LADY MAVERICKS *SOFTBALL* DIAMOND NEWS

Lady Mavs drop extra inning thriller

To Uvalde Lobos 6 to 5

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The pride of Southern Maverick County the mighty C.C. Winn Lady Mavericks varsity girls’ softball team under the direction of head coach J.J. Iracheta, Jr., and assistant coaches Tony Martinez, Johnny Hernandez, Corina Benavidez and Roly Salinas resumed their district softball action on Tuesday, March 20, 2017 when they hosted the always tough Uvalde Lobos in a key 7: 00 PM District 29-5A softball matchup at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center softball team. Both teams ventured into this game sporting identical district record of 1-0.

The visiting Uvalde Lobos jumped out to the early lead in this game with a two run output in the top half of the very first inning courtesy of a two out two run homerun off the bat of Lobos third baseman Anahi Ramirez. The Lady Mavericks countered with a lone run in the bottom of the first with Martha Garcia drawing a walk, Kayla Sifuentes sacrificed Martha Garcia over to second with a bunt, Ariana Soto also drew a walk and Daniela Rodriguez stroked an RBI single

to drive in Martha Garcia

The Uvalde Lobos extended their lead with lone runs in the third and fifth innings to take a 4 to 1 lead over the Lady Mavericks. But with the heart of a true champion the mighty Lady Mavericks supported by the famed Mavericks Nation in attendance stormed back to take a one run lead with a big four run production in the bottom of the sixth inning with Ariana Soto belting a one out single, Daniela Soto drew a base on balls, Briana Soto came through with an RBI double to bring home Ariana Soto with Daniela Rodriguez advancing to third on the play, Daniela Soto would then come home courtesy of a wild pitch with courtesy runner Kaytlyn Amaya advancing to third, Jasmin Ballones reached safely on an error enabling Kaytlyn Amaya to tally the game tying run, Jasmin Ballones would later tally the go ahead run courtesy of an error to give the Lady Mavericks a 5 to 4 lead heading to the top of the seventh.

In the top of the seventh the feisty Lobos managed to knot up the scoreboard with a lone run while the Lady Mavericks stranded the game winning run at first so the game went to extra innings all the way to the ninth inning where the Uvalde Lobos managed to take a one run lead on a bang band play at home that could have just as easily been called an out. In the home half of the ninth the proud Lady Mavericks were retired in order enabling the Uvalde Lobos to escape with the hard fought 5 to 5 victory over the valiant Lady Mavericks.
Eagle Pass Sports Central commends the outstanding effort by Lady Mavericks' young pitcher Angie Escamilla who hurled all nine complete innings in this game and truly deserved a much better fate.

Score by Innings: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 R H E

**UVALDE LOBOS** 2 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 **6 10 3**

**LADY MAVERICKS** 1 0 0 0 0 4 0 0 0 **5 5 0**

***Losing Pitcher***: Angie Escamilla ***Leading Hitters***: Daniela Rodriguez 2 for 3 with 1 run scored and 1 RBI, Kayla Sifuentes 1 for 3, Ariana Soto 1 for 3 with1 run scored, Briana Soto 1 for 3 with 1 RBI, Martha Garcia 1 run scored, Kaytlyn Amaya 1 run scored and Jasmin Ballones 1 run scored.