

# Patriot Varsity Baseball Team Is Gathering Strength

By GINA WORLEY  
Madison High's varsity baseball team began its season March 26 with a game against Owen, at Owen. The score was 4-0 at the bottom of the third inning in favor of Owen and although the Patriots couldn't catch up, Jeff Baldwin pitched the last four innings and allowed the Warhorses no more runs. The final score remained 4-0.

The next game was played at North Buncombe on March 31. Tim Clark pitched an excellent game, allowing the Black Hawks only two hits.

North Buncombe allowed the Patriots no hits though, which kept the score at 2-0.

The Patriots played Mitchell at home April 1 and Tim Merrill pitched for the win by striking out nine batters. Bobby Frisby, Kevin Barnette, Roger Tweed and Tim Wilde got a hit each for a winning score of 3-2.

Madison played West

Henderson at home April 3, and though Tim Wilde allowed only three hits and struck out four batters, two critical errors in the game accounted for the Patriot loss. David Massey was Madison's leading hitter with two hits while Steve Fish, Andrew Anderson, Lonnie Kent and Tim Merrill had a hit apiece. The final score was 3-1.

Madison traveled to Mt. Heritage April 17. Tim Wilde pitched, allowing four hits. Two of Madison's starters were on a school trip and unable to play while three errors contributed to the Patriot loss. Roger Tweed had two hits while Andrew Anderson, Steve Fish and Bobby Frisby had one hit each for a final score of 3-2.

Hendersonville hosted the Patriots April 22. Jeff Baldwin took the loss for Madison, at the bottom of the second inning. Hendersonville scored six runs and with seven errors, the Patriots couldn't catch up. David Massey led the hitting with three hits, Kevin Barnette had two and Roger Tweed, Andrew Anderson, Bobby Frisby, Tim Merrill and Ronnie Kent had one each. The final score was 9-5.

Owen came to Madison April 25 and the Patriots made sure it was a closer game the second time around but still lost 5-3. Tim Wilde was the losing pitcher, giving up nine hits but striking out four. The leading hitters were Kevin Barnette, Steve Fish, Andrew Anderson, Tim Merrill and Tim Wilde with a hit each. A Patriot error in the first inning gave Owen one run and Madison tied it up in the bottom of the second. But a walk

and a base hit for Owen in the top of the third allowed four runs and Madison couldn't catch up.

Madison's record is now 1-4 but Coach Jack Brown sees improvement with each game that is played. The team is getting more hits and cutting down the number of errors and have had two weeks of solid practice which wasn't available before due to weather. With each additional day of playing time, the team is improving. The boys have had good attitudes the whole season and Coach Brown says it looks very encouraging for the last six games.

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# Madison Girls Win 2 Of 3

On Thursday, April 17, the Madison Patriot girls softball team rallied in the eighth inning to win 10-8 at Mountain Heritage. Singles by Holly Hough and Marla Reese plus a double by Peggy Sexton produced the two winning runs. Holly, Marla, Peggy and Janice Plemmons each had two hits. Vickie Bailey and Susie Davis hit the first home runs of the season for the Patriot girls.

On Tuesday, April 22, Madison won their second straight extra-inning game 24-19 in the ninth inning with a six-run rally. Walks to Holly Hough and Marla Reese plus hits by Sandy Franklin and Janice Plemmons followed by Peggy Sexton's second home

run of the game produced the first five runs. The last run scored following walks to Tina Carter, Susie Davis and Janet Reed. Susie had four hits while Holly and Sandy hit three each. One of Sandy's hits was a home run. Cindy Shelton was the winning pitcher.

The girls were beaten by Owen 5-1 on Friday, April 25 after having won four games in a row. Owen scored a run in the third and Madison tied it on hits by Janice Plemmons, Peggy Sexton and Tina Carter plus a sacrifice fly by Susie Davis. Then Owen scored four runs in the seventh to win the game. Tina led the hitting by Madison with two hits.

After seven games, Holly is batting .591; Sandy and Tina

.455; Etiska Bishop .400; Cindy .346; Linda Ray, Marla, Susie .333; and Janice .300. The Madison team overall is batting .348. The games this week are against North Buncombe at Walnut and on Friday at Mitchell. Previously, the girls lost to North Buncombe 9-6 and beat Mitchell 16-5.

JOHN THORSEN, a newcomer to the pole-vaulting scene, strains for more height as he sees the bar coming at him. Thorsen, Greg Deptuch and Gerry Kraus swept the pole event against Owen and North Buncombe.

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