

# Sports

## Madison Continues Winning Ways On Baseball Diamond

Madison's Patriots continue their winning ways on the baseball field, taking a pair of wins over Western Highlands 2-A Athletic Conference foes to push their record to 8-3.

The Patriots have an unblemished 3-0 record in conference play going into this week's schedule.

Madison defeated Mitchell 8-2 last Wednesday before trouncing Mountain Heritage 11-1 on Thursday.

Against Mitchell, Madison opened with three first-inning runs and collected two more runs in the third to jump out to a 5-0 lead after three innings.

The Patriots collected another two runs in the fourth inning and one in the sixth, while Mitchell could only score one run in the sixth inning and one in the seventh to hand Madison the 8-2 win.

Madison's Kevin Boone went the distance from the pitcher's mound, striking out 11 batters and allowing only two hits.

From the batter's box, Patriot Billy Dietz got three hits in four at-bats to lead the batting attack. Eddie Shelton went two-for-four, including a double, and drove in three runs. Todd Capps also got two hits -- a double and a triple -- in four trips to the plate.

With the loss, Mitchell fell to 5-5 overall and 0-2 in conference action.

Against Mountain Heritage on Thursday, the Patriots again got out to a fast start, scoring four runs in the top of the first inning.

Madison added a run in the fourth inning and another in the fifth to claim a 6-0 lead before exploding for five runs in the seventh to seal the win.

The Cougars' lone run came in the

sixth inning.

Madison's Chris Maney was the winning pitcher, striking out eight batters enroute to Madison's 11-1 win.

Eddie Shelton was a perfect three-for-three from the plate, smacking a double and a homerun to account for two Madison runs. Kevin Boone was two-for-four, driving in two runs while Brian Ball collected two hits -- including a homerun -- and knocked in two runs in three trips to the plate.

Mountain Heritage fell to 0-2 in conference place and 2-7 overall with the loss.

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## North Buncombe Still Looking For 1st Conference Victory

North Buncombe's Black Hawks are still looking for that elusive first Western 3-A Athletic Conference baseball win after losing to two conference opponents last week.

The Black Hawks lost 12-7 to Franklin last Wednesday before being edged 5-3 by Owen on Thursday.

North Buncombe fell to 0-5 in the conference and 2-11 overall.

Franklin used a four-run first inning and added two runs each in the next three innings to jump ahead of the Black Hawks 10-0.

But the Hawks answered with six

runs in the fifth to pull within four runs. The Panthers added two more runs in the seventh, while the Hawks were only able to add one more run to lose 12-7.

Buncombe's David Cody went two-for-four from the batter's box and drove in three runs. Lance Stewart collected three hits -- including a homerun and a double -- and accounted for two RBIs in four trips to the plate.

Against Owen, the Black Hawks fell behind 3-0 after two innings, but came

back to pull within one at 3-2 after three and a half innings.

The Warhorses added a run in the bottom of the third inning to pad their lead to 4-2. North Buncombe pulled back within a run in the sixth inning, but Owen cancelled that with a run of its own in the bottom of the sixth, taking the 5-3 win.

Rodney McDaris got one hit and one RBI in three at-bats for North Buncombe while Randy McKinney got one hit and one RBI in two trips to the plate.

## Lady Black Hawks Split 2 Games

North Buncombe's Lady Black Hawks split a pair of games with Western 3-A Athletic Conference opponents in high school softball action last week.

The Lady Hawks beat Franklin 9-5 before losing 10-6 to Owen. North Buncombe stands at 3-2 in conference play and 5-3 overall.

Against Franklin, North Buncombe

scored five runs in the fifth inning to seal the win. The Lady Black Hawks had held a 4-3 lead going into the bottom of the fifth.

North Buncombe's Terri Spangler was a perfect three-for-three from the plate, driving in one run. Anna McHone was also three-for-three, including a triple, and knocked in three runs. Michelle Hall got two hits, in-

cluding a double, in three at-bats to score one run.

Michelle Clevenger was the winning pitcher for North Buncombe.

Against Owen, the Lady Black Hawks fell behind 3-0 after one inning before scoring a run in the second. The Lady Warhorses scored two more runs in the bottom of the second and five in the third.

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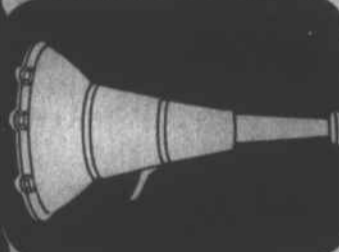


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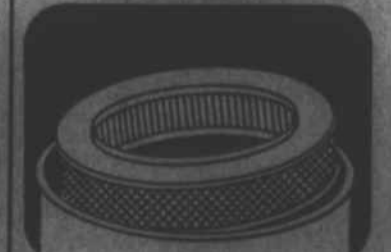

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