



Dylan Ward had a solid outing Friday, helping the Pioneers end a losing streak with a 9-6 triumph over Tullahoma.

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WCHS baseball

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Cole Estes started the rally with a one-out single. Hunter Adams and Ethan Smith quickly joined their teammate on the basepaths, both reaching on errors to load the bases.

Helton came up with a chance to make an impact, and he was the Pioneer most suited to come through with a hit. Helton, who upped his season average to .407 Friday, drilled a single into left field to score Estes.

Adams gave the Pioneers the lead when he scampered in on a passed ball, while Jack Keele made it 3-1 with a sacrifice fly to score Smith.

Warren County continued its offensive

onslaught in the fourth inning.

Adams pushed the lead to 4-1 with a sacrifice fly, which scored Wesley Jennings after he opened the inning with a double. Smith came up with two in scoring position and two outs, and his double scored Trevor Collins.

Helton came up a second time with two runners in scoring position and delivered again. He rocketed a shot to the left-field fence, allowing both runs to score and giving the Pioneers a 7-1 advantage.

Race Marin gave Tullahoma some life with a two-run homer in the fifth, but the Pioneers tacked on a run in the bottom of the frame when freshman John Garrett scored on a passed ball.

Estes, who entered in

relief to earn a save, had to pitch out of a bases-loaded jam in the sixth inning. Estes entered with two outs and one on, but four straight free passes allowed Tullahoma to close to 8-5. With the leading run at the plate, Estes was able to force a flyout to first base to end the rally.

Helton boosted the lead back to 9-5 with an RBI single in the sixth and Tullahoma mustered just one run in the seventh before the game ended with a runner trying to stretch a hit into a double.

Warren County will try to carry its momentum into a two-game series with Stone Memorial. The Pioneers play host to the Panthers Monday at 5:30 p.m., then travel to Crossville Tuesday for a 6 p.m. start.

WCHS BASEBALL



COOKEVILLE 4
WARREN COUNTY 2

WP: Joshua Smith (7 IP, 9K)

LP: Jack Keele (4 IP, 3R, 6K)

COOKEVILLE HITTING – Rocky Szmydt 2H, 2RBI, Joshua Smith H, RBI, Blaine Espinosa H, RBI, Ethan Jean H, Ben Baugh H, Will Arnett H

WARREN COUNTY HITTING – Ethan Smith 2H, Brooks Helton H, RBI, Hunter Adams H, Will Cantrell H

WC DISTRICT RECORD: 1-3

NEXT GAME: Monday vs. Stone Memorial, 5:30 p.m.

Jeffery Simmons photo
Braden Bottoms attempts to throw out a Cookeville runner. The Pioneers fell 4-2 to the Cavaliers at home Thursday.

Ready to run

WCHS track takes part in two meets

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Spring break didn't apply to the Warren County High School track team. The Pioneers and Lady Pioneers took part in two meets, first going to Cookeville Tuesday before finishing up their work in Manchester Thursday.

Coach Tom Moore used the events as prep work, with the hope his teams would be prepared late in the season when state bids are on the line.

"The bigger meets will come much later in the season," said Moore. "We really needed to get time on everyone in a compet-

itive situation."

Mother Nature almost made it impossible in Cookeville.

A cold, windy day didn't relent. It only got worse as the event progressed, with rain ultimately changing over to snow late in the day.

"It was the worst weather I can ever remember at track meet," said Moore. "It was very cold, windy and rainy and, at the end, it began to snow."

Thursday's meet was more agreeable, allowing Moore to see more from his team. Spring break absences left Warren County shorthanded, but there were still several standout performances.

Christian Locke, a state qualifier last year and in the fall with cross country, won the mile at both meets. Locke also won the open 400-meter race in Coffee County.

Rhett Bundy was also a big winner in Manchester. Bundy ran a personal-best time of 12 minutes, 34 seconds to win the 3200 at Coffee County.

Moore expects senior Bethany Fye to compete throughout the year in jumping events, but bad weather kept her off the track this weekend. Instead, Fye showed her talent in shotput in Cookeville, taking third place.

Several other track members caught their coach's eye with performances in Cookeville and Manchester.

"Preston Young, Spencer Thompson, and Olianada Vasquez have all really improved since last year," said coach Moore.

Warren County will be back in action this Saturday, March 31 when the Pioneers and Lady Pioneers take part in the R.J. Warrior Invitational. The event is being held in Murfreesboro at Riverdale High School and begins at noon.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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