

Black & Gold

Baseball team suffers three losses

By Daniel L. Chamness
Tuscola Warrior head baseball coach Adam Carver will admit that some of the losses they have experienced were winnable games.

Last week, that game would be the game against Central A&M, which ended in a 15-14 decision in favor of the Raiders.

"There was a big inning (six run fourth) that really hurt us," said Carver. "Our defense overall was not good. We were down three starters and that also hurt us. That game was certainly one we should not have lost."

Junior Easton Cunningham suffered the loss, even though in 4 2/3 innings of work, he was charged with one earned run on three hits. He struckout eight batters and issued three walks.

The hurler also helped himself at the plate. As the leadoff hitter, he was 3-for-5 with a double. Cunningham, who also reached base by walking, drove home three runs and scored twice. The Warriors finished with seven total hits with Jayden Gaines, Nate Thomason, Jacob Waugh and Colton Musgrave each had a hit.

In the 7-3 loss to the St. Teresa Bulldogs, Carver was

quick to point out how well his starting hurler had pitched.

"Patrick pitched well enough to win," said Carver. "He threw extremely well. We just did not play great defense behind him. Timely hitting and defensive mishaps were the story of our week."

The senior worked 5 1/3 innings, allowing three earned runs on three hits. He fanned nine and walked two.

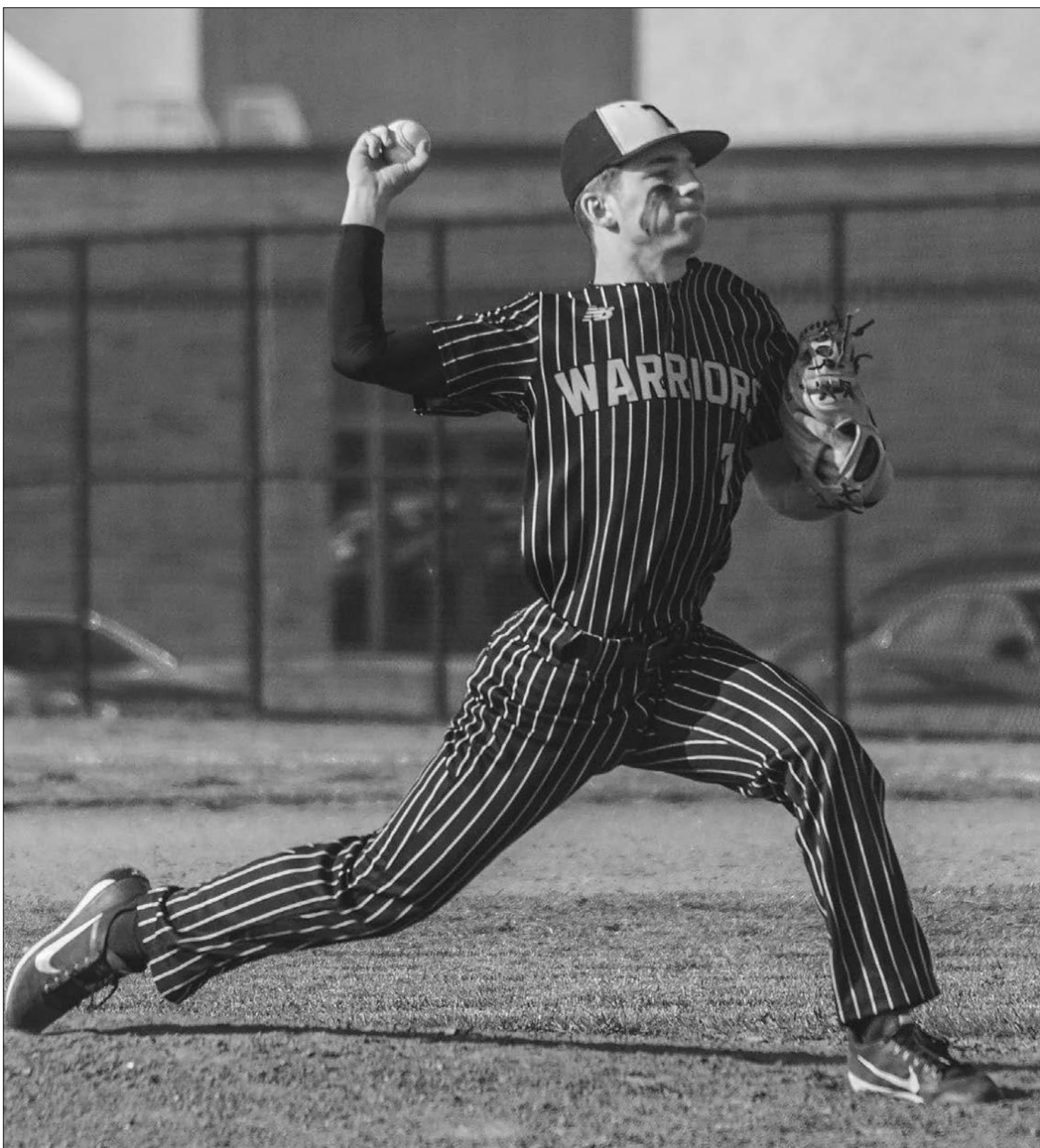
The Warriors were limited to just five hits and four of those belonged to Baer and Musgrave. Baer was 2-for-4 with a homer. He drove home two and scored once. Musgrave, who doubled, was 2-for-3.

