

SPORTS

Lady Eagles Claim EIC Tournament Title

BY MARK HOSKINS

The St. Elmo/Brownstown Lady Eagles entered the Egyptian Illini softball tournament as the top seed. They proved they deserved that top spot as they claimed the tournament title with back-to-back wins over Martinsville and Ramsey.

After Martinsville defeated Mulberry Grove in the play-in game, they advanced to face the Eagles. SEB used some early offense to grab a 10-6 win.

Martinsville got on the board with a run in the top of the first inning, only to see the Eagles rip off five runs in the bottom of the first. SEB then tacked on two in the second and three more runs in the third for a 10-1 lead. The Bluestreaks scored three times in the fourth and added runs in the fifth and sixth to

make it interesting, but SEB held on for the win.

At the plate, Alivia Claycomb had two hits and two RBIs. Brooklyn Landrus and Heaven Hardesty each had an RBI triple while Macy Claycomb and Macey Sapp each added an RBI. Kadence Speagle and Cami Haslett both had a hit and scored twice.

Speagle was the winning pitcher, working all six innings. She allowed six runs, but only two were earned. She gave up eight hits and one walk while striking out nine.

With the win, SEB advanced to the title game to face Ramsey. The Eagles needed a late rally for a 3-1 win.

The Rams took a lead in the top of the first inning. It remained 1-0 until the

bottom of the third when SEB tied the game up when Landrus drove in Speagle. In the fifth, SEB got two more runs to take a lead that they would not relinquish.

SEB only needed four base hits as Alivia Claycomb, Macy Claycomb, Hardesty, and Izzy Orr each had one. Landrus was credited with an RBI. Sapp and Speagle both drew a walk.

Speagle was dominant in the circle, working all six innings, allowing just one unearned run. She gave up four hits and five walks while striking out five.

Brooklyn Landrus won the Conference MVP award. Izzy Orr, Macey Sapp, Kadence Speagle, and Dayana Haslett each earned All-Conference honors as well.

SEB is now 11-14 overall on the season.



Late Rally Lifts Lady Eagles Over Panthers

BY MARK HOSKINS

The St. Elmo/Brownstown Lady Eagles softball team needed a big comeback to knock off the Oblong Panthers last week in a wild 9-7 game on Thursday, May 14.

The Eagles hosted Oblong and both teams got off to a quick start offensively. After Oblong scored twice in the top of the first, SEB matched

their output in the bottom half of the inning. But the Panthers jumped out to a 6-2 lead with four runs in the top of the third. A huge fourth inning for SEB saw the Eagles take a 7-6 advantage. Oblong tied the game in the top of the fifth. In the bottom of the sixth, a clutch hit from Auni Wollin lifted the Eagles to a 9-7 win.

At the plate, SEB racked up nine base hits with Wollin, Dayana Haslett, and Brooklyn Landrus each having two hits and two RBIs. Alivia Claycomb added an RBI single while Macey Sapp and Kadence Speagle each had a hit. Izzy Orr drew three walks and stole a base. Cami Haslett drew two walks and scored a run.

In the circle Speagle pitched all seven innings for SEB. She allowed seven runs, but only two were earned. She gave up six hits and four walks with 11 strikeouts.

A day prior, SEB hosted Windsor/Stew-Stras. The Hatchets offense was too much for the Eagles as WSS won 10-2.

Windsor scored early and

often. They put up two runs in the first and another in the second. After making it 5-0 in the third, WSS scored three times in the fourth inning. The Eagles got on the board, making it 8-2 in the bottom of the fifth. The Hatchets added two insurance runs in the sixth inning.

At the plate, Orr had two of the Eagles' seven

base hits. Landrus hit an RBI double while Speagle, Alivia Claycomb, Wollin, and Heaven Hardesty each added a hit. Cami Haslett was credited with an RBI.

Speagle was the losing pitcher, working all seven innings. She gave up ten runs (six earned) on 15 hits and four walks. She struck out seven batters.

Bombers Baseball Defeats South Central and Ramsey

BY MARK HOSKINS

The Brownstown/St. Elmo Bombers baseball team played two contests last week, ended up with two wins. They defeated South Central on the road on Tuesday and then hosted Ramsey/Mulberry Grove for a wildly high-scoring affair on Friday.

On Tuesday, May 12, BSE traveled to Kinmundy to face the Cougars. Despite losing for most of the game, a late rally lifted BSE to a 5-4 win.

South Central went ahead 2-0 with a run in each of the second and third innings. The Bombers were shut down at the plate repeatedly until they finally broke through in the top of the sixth with a pair of runs to tie the game. BSE then immediately tacked on three more runs for a 5-2 lead in the top of the seventh. But the Cougars fought in the bottom of the seventh. They managed two runs, but came up just short as BSE won. Jayce Gillespie was the

winning pitcher for the Bombers. He worked six plus innings, giving up three runs (two earned) on four hits. He walked five and struck out nine.

Logan Lach earned the save as he pitched the final inning. He gave up a run on one hit and one walk.

At the plate, Jayce Gillespie finished 3-for-3 with an RBI. Zayden Gillespie and Nolan Willhour both recorded a double. Jayden Hughett added a base hit while Lach and Calviin Voelker were

both credited with an RBI. Keelan Speagle and Raidon Beccue both scored a run.

On Friday, BSE hosted Ramsey/Mulberry Grove on Senior Night. In an absolutely wild game, the Bombers came away with a 19-16 win.

BSE held a huge lead early as they scored seven runs in the first and then five more in the second for a 12-0 advantage. Ramsey scored five times in the top of the third to keep it competitive, but BSE scored three in the third for a 15-5 score. Ram-

sey put up four runs in the fifth before the Bombers scored twice to hold a 17-9 lead. Ramsey continued to fight, scoring three times in the sixth. BSE scored two more runs in the bottom of the sixth before Ramsey put up four in the seventh.

