

Sports

Covering Kickoff to the Final Out in Clinch County Athletics



School records set at track meet

Two school records were set at a track meet at Fitzgerald on Wednesday, April 15. Jeremiah White (above) broke the Clinch County High record in the triple jump, with a jump of 38.8 feet. Xavion Johnson (pictured below) also set a record in the discus, with 121 feet – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.



Panthers end regular season with split

By Len Robbins
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The Clinch County Panthers finished their regular season last week, splitting a tough slate to go into the playoffs with a record of 20-9.

Lee Douglas' Panthers had four games in four days last week – a tough 2-0 loss to Lanier County Tuesday; a 14-4 win at Telfair County Wednesday; a 14-0 blanking of Turner County Thursday; and a 12-2 defeat at Pierce County

Friday to end the regular season. The Panthers, who finished third in Region 2 in Class A, DII, will visit Taylor County (21-9, 2nd in Region 6) for their first round, best-of-three series, starting Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Last week, on Tuesday, the Panthers threatened the defending state champ Bulldogs, only allowing two runs for the game – and both of them were in the first inning. Clinch's Remington Wheeler kept the Dogs at bay after that, going five innings. Jake

King finished the game, striking out two and allowing no hits in the sixth. Meanwhile, Lanier's Grant Gano (a Georgia Southern signee) pitched a one-hitter against the Panthers, striking out 15. Sage Delk was the only Panther to get a hit.

The Clinch offense had better success the next day at Telfair County for a non-region tilt. Clinch scored five runs in both the third and fifth innings to take control of the contest. Hunter Henderson started for Clinch, going four innings and striking out two. He was relieved by Weston Bennett for the save.

At the plate, Dane Brown (triple) and Jake King both had two hits, while Wheeler had a double and three RBIs. Other Panthers with hits Wednesday included Sage Delk and Rayce Godfrey.

More offense was coming a day later at Turner County. Clinch scored three runs in the first inning, six in the second, one in the third, and four in the fifth for the 14-0 tally. They pounded out 10 hits, including two by Sage Delk and Joshua Delk. Others with hits Thursday included King, Brown, Tate Denmark, Godfrey, Landon Delk, and Braden Herlocker. Bo Delk got the win on the hill for Clinch, with Alec Goodman getting the save.

Friday in Blackshear, the Bears jumped on the Panthers early, up 9-0 after one inning. Clinch managed two runs in the second inning, but that was it for the contest.

Denmark started on the mound for Clinch, followed by King and Joshua Delk. Godfrey had a good game at the plate, going 2-for-2. Brown (double), Henderson and Joshua Delk also had hits Friday.

The winner of the Clinch/Taylor series will advance to the second round to face the winner of GSIC/ECI.

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