

SPORTS

PC baseball pulls upset of Gamecocks

By Nick Herman

Sports Editor

Jonathan White picked up an RBI-double in the top of the fifth inning Tuesday night, breaking a 3-all tie and lifting the Presbyterian College baseball team to a 7-4 upset victory over the South Carolina Gamecocks in Columbia.

The victory moved PC's record to 12-26, while South Carolina fell to 20-17, and marks the first PC victory over the Gamecocks since 2015.

PC started the game with two runs in the first inning, with an RBI-groundout from Nick Wise and a run-scoring single from T.J. Richardson. PC pushed the lead to 3-0 in the second inning on an RBI-single from Jack McLaughlin, but South Carolina rallied for three runs in the bottom of the third to tie the score at 3-all.

The score remained tied until the fifth, when White's double brought in Nick Guimbarda, who had doubled with one out.

PC then tacked on two runs in the sixth and, after a Gamecock run in the seventh, answered with a single run in the ninth inning.

Austin Paradis earned the victory for the Blue Hose in relief, allowing a run on four hits in 2 1/3 innings. Paradis walked one. Colton Springs earned the save with three strikeouts in 1 1/3 innings of spotless relief.

PC traveled to Garden-Webb for a three-game weekend series, which was to start Friday.

Softball

Georgia Tech 5, Presbyterian 1 (Wednesday): Presly Bissett scored PC's lone run in the fifth inning as the Yellow Jackets held the Blue Hose to four hits in a non-conference loss in Atlanta.

Alex Cook took the loss to fall to 0-14 on the season. She gave up three runs on five hits and one walk, striking out two.

PC (3-37) visits Campbell this weekend.

Women's lacrosse

Gardner-Webb 21, Presbyterian 12 (Wednesday): Kelly Hyman had five goals, while Natalie Barnett, Kathleen Gerrits and Ashley Wren each scored two goals, but it was not enough to help thwart the Runnin' Bulldogs in Clinton.

PC fell to 2-14 overall, 0-6 in the Big South, with the loss.

PREPS

Softball

Laurens 2, Greenwood 0 (Tuesday): The Raiders got a one-hitter from Rachel Delio to move to 16-9 overall, 6-3 in the Region 2-5A standings, and stay in the hunt for a potential home playoff game next week.

Laurens scored single runs in the fourth and the seventh innings, and won despite being held to two

hits and committing four errors on defense. Cassy Plaia doubled and Kauree Munyan singled for the Raiders' only hits in the game.

Delio did not walk a batter and struck out 10, needing just 80 pitches to go the distance.

Laurens and Greenwood met Friday to wrap the regular season.

Clinton 8, Newberry 6 (Tuesday): Kamryn Akins scattered eight hits allowed and a walk, striking out five, in a complete-game effort as the Red Devils further solidified their chances of making the playoffs.

Hunter Benson and Caroline Birthmore had two hits, while Madilyn Wood doubled, drew three walks, drove in two runs and scored twice for the Red Devils, who scored twice on errors in the top of the sixth inning to break a 6-all tie.

Baseball

Greenwood 5, Laurens 2 (Tuesday): The Raiders were limited to two hits on offense and lost to the Eagles in Greenwood, likely dealing a fatal blow to their post-season hopes.

Zak Rice had a single and an RBI, while Nate Towles had a single and Kobe Williams had an RBI for Laurens. Ty Foster suffered the loss for Laurens, allowing five runs on four hits and three walks in four innings. Foster struck out one.

The two teams were to meet again Friday in the regular-season finale.

Clinton 15, Newberry 5 (Tuesday): Every player on the Clinton roster picked up at least one hit, with Hunter Odom getting two hits, and the Red Devils kept their post-season hopes alive by routing Newberry.

Qua Quarles had an RBI double and Griffin Fuller added a triple, while the trio of Caleb Riddle, Fuller and Corey Suber held down Newberry's offense on the mound.

