

Sports/Community News

Tigers battle to championship of LaRoche varsity tourney

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The Fort Scott High School Tiger baseball team went 2-0 Thursday and advanced to the championship game of the LaRoche Varsity Baseball Tournament, which will be played today.

The Tigers (9-1) earned an 11-10 win over the Ottawa Cyclones in game one Thursday afternoon, then edged the Carl Junction Bulldogs 2-1 Thursday night.

Tiger Head Coach Josh Regan said his squad did not have their best outings on the field Thursday, but they are able to find ways to win.

“It was two hard-nosed tough wins when we did not play our best baseball, and you have to win games that way sometimes,” Regan said. “We win games through our B game, which is through sheer competitiveness and the will to win.”

Day one action in the tournament Thursday featured four one-run games; Carl Junction nipped Blue Valley North 10-9 and Ottawa snuck by Blue Valley North, 8-7. Game times for today were slated to be determined after the completion of Friday’s games, which included Blue Valley West vs. Tonganoxie and Pittsburg vs. Wellington. The winners of those games were scheduled to face off Friday night, with the Tigers playing the winner of that game in the championship today.

“The tournament overall was excellent,” Tiger Head Coach Josh Regan said. “There were four one-run games, which speaks to the competitiveness. It was fun to watch and fun to play.”

Tigers vs. Carl Junction

In the Tigers’ 2-1 victory, starting pitcher Lennox Vann recorded 21 outs. In seven innings, Vann gave up three hits and one run while fanning four and



Fort Scott’s Kaden Cannon hits as Brady Messer waits on deck in the second inning of the Tigers’ 11-10 win over the Ottawa Cyclones in the opening game of the LaRoche Varsity Baseball Tournament Thursday afternoon. The Tigers scored two of their six runs in the inning on a single by Cannon, whose single in the sixth tied the game, 10-10.

walking two.

“Carl Junction is a very good team,” Regan said. “It was really a pitcher’s duel. Lennox Vann was excellent on the mound. He commanded the baseball really well. He walked two guys in seven innings, so that was a huge part. He was very dominant against a very good lineup.”

The Tigers grabbed an early lead in the second when a run scored on a passed ball and a groundout by Dexter Williams brought home a run. Williams led the Tigers with one RBI.

Carl Junction’s Brayden Larery, the losing pitcher, tossed seven innings, giving up two runs (one earned) on five hits while collecting five strikeouts and no walks. At the plate, Larery went 1-3 and led the Bulldogs with one RBI.

Regan said Larery “mixed it up well and kept

us off balance.” He said the Tigers struggled offensively, only scoring two runs in the second inning, but “we weathered the storm rest of the game.”

“They put up one run in the sixth, but we limited the damage,” Regan said. “We had several guys on through the course of the game. We put the clamps on when we had to and kept them from scoring. Defensively, it was a great effort.”

“We did what we had to do,” he said, adding Williams’ play in the second “made the difference for us.”

Colton Rogers, Vann, Dub Chipman, Kaden Cannon and Brody Gomez each had one hit for the Tigers. Larery, Brody Pant and Craig Hayes each had hits for the Bulldogs.

Tigers vs. Ottawa

The Tigers won their first game of the tourna-

ment, nipping the Ottawa Cyclones 11-10 in walk-off fashion Thursday afternoon.

“We played our worst game of the season so far, by far,” Regan said. “We kicked six plays, made six errors and did not do a lot of little things. We made several baserunning mistakes that were critical and cost us. Ottawa is a tough team and they kept battling and coming back.”

With the game tied, 10-10 in the bottom of the seventh, Fort Scott’s Kanin Brown singled to drive in the winning run.

“In the last inning, Ty Marbery triples off the bat. Dub Chipman gets on and Kanin Brown gets the walk-off hit,” Regan said. “I’m happy they got to experience that.”

Both teams tallied a combined 24 hits in the game, with the Tigers collecting 15 and the Cyclones record-

ing nine.

The Cyclones took a 2-0 lead in the first inning after a 2-RBI double by Boston Bloomer. The Tigers knotted the game 2-2 with two singles in the frame, including one by Brody Gomez that tied the score.

The Tigers plated six runs on seven hits in the bottom of the second – including a single by right fielder Kaden Cannon that drove in two runs – to take an 8-2 lead. The Cyclones retaliated in the third, scoring seven runs on three hits to retake the lead, 9-8. Two runs scored on a Tiger error in the inning.

Regan said the Cyclones are well-coached, “a really good team and extremely tough.” He said his team has a chemistry and ability to play through adversity.

“We played terrible, but I have to give credit to our guys, they found a way to win,” he said. “And that’s what is special about this group for the last couple of years, this senior class is a huge part of the overall attitude that has defined us. They never go away. They do not stop battling. We may run out of innings to come back, but they are always battling. That’s a team that nobody wants to play, and that’s exactly the team we want to be, extremely resilient. I’m proud of their comeback.”

Cannon’s single down the right field line in the sixth inning tied the game, 10-10.

“Overall, a lot of guys did a lot of small things that helped us win games yesterday,” Regan said. We kind of got it rolling. We haven’t played lights out every night, but our guys know how to win baseball games. Everyone has contributed. One through nine in our lineup can hurt you. We can threaten in a lot of different ways. We can swing it, but we can also small ball it and manufacture runs. Our pitching staff has stepped up and we’ve had good defense, which is a recipe to win baseball games. We’ve had fantastic leadership with this group.”

“This group loves each other and love playing together. They put the team in front of themselves, and that’s refreshing and fun to coach.”

