



KATE FOLTZ WAVES from her first place perch at the Illinois Elementary School Association's state track and field finals. She is the first girl from Tuscola to compete at the state level in the pole vault and won the Class 2A eighth grade title. Submitted photo.

Tuscola baseball and softball prepares for postseason play

By Daniel L. Chamness

For most high school baseball and softball coaches, they have already put the hay in the barn for the 2021-2022 season.

That statement means the work has already been done. Tuscola head baseball coach Adam Carver is trying to put a little bit more in the barn in the next few days.

"Before our first game of regional, versus Arcola, I think we improve some things," said Carver. "On Monday night, I threw some lie arm pitching against our guys. We got some good swings in."

The game is scheduled to be played at on Thursday night at Bethany Okaw Valley and starts at 4:30 p.m.

The Warriors suffered a 9-0 loss to the Clinton Maroons. The Warriors were limited to just three hits, two of which credited to Colton Musgrave. Chase Jones had the other Tuscola hit.

On the hill, Patrick Pierce

worked 4 1/3 innings on the hill. He was only charged with one earned run on two hits. He fanned five and walked four. Pierce suffered the loss.

"Patrick deserved better," said Carver. "He threw well. Our defense needed to give him more help and we simply did not."

While box scores were not available, they were also topped by Sullivan, Shelbyville and Meridian. They will enter the regional with a 7-18 record.

The Lady Warrior softball team finished with three victories. They will enter the regional with a 19-6 mark. One of those victories was over Sullivan. They downed the Redskins 6-2. Isabelle Wilcox and Emily Czeronka each had multiple hit games.

Wilcox, who was 3-for-4 with a double, drove home a pair and scored once. Two spots up in the lineup from Wilcox, who hits sixth, was

Czeronka. She was 2-for-4. Even though both were singles, she drove home two and scored once.

"Emily does not chase pitches," said Lenny Sementi, Tuscola's head coach. "Isabelle has done a terrific job of driving home runs this year."

Keri Pierce, who also had a hit, was the pitcher of record against Sullivan. She worked a complete 7.0 innings, allowing two earned runs on six hits. She fanned nine and walked three.

The Lady Warriors will open the regional with St. Teresa at Ervin Park tonight. They are scheduled to play at 4:30 p.m.

"Against Sullivan, Kerri kept the ball down and forced the Redskins to hit what she was throwing, which led to many ground balls," said Sementi. "St. Teresa is a good team and we will have to play well to beat them."

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