotes, Wildcats and Ray are all tied at 2-1 atop the standings.

Buckle up.

The Tuloso-Midway softball team quietly has been racking up wins this season and on Friday took a big one. T-M pitcher Breanna Reyna held a potent Gregory-Portland lineup to two runs and eight hits in a 4-2 victory for the Cherokees.

T-M is one of three remaining undefeated teams in 30-5A with Carroll and Veterans. The Eagles and Cherokees meet on Tuesday at T-M.

FRIDAY'S HONOR ROLL

BASEBALL

Tyler Kieschnick, Kingsville — Struck out seven in a 9-5 win against Ingleside

John Perez and Antonio Valdez, Ray — Drove in four of the Texans' six runs against Miller.

Ryan Lawver, London — Struck out eight in 11-1 non-district win against Runge.

SOFTBALL

Crystal Davila, King — Drove in five runs in King's 11-10 loss to Flour Bluff.

Kahela Garrett, Araya Ayala, Riley Grunberg and Dakota Miller, Flour Bluff — Each had two RBI in the Hornets victory.

Breanna Reyna, T-M — Struck out eight in a 4-2 win against Gregory-Portland.

Courtney Bigley, Orange Grove — Had a double and drove in three runs in the Bulldogs' 12-0 rout of Aransas Pass.

LOOKING TO NEXT WEEK

Baseball

Carroll vs. King, Tuesday — This game got a whole lot bigger.

Tuloso-Midway at Ray, Tuesday — Another monumental 30-5A contest.

King vs. Moody, Friday — Can the Trojans finish the first half of the South Zone slate undefeated?

Orange Grove at Ingleside, Tuesday — Two contenders looking for a big win.

Banquete vs. Bishop, Tuesday — Play begins in a stout 31-3A.

Gaines

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ation, and it acted as a third career. Gaines is also a Senior Officer for the Corpus Christi Police Department and a Senior Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force Reserve.

Sometimes Gaines' three jobs would overlap, leading to long days and little sleep.

Once a month during football season, Gaines left home on Thursday night for his graveyard shift at the police department, arrive home to sleep early Friday morning, and wake up in the afternoon to prepare for his varsity football assignment. Then after the game he would drive to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, where he had to report for his Unit Training Assembly at 5:30 a.m.

Marc Harrod, a fellow officer at the CCPD who was in a football officiating crew with Gaines for a decade, said pulling off double duty can be tough. Let alone triple duty.

"It is really difficult," Harrod said. "He did an amazing job. Graveyard shift on patrol, yet he was never late to a game. He was always there. He was all in. I don't know how he did it. He made it look easy."

Gaines made many friends while officiating, and the camaraderie he built with other referees is what Gaines will miss most about calling games.

"I will miss the officials I was working with," Gaines said. "When you work together for so long and start to get in sync, the game flows smoothly, and that is an enjoyable feeling."

Fellow official Jacoby Smith officiated with Gaines for the past eight years, including three straight trips to the state basketball tournament. He said Gaines was the perfect example for younger officials.

In more ways than one, Gaines has the perfect disposition for a career in the military, law enforcement, and even officiating.