

Title slips away



Tigerette Megan Walker lays out for a line drive that manages to get under her glove in the late innings against Livingston Academy Sunday. The Lady Wildcats came back to beat DeKalb with a seventh-inning rally, winning 20-18.

Tigerettes take second seed in district

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A seventh-inning swoon Sunday afternoon cost the Tigerettes not only their game with Livingston Academy, 20-18, but also any chance of grabbing a share of the regular season district title.

Things looked sunny for the Tigerette softball squad as the sun dipped low in the sky, the home squad holding an 18-12 lead in their high scoring affair with the Lady Wildcats. At stake was a shot at a share of the district title if they could beat Livingston Academy, who they had already defeated earlier this season, and then figure out a way to knock off the Upperman Bees, who had stung them in their prior meeting this year, accounting for DeKalb's only district loss.

The Tigerettes led the entire way, getting off to a 6-2 advantage in the first inning. Home runs by Kenzie France and Emme Colwell led the way for the DeKalb squad while triples by Maddison Parsley and Braya Murphy had helped cement their lead throughout most of the tilt.

The Tigerettes stretched their lead to as many as seven runs by the bottom of the fourth, leading 15-8. However, the Lady Wildcats had a good fifth, scoring four while holding their hosts to zero, cutting the lead to just three going into the sixth.

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Saints top Upperman

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The DeKalb Middle School Saints marched into the conference playoffs for the fifth straight season, capping their regular season on eighth grade night Friday with a 1-0 win over Upperman.

The lone goal of the evening against the undefeated Bees was put in the back of the Upperman net by Cameron Miller in the first half of the contest. Their win came over a much bigger Upperman squad, their size countered by the quickness and defensive tenacity of the Saints.

The Saints went 5-4 in the Upper Cumberland Middle School Soccer Con-

ference with their young squad, all but four of which were underclassmen. Moving on from the squad are Kevin Aguirre, Diego Coronado, Jonathan Hernandez and Alex Soto Torres. They were all honored at half-time on eighth-grade night.

The Saints have made the tournament all five years of their existence as a team. The top six teams in each conference are invited to compete for the conference crown.

The Saints entered the tournament this week, seeded fifth out of six teams in the district. They were set to rematch Upperman at their pitch in a win or go home battle.



Celebrating their final regular season game with a 1-0 win over Upperman Friday evening were, left, Diego Coronado, Jonathan Hernandez, Kevin Aguirre and Alex Soto Torres.



Seventh grader Cameron Miller gave his departing eighth-grade teammates a great going away present when he scored the winning goal against Upperman on eighth-grade night Friday, sending them to a 1-0 win.