Speagle was the winning pitcher, working four innings. He gave up five runs on four hits. He walked three and struck out six batters.

BSE had just 11 hits to score 19 runs. Ramsey committed eight errors and

issued several walks.

Zayden Gillespie finished the game 2-for-4 with two doubles and four RBIs. Lucas Powell was 2-for-3 with three RBIs. Bentley Sanders had an RBI triple while Jayce Gillespie finished 2-for-2. Jayden Hughett hit an RBI double while Beccue added an RBI single. Hunter Whitaker and Keelan Speagle both added a hit. Voelker recorded an RBI.

SEB is now 9-9 overall on the season.

Altamont Softball Crushes Okaw Valley 13-1

BY MARK HOSKINS

The Altamont Lady Indians softball team struggled last week, dropping games on Monday and Tuesday to Hutsonville/Palestine and Charleston respectfully. But they salvaged things on Thursday when they crushed Okaw Valley by a score of 13-1.

On Monday, May 11, Altamont hosted Hutsonville/Palestine. The Indians nearly escaped a plethora of Tiger baserunners, but ultimately fell 5-3.

The Tigers put up two

runs in the top of the first, but Altamont quickly tied it up with a run in the first and another in the second. Hutsonville then re-took the lead in the top of the third and two more in the fourth for a 5-2 lead. Altamont got another run in the bottom of the fourth, but Tigers pitching shutdown the Indians the rest of the way.

Sophia Long took the loss in the circle. She gave up 13 hits and five walks, but limited the damage to just five runs. She struck out ten batters over seven innings.

At the plate, Avery Fleeharty, Cecilia Percy, and Ella Nelson each had a hit and an RBI. Adilynn Schnarre added a hit while Alyssa Ruholl had two hits and a stolen base.

The next day, Altamont traveled to face Charleston. The Trojans used a huge seven run second inning to earn a 14-5 win.

Both teams scored a run in the first and then Altamont took a 2-1 lead in the top of the second. But the lead was short-lived as Charleston exploded for seven runs in

the bottom of the second. The teams traded runs in the third as the Trojans led 9-3. Both teams scored twice in the fifth with Charleston adding three in the sixth.

Laila Hankins led the offense for Altamont with a 2-for-4 game with a double and two RBIs. Kennedy Schultz and Cecilia Percy each had an RBI double. Ruholl and Fleeharty both added a hit and scored a run.

Long took the loss as she pitched all six innings. She gave up 14 runs (nine earned) on 13 hits and five

walks. She struck out five.

The Lady Indians bounced back in a big way on Thursday when they crushed Okaw Valley on the road 13-1.

Altamont put up five runs in the first and then made it 8-0 in the second inning. The Timberwolves got on the board with a run in the fourth. Altamont pushed the mercy rule with five runs in the sixth to end the game an inning early.

Scultz led the offense despite going just 1-for-3. But that one hit was a grand

slam as she had five RBIs. Hankins went 2-for-3 with three RBIs and a triple. Nelson had a two RBI hit. Fleeharty hit a double and added a single while scoring two runs. Ruholl had a hit and scored three times. Long added a base hit as well.

Long earned the win, pitching all six innings. She gave up five hits and two walks with nine strikeouts. The lone run against was unearned.

Altamont is now 9-17 overall on the season.

Indians Baseball Goes 2-1 with Wins Over Salem and Calhoun

BY MARK HOSKINS

The Altamont Indians baseball team continued their strong play last week, earning two more wins. They knocked off Salem and Calhoun, but they did drop a game to the always tough Teutopolis Wooden Shoes.

On Monday, Altamont hosted T-Town. The Shoes used a 12-hit outburst for an 8-3 victory.

Teutopolis got a 1-0 led in the first and then made it 5-0 in the third. The Indians got on the board in the bottom

of the third with a run, but T-Town immediately answered with three in the fourth for a 8-1 lead. Altamont continued to battle, picking up two runs in the sixth.

Zaine Miller was tagged with the loss on the mound. He worked five innings, allowing eight runs on 11 hits and two walks. He struck out three.

Kaiden Wolff pitched the final two innings, giving up just one hit and two walks with two strikeouts.

At the plate, Wolff had a two hit game and an RBI. Will Reardon had two hits and a double. Carson Milleville added an RBI hit while Cooper McManaway and Blake Berg each had a single.

The Indians responded on the road on Thursday when they traveled to Salem. A pitcher's duel saw only eight total hits in the game, but Altamont came away with a 5-0 victory.

The game was scoreless through the first three

innings. Altamont got the scoring going in the top of the fourth with three runs. They then added two insurance runs in the top of the seventh.

Carson Milleville was dominating on the mound, pitching seven shutout innings. He gave up five hits and one walk. He struck out seven.

Offensively, Kade Milleville had a clutch double as he drove in two. Zaine Miller and Brayden Elam both had an RBI hit. Parker Bell was

credited with an RBI. McManaway and Reardon both drew a walk and scored.

On Friday afternoon, Altamont hit the road again, to face off with Calhoun in Hardin. Altamont built an early lead and cruised behind a great pitching performance from Kade Milleville for a 4-1 win.

Altamont picked up three runs in the top of the first. It remained 3-0 until the bottom of the fifth when the Warriors finally got on the board with a run. The Indi-

ans immediately responded with a run in the sixth.

Kade Milleville pitched all seven innings, giving up just one run on four hits. He struck out eight without allowing a free pass.

Kade also led the offense with a 2-for-4 game with an RBI. Elam also went 2-for-4 with an RBI. McManaway and Wolff both had an RBI base hit. Berg and Carson Milleville both had a hit.

The Indians are now 20-8 overall on the season.