



PLEASANT GROVE VS. BUCHANAN:

The TRAC leading Buchanan Bears were stunned twice in their own den Monday, losing 2-1 to Reedley to kick-off the Fresno Easter Baseball Classic, then tying Pleasant Grove of Elk Grove 1-1 in a nine inning pitchers duel between the Bears' Chris Rodgers and the Eagles' Dylan Chavez. The two outcomes give the Bears no chance of playing in Wednesday night's championship game. Buchanan hosts Bullard Tuesday night at seven in a gut-check game.

"I think Bullard's going to come in with something to prove," said Bears' head coach Tom Donald, who has already watched his team beat the Knights three times this year. "I'm very interested to see how our senior leadership takes over, whether you're a starting senior or not. We preach unselfishness. And now we're gonna find out if we're pretenders or contenders in the next two games."

Rodgers struck out 11 with no walks in eight innings for Buchanan, while the lefty Chavez whiffed 12 for Pleasant Grove, allowing just three hits in a complete game gem.



Pleasant Grove pitcher Dylan Chavez kept Buchanan off balance for nine innings.

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