

# LDHS baseball extends streak with pair of victories

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Sports Editor

Tied 1-all with Woodmont after the top of the second, the Laurens Raiders' baseball team scored six straight runs Tuesday night and held on after the Wildcats' three-run seventh inning for the 7-4 victory at Ed Prescott Field.

Heath Bragg, Tanner Smith and Kobe Williams each had two hits in the game for Laurens, with Williams driving in two runs. Smith scored three times while Jalen Bragg, who was held without a hit in four at-bats, scored two runs.

After breaking the 1-all tie with a single run in the third and four runs in the fourth, Laurens added a single run in the sixth to boost its lead to 7-1. Woodmont looked to rally, scoring three times in the top of the seventh and getting the potential tying run to the plate with two out. The Raiders then called on Jalen Bragg, who came on to get a ground out against the one batter he faced, to secure the victory.

Laurens is now 4-2 in Region 1-5A.

Heath Bragg picked up the victory, allowing three runs (two earned) on two hits and three walks, striking out seven in 6 1/3 innings. Jalen Bragg, who came on after Smith, went one-third of an inning (one run, two hits, one walk) to pick up the save.

The two teams were set to meet again Friday night.

**Laurens 4, Wade Hampton 2, 9 innings (Wednesday):** Jalen Bragg scored on an errant pitch with two out in the top of the ninth, and Zak Rice followed him home when Kobe Williams doubled to left, pushing the Raiders' winning streak to four. Laurens is now 7-4 overall.

Bragg had three hits, including a double. Nick Robertson also had three hits, including a double, and picked up the victory in 1 1/3 innings of hitless relief. Robertson walked two and struck out three. Eric Jones earned a no-decision, allowing two runs on five hits and two walks and six strikeouts over 7 2/3 innings.

**Woodruff 5, Clinton 1 (Tuesday):** The Wolverines scored five straight runs through the first four innings and held Clinton's offense to four hits in the Red Devils' home loss. Griffin Fuller went 2 for 4 to lead the offense while Chance Ewell scored the team's lone run in the fifth inning.

Blake Smith took the loss for Clinton, allowing five runs

(three earned) on eight hits and four strikeouts.

Clinton hosted BHP Thursday and Union County Friday.

**Oakbrook Prep 10, LA 0, 5 innings (Wednesday):** Oakbrook Prep's Eli Ewing allowed just three hits and two walks, striking out eight, in a victory over the Crusaders.

Dawson Foster suffered the loss, allowing two runs on two hits over two innings. Foster walked one and struck out one. He accounted for two of the team's three hits.

## Softball

**Laurens 6, Easley 4 (Tuesday):** The Raiders scored three runs in the seventh to break a 3-all tie, and worked around five errors to pick up the victory.

Vanessa Harshaw and Cassidy Plaia both scored by stealing home to break the tie, and Kauree Munyan singled to bring in Octavia Johnson with the final Laurens run. Easley got one run back on a steal of home in the bottom of the seventh, but Rachel Delio got Taylor Crews to ground out to first to end the game.

Johnson had three hits and scored twice while Munyan had three hits and two RBI. Harshaw finished with two hits.

Delio went the distance for Laurens, allowing four hits and three walks. She struck out six.

**Laurens 4, T.L. Hanna 0 (Wednesday):** Delio came within two outs of a no-hitter as the Raiders went on the road to beat the Yellow Jackets. Delio walked four batters and the team committed four errors, but she struck out eight batters in recording the shutout.

Delio helped her own cause with two hits and an RBI and Kauree Munyan also had two hits. Cassidy Plaia and Michaela Smith and Callie Wzorek each had an RBI.

**Clinton 4, Emerald 0 (Tuesday):** Kamryn Akins went the distance for Clinton, tossing a three-hitter and striking out nine, while walking only two, as the Red Devils won on the road.

Hunter Benson hit a solo homer, had two hits and scored twice to pace the Clinton offense. Akins hit a triple and drove in two runs.

