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Connor Vance races to the goal ahead of his defender during a recent DeKalb Middle School Saint victory. The Saints are off to a solid start this season behind a solid defense.

SAINTS START STRONG

DeKalb Middle soccer team looking solid

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The DeKalb Middle School Saints soccer season is showing

promise as they sport an overall record of 6-3, with a 2-2 district mark.

The Saints began their conference season by blanking Cumberland County, two-nil

with goals by Johnny Hernandez and Mario Mathias. Goalkeeper Diego Coronado stone walled Cumberland United for the rest of the game to claim the shutout. However, a late goal in the second game of their season broke the hearts of the home team as Smith County came marching in to beat the Saints 2-1 with the only DeKalb goal scored by Mathias.

They avenged the loss the next

day when they went to Macon County and blanked their hosts 1-0 with a Hernandez goal being all they needed. Defense by Ashton Campbell, Robert Wheeler and Kevin Aguirre proved to be enough to seal the deal.

However, a win streak was again denied as the Raiders from Avery Trace beat them 1-0 in Cookeville.

The Saints traveled to

Manchester for the Red Raider tournament Monday evening. Their next home games are Thursday against Algood and Friday against Warren County. The games begin at 6 p.m.

Upcoming events for the Saints include a “Karen Jacobs night” on April 17 at 6 p.m. to honor one of the Saints biggest fans. Eighth-grade night will be April 26 with ceremonies beginning at 5:30 p.m. and kick-off at 6 p.m.

Tigers pour it on Watertown

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The fresh Tennessee air was all the Tiger baseball squad needed to clear its heads following a tough Spring Break swing in Florida as it took out its frustrations on Watertown this past week, outscoring them 21-1 in a home and away set.

Tiger hurler Hunter Jennings threw a complete game shutout as the Tigers went on the road to claim a 13-0 win. He controlled the game, surrendering only four hits while walking none. The Tiger bats erupted for two runs in the first and three in the second to give them a 5-0 lead. DeKalb outhit Watertown 17-4 during the game which got out of hand in the fifth inning when the visitors plated eight runs as Brady Hughes, Logan Cornelius, Grayson Redmon, Colter Norris and Luke Oliver all belted RBIs during the frame.

As for multiple hits, Cornelius, Skyler Sparks, Paxton Butler, Norris, Redmon and Lee Randolph all managed multiple hits with Cornelius going three-for-four and Sparks three-for-five.

Their shutout win in Watertown came on the heels of a convincing return home from Florida where they beat Watertown 8-1.

John Maynard showed the way in the game, going three-for-four with the

bat as he helped himself to a win as starting pitcher. He struck out 12 from the mound on the way to victory while allowing just two hits and walking one. Meanwhile, Lee Randolph contributed a homerun to the mix, going two-for-three himself.

The Tigers led four to zip after three innings before Watertown tallied their only run in the top of the fourth. DeKalb matched the run in the bottom half the inning and just kept scoring, plating one in the fifth and two more in the sixth for the margin of victory. They outhit Watertown 13-2.

The big wins were refreshing for the DeKalb squad which ended up on the wrong end of the scoreboard over Spring Break.

“We played some quality teams,” said Coach Adam Kefauver of their tournament run over Spring Break in which the Tigers finished 1-6, the trip including the Beach Bash in Destin, Fla. “We were close in about every game and had chances to win.”

The Tigers went into a home and away set with Smith County Monday and Tuesday holding a 5-6 record, with a 2-0 total in district play. They next travel to Cumberland County Friday and then to White County Saturday for a noon game. They will finish up the road trip at York Monday before returning home Tuesday to play Livingston.



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Members of the Watertown baseball team look on in disdain as Lee Randolph trots around the bases after pounding a homerun in the Tiger route of the rival squad. The Tigers returned home from a challenging Florida tour to douse Watertown in back to back games.

DCHS soccer still perfect

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The DeKalb County High School soccer team continued its perfect season going into last night's game against White County. The Tigers sportt an unblemished 5-0 record, the streak including a win in the classic rivalry known as the Battle for Silver Point with a 5-1 stinging of the Upperman Bees.

The Tigers got off to a quick start against the Bees with center forward Cristobal Flores continuing his dominant season, scoring an unassisted goal in the fourth minute of the game. Maintaining most of the possession, the Tigers were able to create several good chances on goalkeeper Chandler Street of Upperman who finished the game with 12 saves. One of those chances paid off in the 15th minute with an unassisted goal by right wing Luke Bryant who found a ball bouncing around in the box and placed it into the corner of the net. Trying to capitalize on the counter attack, the Bees continued to test the Tigers defensive back line with long through-balls until one got to Bees forward Landon Walters. Tiger center back Cesar Coronilla raced down the field to catch the Bees forward, but committed a foul resulting in a penalty kick in the 28th minute. The PK was taken and made by Bees forward Teyo Rodriguez. The Tigers led the Bees at as they left the pitch at half-time by a count of 2-1.

In the second half, the Tigers were awarded a free kick and Cristobal made a driving shot on goal. Diving to make the save, the Bees goalkeeper spilled a rebound when attacking midfielder Alan Munoz came crashing into the box and finished the play bringing the score to 3-1 in the 55th minute. Then, in the 64th minute, Cristobal Flores earned a penalty kick when fouled on a break-away chance on goal. Just three minutes later, Tigers goalkeeper Wesley Carpenter delivered his first assist of the season on a long punt that bounced over the Bees goalkeeper. Cristobal came streaking in behind and scored his third goal of the night.

The Tigers have reached their 5-0 record with a 3-0 win over Rockwood and 8-0 crushing of Heritage in the Smoky Mountain Cup that began their season. They then claimed a win over Livingston Academy before stinging the Bees and then going up the mountain to Cumberland County to zoom past the Jets 3-0. After playing White County last night, they schedule this week has them going to Stone Memorial Friday then at Upperman again next Tuesday. The Tigers stand atop their district with a 3-0 mark.