LADY EAGLES *SOFTBALL* DIAMOND NEWS

Lady Eagles fall to

South San Lady Bobcats 4 to 0

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The Eagle Pass Lady Eagles varsity girls’ softball team resumed their softball diamond battles on Monday, February 18, 2019 when they entertained their former district foe the always tough South San Lady Bobcats in a 7:00 PM non-district home opener at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center softball field. The short handed Eagle Pass Lady Eagles ran into a fundamentally sound defensive squad the fielded anything and everything hit to them as well as a very dominating pitcher.

The visiting South San Lady Bobcats who entered this game as the defending two-time District 29-6A softball champions before they were realigned this year quickly struck first with a three run output in the top half of the first inning and never looked back after that with Emerie Poblano reaching safely on a one out error, with two outs Lady Bobcats hurler Caitlyn Rangel drew a walk, shortstop Angelina Zuniga belted two RBI triple to drive in Emerie Poblano and Caitlyn

Rangel Julie Solar followed with an RBI single to bring home Angelina Zuniga to give the Lady Bobcats a 3 to 0 lead over the home standing Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles threatened to counter back in the bottom half of the first inning by loading the bases with only one out but failed to manufacture any runs and the next two batters in the lineup struck out to end what would prove to be the only scoring threat the Lady Eagles would manage on this night. The Lady Eagles fielded a totally complete different lineup from what they showed at last week's Smithson Valley Tournament but the usually potent Lady Eagles bats were silenced on this night as Lady Bobcats starting and game winning pitcher Caitlyn Rangel only allowed one base hit and that coming off the bat of Lady Eagles starting catcher Lorelei Morales who was pressed into handling the catching duties with regular starting catcher Brooke Diaz out nursing an undisclosed injury. Caitlyn Rangel registered a whopping 13 strikeouts on the night against the usually powerful Eagle Pass Lady Eagles.
Other lineup changes for the Lady Eagles had Cristabel Martinez getting her first start at shortstop, Lashay Reyes who can probably play any position and last year played exclusively third base for the Lady Eagles and this year had been starting in right field was brought back into the infield to play the vital second base position, Alyssa Lara got the starting nod at left field and teammate Paola Daniel got to start in right field which makes it really hard to gel as a team but nevertheless the proud Lady Eagles gave it their best shot with what they had to work with.

In the top of the third the Lady Bobcats tacked on an insurance run with Caitlyn Rangel helping out her own cause with a double to lead off the frame, with one out Julie Solar connected with an RBI single to bring home Caitlyn Rangel to eventually come away with the 4 to 0 victory over the shorthanded and mixed matched Lady Eagles.

Score by Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 R H E

SOUTH SAN 3 0 1 0 0 0 0 **4 10 0**

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Losing Pitcher: Kaitlin Galvan ***Leading Hitters***: Lorelei Morales 1for 3