



Morgan Shedd starts on the mound in the first game of the day against Commerce

Photos by MICHAEL BOWEN

Tigers fall to Commerce in this week's series

The Washington-Wilkes Tigers suffered all losses in their double-header against Commerce March 19, losing 26-1 in the first game and 16-11 in the second game of the day.

Commerce leapt to an early lead during the first game, scoring eight runs at the top of the first inning. While the Tigers managed to score one run at the bottom of the first, their momentum dissipated with the third out of the inning.

The top of the second inning saw eight more runs scored by Commerce, with ten additional runs scored at the top of the third. The Tigers battled bravely despite the heckling from the dugout, but there was no returning from such a score.

The Tigers fared much better at the outset of the second game. Though Commerce leapt to an early lead yet again, the Tigers managed to score their first run of the game at the bottom of the third inning. They continued to gain on the visiting team, finally taking the lead in the sixth inning

11-8.

However, scoring eight runs at the top of the seventh inning, Commerce regained the lead. Trailing 11-16, the Tigers time ran out as they were unable to score at the bottom of the seventh.

"I was a little concerned about how we have been hitting the ball coming into our series with Commerce, but so far we had done a good job of playing good defense with good pitching. This series was very uncharacteristic of our team, and I fully expect them to turn the page and refocus on getting back on track this week in our series with Lincoln County," Head Baseball coach Drew Wilson said of the game.

"I feel like we were pressing and trying too hard to win, as opposed to just doing what we have been doing all year. Their dugout chatter made our boys want to beat them so bad it hurt, and typically you find yourself in a bigger hole when you start trying to force the issue. That being said, I was very proud of how our boys handled

their dugout chatter. We never responded to them, and just kept playing ball."

Regarding the season outlook after Saturday's games, Wilson said, "I am not concerned about our season at this point, I think Commerce was seeing the ball really well this week at the plate, and that happens sometimes. I told Coach McGill, 'I feel like the ball has eyes and legs when Commerce is hitting!' Makes me think back to our series last year against Social Circle. We hit everything and just couldn't miss at the plate. This time we were just on the opposite end of the page. Tip your hats to a good team and move on to the next team one week at a time through region play."

Up next the Tigers have Lincoln County in a three-game series. The first game of the series will be played at Lincoln County on Tuesday, 3/22 at 6 p.m., with the 2nd and 3rd games of the series being played in a DH at Tiger Field on Friday, 3/25 starting at 5 p.m.



A Commerce player beats the throw to home plate



Nick Harkins throws a runner out



Levi Durham catches an attempted pick-off play at first base



Are you about to turn 65? Need help with Medicare? The Wilkes County Senior Center offers free help through the Georgia Cars State Health Insurance Assistance Program every first Wednesday form 10 am -noon. The next session will be held at the Senior Center on Wednesday, March 3. For additional Medicare counseling services, call 866-522-4464.

To rent the Pope Center, contact the City of Washington at 706-678-3277 or visit City Hall located at 102 E. Liberty Street.

The V.F.W. Post 5899 now has a community can recycling cage. Please take all aluminum cans behind the V.F.W. (240 Andrew Drive in Washington) and drop them into the cage for recycling purposes.

If you are new to Washington-Wilkes and have not been visited by the Welcome to Washington Committee, contact them at welcome-washingtonga@gmail.com or 706-678-1019.

Zumba classes will be offered by certified instructor Tiffany Weser on Tuesdays at 6:00p.m. and the first Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. at the Curry Colvin Rec Complex Gymnasium, 1962 Rowland York Dr., Lincolnton. Classes are \$5 per class or \$15 per month.

Don't Forget column deadline is 5 p.m. Mondays. Please check with your organization for any scheduling changes.

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Washington Historic Preservation Commission will have a public hearing at City Hall Council Chambers at 102 E Liberty St. Washington, Georgia on **Thursday March 31, 2022 at 4:00 pm.**

This hearing is a request for a certificate of appropriateness for exterior change at **222 E Robert Toombs Ave**, All that tract or parcel of land lying and being within the City of Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia, owned by Brenda Beggs Youmans.

This public hearing notice is given this 14th day of March, 2022, by order of the Washington Historic Preservation Commission.

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Community Calendar

- First Mondays Lions Club, Lions Club building, 6 p.m.
- First Tuesdays Iris Garden Club litter pickup, various locations
- Second Weds. Fishing Creek Wildlife Action, Harris Rd., 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Saturdays Litter pickup, meet at CofC, 8 a.m.
- Tuesdays Washington Kiwanis Club, Woman's Club, 1 p.m.
- Thursdays Washington Rotary Club, Woman's Club, noon
- Fridays Alzheimer's Support, Connely Gallery, 11 a.m.
- March 28 Civil War Round Table, Woman's Club, 6 p.m.
- April 11 Woman's Club, clubhouse, noon
- April 15 Classic South Quilt Guild, Wesley Hall, First United Methodist Church, 2 p.m.
- April 21 Wilkes County Chapter Ladies Homestead Gathering, Danburg Baptist Church, 6 p.m.
- April 25 Civil War Round Table, Woman's club, 6 p.m.
- April 30 Xi Zeta Delta Founders Day Dinner, Nick's Place, Crawfordville
- Miss Wilkes County Pageant, W-W Middle School-W-WCHS Lunchroom
- Xi Zeta Delta Bill McCarty Scholarship Fundraiser Dance/Party, VFV 7 p.m.
- May 14 - Iris Garden Club Spring Garden Tour, Robert Toombs House Headquarters, 10 a.m. -4 p.m.

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