

Friday, Feb 3rd

Friday afternoon the DBES staff softball team squared off against league powerhouse: Wesley Chapel High School. Fielding one of the deepest benches in the league Wesley Chapel brought with it their full arsenal of hitting power and defensive finesse.

The Ranchers got off to a promising start by scoring first, but all of their high hopes vanished in the bottom of the first as even the umpires seemed to lose track of the number of runs scored by Wesley Chapel. With the exception of two fielding errors the Ranchers defense was sound. "They just found spots and hit the ball to the spots." Coach Klauka said, wearing the frustration of an 0 – 3 start on his bearded face. "I'm just sorry that Maddie and Olivia had to witness that half inning... it really was too frightening for children."

The team did not leave the field completely bereft of positive takeaways however. The defense responded to the onslaught in the 1st inning by stopping Wesley Chapel from inflicting any other knockout blows. The offense also continued chipping away at the ultimately insurmountable deficit.

The team MVP for the week went to Mrs. Noble. She was suffering with an illness but "played like Michael Jordan with the flu", noted Mr. Collins." Coach Klauka tried to pull her out of the game several times, but she soldiered on through the pain. "She really was an inspiration to all of us." Said Mrs. Simpson.

The Ranchers hope to see a win on the left hand column after this weeks' game against the expansion Wiregrass Ranch Elementary team. Back to the anchors and GOoooo Ranchers!