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Grayson Redmon lays down a bunt during a recent Tiger baseball game. The Tigers have won five of six over the past couple of weeks and have improved to an 11-9 overall record and are in the hunt for the district title as they were set to host Macon County Tuesday evening.

# Tigers red hot

## DCHS baseball team riding high

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The Tiger baseball squad has struck it rich over the past couple of weeks, winning its last five of six contests, setting the team at an 11-9 mark as the district tournament looms on the horizon.

The winning streak, which includes two district wins, was

highlighted by a 12-0 dousing of the York Institute Dragons on their diamond.

Hunter Jennings didn't allow a run to cross the plate, getting the complete game win with four strike outs on his way to pitching a two-hitter. Meanwhile Paxton Butler went one-for-three with the bat but the one hit was a homerun put over the fence in the second inning. His round-tripper opened the flood

gates as the Tigers posted four runs in the second inning. A single run in the third scored on a solo shot by Logan Cornelius was followed up by five in the fourth.

The win over York followed DeKalb's district victory over Livingston Academy by a count of 8-2. It was all about the fifth inning for the Tigers as they scored seven runs during the single frame. They had led since

the third inning thanks to a single run in the third. Skyler Sparks led the team in hitting, going two-for-three at the plate and accounting for two RBIs. John Maynard matched him with two RBIs of his own. The game ended due to the run rule after five innings.

The Tigers' only loss during the streak came during a trip to Lebanon April 19 where they fell to the Blue Devils by a count of 8-4. The Tigers actually led 4-3 going into the bottom of the fifth but Lebanon broke out for four runs that inning and never

looked back.

In the weekend contest, the Tigers beat Monterey in a pitchers' duel, knocking them off 3-1. Daniel Puckett went four innings for the Tigers, striking out four while John Maynard came in as relief and fanned one. The Tigers won thanks to two runs in the first inning. They were outth five to three by Monterey.

The Tigers were set to return to the diamond Tuesday night to host Macon County. They will then be on the road Thursday night at Grundy County and at Gordonsville Monday.



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Taking Most Valuable honors at the annual basketball banquet were, from left, Most Valuable Cheerleader Hannah Evans, Most Valuable Tiger player Marshal Evins and Most Valuable Lady Tiger Emme Colwell.

## Evins, Evans, Colwell take top honors at banquet

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Marshal Evins took home enough hardware to fill a trophy case this past week as he was named Most Valuable Player of the DeKalb County High School basketball team during ceremonies at the annual basketball banquet.

Evins heard his name called for most of the evening as he not only netted the coveted MVP award but the class of 2018 salutatorian also took home the Smartest Player Award, the Best Defender Award, the Hustle Award. Those were in addition to state recognitions which in-

cluded being on the third team all-district squad and on the district all-defensive team. He help lead the Tigers to a 13-14 record this past season.

While Evins was being lauded for his role as a senior leader on the Tiger squad, it was a sophomore who was conferred the honor of MVP for the Lady Tigers as Emme Colwell earned the honor. Not only was she cited as MVP, she was also given the Most Improved Player Award as well as the Best Shooter Award. She was named second team all-district. The Lady Tigers went 12-19 this past season.



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Roberto Sanchez fought through a tough Stone Memorial defense during the Tigers' first meeting this season which ended with a goal in the 93th minute to keep their perfect district season alive with a 3-2 win. They were scheduled for the rematch here last night with the Tigers eyeing a district championship and favorable seeding in the state tournament next month.

## Soccer team takes down Upperman

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The week of action for the DeKalb County soccer team began with a 6-1 pounding of Upperman on the Bees' pitch, making it a clean sweep over the district foe as the Tigers defeated them here by a 5-1 score last month.

A pair of back-to-back goals in the early going put the Bees in early hole as Pablo Juarez netted a kick in the 12th minute with assist by Cristobal Flores. That was followed by an Andrew Fuson goal one minute later with an assist by Luke Bryant.

Bryant scored a goal of his own six minutes later with an assist by Juarez. The game got out of hand

for the Bees in the 25th minute when Andrew Fuson pounded one past the goal keeper with an assist by Roberto Sanchez. Upperman got its only goal in the 38th minute of the first half but their celebration was short-lived as Jasper Kleparek with an assist by Sanchez scored just one minute later.