On the hill, Fort Scott’s Tyler Anderson earned the win. The reliever gave up four hits and one run (zero earned) while striking out three and walking one in 4 1/3 innings. Brady Messer, Fort Scott’s starter, surrendered five hits and nine runs (two earned) while recording two strikeouts and three walks in 2 2/3 innings.

“Tyler Anderson shut the door on Ottawa because we were down,” Regan said. “He closed it out and gave us a chance to win. He’s been waiting for his opportunity and he got it.”

Ottawa’s Will Altic, the losing pitcher, allowed 11 runs on 15 hits while fanning four and walking six in six innings.

Cannon, hitting seventh, led the Tigers with three RBIs in a 3-4 performance at the plate. Brown and Cannon each had three hits, while Chayden Clayton and Ty Marbery also collected multiple hits. Gomez had three of the Tigers’ six walks. Dub Chipman had two steals. The Tigers turned one double play.

Bloomer, batting in the middle of the lineup, went 1-4 and led the Cyclones with three RBIs. Carter Hepner led the Cyclones with three hits in four at-bats from the leadoff position. Cole McGrath went 2-4. McGrath and Hepner each had multiple steals as the Cyclones combined for seven stolen bases. The Cyclones also turned one double play.

Regan said the team’s task now is to “not to be complacent. We could have played better yesterday. We have things to correct and get better at, and we will get back to work today (Friday) and find out who we play in the championship. Our guys deserve that opportunity.”

The Tigers are scheduled to travel to Chanute Monday.

– stats from GameChanger

Lady Tigers fall 10-9 on final play

TRIBUNE STAFF REPORT

The Fort Scott High School Lady Tiger softball team dropped their second-straight one-run game with a 10-9 walk-off loss to Pittsburg on the road Thursday.

Pittsburg trailed 9-6 in the bottom of the seventh when Breck Slaughter’s single scored four runs.

The Dragons took a 5-0 lead in the first on a 2-RBI double by Brette Pasteur, a one-run single by Slaughter and a home run by Haylee Ingerson that drove in a pair of runs.

The Lady Tigers (4-2) grabbed the lead in the fifth inning and retook the lead, 9-6, in the seventh on Bryleigh Hymer’s three-run homer to centerfield. Hymer went 4-4 at the plate and led the Lady Tigers with three RBIs.

The Lady Tigers collected 13 hits while the Dragons racked up 12 hits in the contest.

Pittsburg’s AnnaLynn Hudson, the winning pitcher, allowed two hits and two runs (one earned) while fanning one and walking none through one inning in the circle.

Fort Scott’s Kyndal Aikin gave up 10 runs (seven earned) on 12 hits while collecting 10 strikeouts and two walks through 6 1/3 innings. Slaughter started in the circle for the Dragons, and surrendered 11 hits and seven run in six innings while tallying six K’s and two walks. At the plate, Slaughter went 3-4 and led Pittsburg with three RBIs.

The Lady Tigers’ Raylee Cowan and Allisyn Wheeler each had multiple hits. Cowan had two of Fort Scott’s five stolen bases.

Pittsburg’s Alyssa Cosens, Pasteur and Megan Johnston each recorded multiple hits.

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Fort Scott’s Bryleigh Hymer connects on a pitch during an April 1 matchup at Don Hewett Field. On Thursday, Hymer went 4-4 with three RBIs, including a three-run home run that helped the Lady Tigers retake the lead. The Lady Tigers ultimately fell, 10-9.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Pest Control Services

Bourbon County is requesting bids for the purpose of pest control at several locations located within Bourbon County. Below is a list of the locations that will need to be sprayed monthly. Bidders are required to provide proof of \$1,000,000 Contractors Liability Insurance. This will be a three-year contract.

Locations	
Bourbon County Courthouse	210 S National Ave.
Bourbon County Annex	108 W 2nd Street
EMS	405 Woodland Hills Blvd.
Public Works	1427 215th Street

Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope labeled PEST CONTROL BIDS and returned to the County Clerk's office, 210 S National Ave., Fort Scott, KS 66701 no later than 4:00 PM on Friday April 25, 2025. Bids will be publicly opened on April 28, 2025, at 5:35 PM at the Bourbon County Commission meeting in the commission chambers. Please provide contact information with the bid. The Bourbon County Commission has the right to reject all bids submitted.

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Elm Creek Lake	682 135th Street
Public Works	1427 215th Street

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Eagles record personal bests in Oswego

SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBUNE

The following are Uniontown’s results:

Seth Shadden, third place, 3,200-meter; sixth place, 1,600-meter

Hunter Johnson, third place, 1,600-meter; fourth place, 400-meter; sixth place, 200-meter

Kylee Knight, fifth place, long jump; second place, javelin

Kadience Womelsdorf, fifth place, javelin

Mercedes Schultz, first place, javelin, 92’3”

Girls 4x100-meter relay team (Johnson, Womelsdorf, Schultz, Knight) second place.

Hall said the squad’s next competition will be Thursday, April 17 in West Franklin.

Uniontown High School’s track team competed Tuesday at the Oswego Invitational Track Meet.

“Big meet, but our athletes performed well, with several achieving personal bests in their respective events,” UHS Head Coach Jackie Hall said.

Teams competing were Galena, Columbus, Pleasanton, Christian Learning Center, Chetopa, Northeast Arma, Moran, Elk Valley, Afton, Ketchum, Quapaw, South Coffeyville, Uniontown and Oswego.

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