The other game was against Warrensburg-Latham. The Warriors lost an 11-1 contest. The Warriors finished with three total hits.

"Their starting pitcher (Joey Young) is very talented," said Carver. "He was on top of his game. We hung around for a while, but sometimes you just have to tip your cap."

Baer, who suffered the pitching loss, was 2-for-3. He drove home Musgrave with the only Warrior run.

The Warriors are 6-14 overall and 2-7 in the Central Illinois Conference.



CADEN BAER prepares to throw a pitch to a Warrensburg-Latham Cardinal batter. Photo by Daniel L. Chamness.



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Sarah Bush golf benefit set for June 3

The Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Foundation will host its 33rd annual golf benefit on Friday, June 3, at Mattoon Golf & Country Club. Net proceeds from the event will support an endowment for Sarah Bush Lincoln's new Hospice House to help those with limited resources pay for their stay.

There is a tremendous need in our area for a hospice house, and Sarah Bush Lincoln was awarded one of the only remaining licenses in downstate Illinois to build a final home for people on hospice care. The Hospice House will be a warm and inviting 14,500-square-foot facility complete with eight private suites, a family gathering space, beautiful landscaping and more to help make patients as comfortable as possible. Proceeds will directly impact families throughout East Central and Southern Illinois, providing them with a home-like, peace-

ful place to spend last days with loved ones.

SBL's Golf Benefit offers golfers the option of either a morning or afternoon flight. A continental breakfast will be available during morning registration, which begins at 6:30 a.m., prior to a 7:30 a.m. tee off. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and registration for the afternoon flight, which tees off at 1 p.m., will begin at 12 noon.

Even non-golfers can support the Hospice House endowment by purchasing raffle tickets for one or both of two great raffles. The first is for a bottle of Van Winkle Bourbon donated by Mattoon County Market. The Van Winkle family of bourbons are some of the most highly-coveted bourbons in the world. Made by Buffalo Trace Distillery in Frankfort, Kentucky, this particular bottle of Van Winkle Special Reserve,

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You may also purchase tickets for a chance to win a week-long vacation to a destination of your choice, plus \$1,000 travel cash and 40,000 Delta sky miles. This prize offers a world of vacation options in desirable locations across six continents, so everyone can find a destination they want to visit. Special thanks to KC Summers for its generous donation of this Resort Vacation Certificate, travel cash and sky miles.

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For more information, to purchase raffle tickets or to register for the golf benefit, please contact Kim Lockart in the SBL Foundation office at (217) 258-2511 or at klockart@sblhs.org.

Races for All Paces May 14

Races for All Paces boasts fun race courses, including the Panther Trail, campus locations, local neighborhoods and the half-marathon that goes into the country with hills and other exciting challenges along the route. The 14th annual event will be held on Saturday, May 14 and starts and finishes on the track of Eastern Illinois University's O'Brien Stadium.

The event includes a half marathon, as well as an individual 10K, 5K Run/Walk, 1-Mile Run/Walk, and even races for young children, including a "Toddler Trot" for kids ages 3 to 5 and a "Diaper Dash," for kids under age 3 that takes place on the EIU football field. To register and view race course maps, go to www.sarahbush.org/races.

For more information, contact Laura Bollan, race director, at 217 345-6828.



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