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L.D. Bell clinches top seed

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BASEBALLHURST – Hurst L.D. Bell senior left-hander Cory Large went the distance and had 13 strikeouts to beat Coppell, 4-1, and help his team clinch at least a share of the District 6-5A title.

L.D. Bell (18-6-1, 12-1 district) and Coppell (22-7, 11-2) entered Tuesday tied atop the 6-5A standings. Both have one game left, but L.D. Bell owns the tiebreaker after sweeping Coppell.

Left fielder John Menth had two L.D. Bell hits that produced three runs. Large, a Texas Tech signee, used an effective fastball and curveball while mixing in a solid change-up to improve to 9-0.

FM Marcus 8, Allen 0: At Allen, Marcus (21-6, 11-2) produced 14 hits, and pitcher Heath Baker threw 5 2/3 scoreless innings in a battle of two of the three teams tied for first place in District 8-5A. Marcus remained tied for first with Flower Mound. Allen (21-6, 10-3) is a game back in third place.

Marcus' Chris Tucker hit a grand slam, and Cole Standridge added a home run.

Eules Trinity 5, Irving 4: At Irving, Trinity (13-14, 7-6) earned a big win in District 6-5A. Trinity, Irving (11-12-1, 7-6) and South Grand Prairie all are tied for third place.

Trinity got the lead early and was able to hold on. Corey Sartor earned the win, and Steven Ruegg earned the save.

Hebron 4, McKinney 3: At McKinney, Hebron (19-11, 9-4) took sole possession of second place in District 9-4A with a win against McKinney (18-8, 8-5). Justin Pitrucha threw a four-hitter and improved to 6-2. He, Sam Freeman and Mitchell Putman all doubled.

Lake Highlands 11, Carr. Newman Smith 0: At Lake Highlands, Taylor Chapel pitched a one-hitter, and the Lake Highlands offense benefited from 10 hits and three Newman Smith errors to earn the District 10-5A win.

Taylor Burns hit a home run for Lake Highlands (27-2-1), which remained undefeated in 10-5A at 13-0. Newman Smith slipped to 17-9-1, 9-4.

Arl. Lamar 9, Duncanville 1: At Duncanville, Zach Sperry threw a five-hitter to lead Lamar (19-10-1, 10-3) to a District 7-5A win. Lamar remained a game behind Arlington Martin for the district lead. Duncanville fell to 16-10, 8-5.

Grapevine 7, Southlake Carroll 0: At Grapevine, Alec Marsh improved to 7-2 and threw a two-hitter in a District 5-5A victory. Four of Grapevine's nine hits went for extra bases, including a home run by Nick Toussaint. Grapevine (19-11, 8-5) gained a game on Southlake Carroll (16-8, 9-4) in a tight 5-5A race.

Flower Mound 7, Lewisville 0: At Lewisville, Michael Decker went 3-for-4, and Jimmie Pharr went 2-for-4 to

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Hurst L.D. Bell pitcher Cory Large is lifted in a celebration after he pitched a complete game and struck out 13 to beat Coppell. L.D. Bell clinched the top seed in District 6-5A.

lead SportsDay's No. 1 Class 5A area team to a shutout win. David Beamen and Ari Arayata each had two RBIs for Flower Mound (24-4, 11-2), and Brandon Gaviglio pitched a four-hitter and struck out eight.

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