## Boys' tennis

**Easley 5, Laurens 2 (Tuesday):** Murphy Rush (No. 1 singles) and Walt Womble (No. 3) each picked up victories in singles play but the Raiders could not pick up any other points and suffered the loss.

Rush won his match in three sets, 7-5, 1-6, 10-1, and Womble won in straight sets (6-3, 7-5).

**Laurens 7, Westside 0 (Wednesday):** The Raiders swept past the Rams for a region victory, winning every set contested.

Rush (No. 1), Will Adams (No. 2), Womble (No. 3) and Brooks Nelson (No. 4) all won in straight sets, as did the No. 2 doubles team of David Hampton and Hampton Barker. The No. 1 doubles team of Rush and Adams won a pro-set match and William Yates (No. 5) won by default.

## Soccer

**Woodruff 1, Clinton boys 0, OT (Wednesday):** Woodruff scored the winning goal with one minute left in overtime to avoid penalty kicks and hand the Red Devils a tough-luck loss at PC.

Clinton maintained control of the match through the second half after a few near-misses in the first half but could never break through for a goal.

**Score only:** Woodruff 6, Clinton girls 0 (Tuesday).

## Track and field

**Laurens at Dorman meet:** The Laurens girls track team took fourth place at the Dorman meet, scoring 24 points. Dorman finished first with 114 points.

Nadia Anderson led the way as she finished second in the discus. Nevaeh Montgomery won her heat race in the 200m.

## COLLEGE Baseball

**Presbyterian 5, Wofford 4 (Wednesday):** Nick Guimbarde's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning capped a two-run rally that lifted the Blue Hose over the Terriers.

After Johnny Cook led off the ninth with a ground-rule double and later scored on an error, Guimbarde's bases-loaded fly ball to right brought home the winning run.

Jonathan White had three hits, Cook had two hits and Jimmy Marcelli had two RBI for PC (11-14). Austin Paradis picked up the victory in relief, allowing

a run on one hit over two innings, striking out two.

## Softball

**PC swept (Wednesday):** Charleston Southern took both halves of a doubleheader with the host Blue Hose (10-25-2), winning 7-0 in Game 1 and 1-0 in Game 2.

Alyssa Batastini took the loss in Game 1, allowing five runs on seven hits and three walks in 5 1/3 innings. Taylor Ward took the loss in Game 2, allowing one run on two hits and two walks, striking out six.

Jonnie Petree had two of PC's four hits in Game 2. She was the only player to have a multi-hit game in either half of the doubleheader.

## Men's tennis

**Gardner-Webb 7, PC 0 (Wednesday):** The Blue Hose picked up one of three doubles matches but couldn't get the opening point, and was later swept in the six singles matches.

One of PC's matches went to three sets but Max Benson (No. 2) was unable to hold onto his one-set lead, falling 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

## Women's golf

**PC takes fifth:** The Presbyterian Blue Hose took fifth place at the French Broad Invitational, held in Arden, N.C. PC shot a team score of 621 over the two-day event.

Maiken Bing Paulsen led the Blue Hose, taking third overall with her program-best 11th top-10 finish, as she shot 146 (5-over). Julie Hillestad tied for sixth, her first top-10 result, with 149. She carded 21 pars to lead the way.

Serina Combs tied for 37th (164), Ann Elizabeth Gore tied for 50th (169) and Taylor Gardner tied for 52nd (170). Appalachian State won the team event at 611 strokes.

## AREA GOLF

**Rolling S Tournament**  
The youngest player in last Saturday's tournament, Landon Steel won the closest to the pin contest on the No. 11 hole. He received a golf cart cover for his accuracy.



Photo by Nick Herman  
**TOUGH DAY** — Alyssa Batastini and the PC softball team were swept in a home doubleheader Wednesday afternoon.

In the three-man captain's choice event, the team of Bruce Tribble, Ivan Pitts and Terrance Jones tied for first place at 9-under with the team of Nate Hart, Doug Sprouse and Ray Goodman.

The trio of Buddy Williams, R.D. Philson and William Madden took third place.

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