

## **EAGLES CHAMPIONSHIP BID FALLS SHORT!!!**

On Friday night a record crowd gathered at Dell Diamond in Round Rock for the Class 5A Championship Game between Georgetown High and Prosper High. Over 8000 fans showed up with the majority from Georgetown. Prosper, from the Dallas area had a good crowd considering how far they had to drive. But, what they lacked in the number of fans, didn't keep them from being loud. This reporter can still hear the rhythmic beat from those homemade drums that were constantly beat on throughout the game by several girl students, and the cry of PROSPER EAGLES being chanted by their fans. But, the community of Georgetown showed up in mass and the sea of blue filled the stands from the third base side of home plate to the outer end of the right field stands. When the team was introduced this huge crowd, a sea of blue, rose and cheered each and every player. That was followed by the familiar cheer of GEORGETOWN-----EAGLES-----GEORGETOWN----EAGLES echoing throughout the ballpark over and over.

Prosper was the home team and on the first play of the game, Georgetown got their leadoff hitter to first base on an error by the second baseman. But, unlike previous games they could not get the stolen base or key hit to get any runs. Likewise, Prosper got their first hitter on base beating out the throw on a deep ground ball to third, but was not able to score. But, then came a 2nd inning where everything went wrong for Georgetown. Prosper took advantage of control problems from the starting Georgetown pitcher and some hard hit balls to score 6 big runs. Three of those came off a screaming ground ball just inside first base. After that big inning, Prosper played outstanding defense and had outstanding pitching. Their starting pitcher kept Georgetown batters off balance with a good fastball, changeup and curve ball. He only allowed one hit late in the game. Without base runners Georgetown just couldn't get anything going. Prosper scored their last two runs of the game in the 3rd inning. But, it took some really good defense by Georgetown to hold this great hitting team scoreless after that. Final stats: Prosper 8 runs, 9 hits, 1 error Georgetown 0 runs, 1 hit, 2 errors.

So, the Prosper Eagles, winner of District 10, are the Texas Class 5A champion. On this night they were the best team. Throughout their season the sting of their hitting, excellent defense, and strength of their pitching staff resulted in a overall record of 34 wins and only 3 losses. Congratulations to their players and coaches.

On the other side, the Georgetown Eagles, 2nd in District 25, with a season record of 27 wins and 13 losses are the Texas Class 5A runner-ups. From the start of the season this team battled through some tough times and just kept getting better. Each player gave their all, and beyond, as they just kept playing as a team and believing in each other. In the playoffs they beat some of the best teams in the state (Boerne Champion, Calallen and Aledo) to reach the Championship Game. Maybe that is why at the end of this disappointing loss, the majority of the thousands of fans that showed up for this game, stayed and cheered loudly in tribute to what this team accomplished as they accepted the runner-up trophy. Maybe that is why the chant of GEORGETOWN-----EAGLES--- --GEORGETOWN----EAGLES still echoed throughout the ballpark over and over one more time.

This was truly a great night in Georgetown HS history. Thank you and congratulations to the Georgetown Eagles baseball team (players, coaches, managers) on a great season. Eagle Fight, Never Dies!!!

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