With the victory Clinton moves to 3-6 in region play, meaning a victory over Broome in Thursday's game would be enough to force a win-or-go-home rematch with the Centurions for the final playoff spot out of Region 3-3A.

Clinton followed the victory over Newberry with a 10-8 loss at West-Oak Wednesday. Kimon Quarles, Taylor Bailey and Konnor Richardson each had two hits, while Bailey also scored three times and

Cal Robertson doubled and had two hits for LA, scoring once, while Noah Moore singled and had an RBI. Wil Tindall added a

triple and an RBI, walking once.

Thomas Lowry took the loss, giving up six runs on seven hits and four walks in five innings. Lowry struck out four.

Boys' tennis

St. Joseph 6, Clinton 0 (Tuesday): In a late-season non-region contest the Red Devils struggled to find their rhythm at St. Josephs, losing for just the second time this season.

Conner Donley (No. 4 singles) was the only player to win a set in any match, taking the first set against Matthew Jacques before falling 2-6, 6-3, 10-3.

Riverside 4, Clinton 3 (Wednesday): Clinton lost its second straight match in painful fashion, failing to convert on five match points in singles before losing the No. 1 doubles match to fall to the Warriors.

Isaac MacMillan (No. 1 singles) and the No. 2 doubles team of Alexander Windsor and Kyler Simmons won their matches, with the No. 2 doubles rallying from a set down to win 6-7, 6-4, 10-5.

Boys' soccer

Clinton 3, Newberry 2 (Tuesday): The Red Devils finished the region season at 7-3 after holding off the Bulldogs.

J.P. Snelgrove had a hat trick for the Red Devils, scoring twice in the first half and once in the second - the latter of which was about a 40-yarder that gave Clinton a 3-1 lead that proved to be just enough to secure the victory.

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HONORED SENIORS — Clinton High's senior track and field athletes pose before the start of Tuesday's Laurens County Championship meet against Laurens at Clinton High.

Clinton sweeps County Championship

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The Clinton High School Red Devils swept their way to the Laurens County Track and Field Championship title Tuesday, taking the boys' title by a margin of 70-67, while the girls rolled to a 106-17 margin at Clinton High School.

On the girls' side the Red Devils got victories from Keira Dendy in the shot put (34 feet, 9 inches) and discus (93 feet), Maya Smith in the long jump (15-5) and 100m (12.52), and Paige Trent in both the 1,600m (5:52) and 3,200m (14:02). The foursome of Smith, Quiana Suber, TuNidra Richey and Aaliya Johnston combined to win the 4x100m relay in 50.78 seconds.

Richey also came out on top in the 400m (1:07), while Johnston was the winner of the 200m (26:89) and took part in the 4x400m relay, won by Clinton in 41.34 seconds.

Asia Boyd also had a big day for the Red Devils, winning the 800m (2:44) as an individual while joining the winning 4x800m (11:52) and 4x400m teams. Trent was also on the 4x800m relay team.

Laurens' was topped out by Aija Davis, who won the 110m hurdles in 17.94.

Clinton's boys were led by Brandon Campbell, who won the 110m (19:35) and 400m hurdle races (1:07). P.J. Bluford added to Clinton's victory total by taking



Photo by Nick Herman

PAIGE-TURNER — Clinton High track athlete Paige Trent won the 1,600m and 3,200m runs during Tuesday's meet.

the triple jump (40-7) and high jump, the latter of which gave Clinton the decisive points.

Titus Hood also was first in the 200m (23.85), while Greg Sanders won the shot put (39 feet, 11.5 inches), Jishon Payne took the discus (130-7), and Tyrese Booker led the field in the 400m (:54).

The Laurens 4x100m relay team of Davon Richmond, Tracy McClintock, Chris Jackson and Josh Campbell won its race in 43.97 seconds, while Evan Prince took the 800m (2:09), 1,600m (4:56) and 3,200m (10:53). McClintock (10.93), Campbell (11.06) and Richmond (11.5) took the top three spots in the 100m.



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