



Photo by Reygan Gibbs

In the away section, sophomore Jimmy Clark leads the crowd including sophomore Kira Johnson, senior Natalia Lartitequi, and junior Natalia Orosco, in a wave cheer. Lamar students and community make the hour-long drive to fill the stands for the Whistle Game. The schools alternate hosting the game. "We are one big Savage Nation," Orosco said. "We win together, we lose together,"

## The Whistle Game

### An experience for the fans

#### ➤ Brillee Crum Reporter

The Savages were determined to put up a fight at Tiger Stadium on Friday, Oct. 12 after three shutouts in previous seasons for the Whistle Game.

"I thought we did good, but honestly I thought we could have took it," senior lineman and offensive tackle Adrian Aguirre said.

The final score of the Whistle Game was La Junta 34, Lamar 21.

"I hate losing to La Junta," assistant football coach Austin Wertz said.

The Whistle Game has been happening since 2002, and the La Junta and Lamar rivalry is the 3rd oldest rivalry in the state starting in 1905.

The last time Lamar had the

Whistle was 2014.

"The boys were very motivated this year and we are becoming more confident every game," Wertz said.

This year the Whistle Game was played in La Junta.

"It doesn't really matter to me where the game is, if the fans are there it feels like home," Aguirre said.

Natalia Orosco, junior, went to the game with the JV cheer team.

"I like going because I like to participate in school events so I have something to look back on," Orosco said, "and I like showing off my school spirit."

Lamar will host it next year.

"I like when the game is in Lamar," Wertz said. "I love home field advantage."

## Softball finishes season at state

#### ➤ Kenneth Barrett Reporter

Regionals went great for the softball team with a 17-2 win against The Academy, but that hot streak stopped when the state tournament came around.

State tournaments for softball are single-elimination; if teams lose one game then they are out.

In the first round, Lamar played Meeker who they had previously beaten 11-1, but this game was closer with a final score 8-10; Meeker won. It was an early lead for LHS going 1-0 in the first inning, but that turned around for the second inning when Meeker scored 5 runs. Lamar had a come back with a score of 6 to 5, but couldn't hold it.

"We were down at times but we battled back throughout the entire game," said Coach Mindy McCoy.

The team was very confident going into the game because of their previous win.

"We only had one power hitter at the time, our other was out for a torn meniscus," said junior Reygan Gibbs.

Despite all of this, the rest of the season was successful. LHS tied as district champions, won regional champs and was the number 6 seeded team in the state tournament.

The team is graduating a large amount as seniors.

"Next year will be a building year," said Gibbs. "The only people that will stay on the team is our catcher, shortstop, and 3rd base, everyone else is a senior."

The last game of the season is always emotional, especially for the seniors.

The softball team had an unfortunate end to their season but overall was a very successful season according to McCoy. "I hope that the girls can take some good memories from this season and best of luck to the seniors!"

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