## Perry sweeps Lady Bearcats

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PERRY TOWNSHIP — Spencerville's varsity softball team lost a doubleheader to Perry on Saturday, 4-3 and 8-7.

Both games went 8 innings.

In the opener, Tori Johnston was the losing pitcher for the Bearcats, going the distance in giving up one earned run, six hits and two walks and fanning five.

Perry's Abbie Patton was the winning pitcher, also going the distance in giving up three runs, eight hits and no walks; she added 11 strikeouts.

Leading hitters for Spencerville were Maddy Hollar (2-4 with a double), Mackenzie Ringwald (2-4 with a triple and 2 RBIs) and Tori Johnston (a double and an RBI). Alyssa Mulholland, Hanna Keller and Abbie Lee each had a single.

The Bearcats outhit Perry 8-6 but made a few very costly errors in the fourth inning to allow two unearned runs.

In the second game, Alex Shumate took the loss for the Bearcats, pitching all eight innings, giving up nine hits and walking two, striking out 14.

Patton picked up the win for Perry, also pitching all eight innings, giving up 17 hits and no walks, striking out six.

Leading hitters for Spencerville were Hollar (3-4 with a double and 2 RBIs), Haleigh Mull (3-4 with a double), Shumate (3-4 with a double), Johnston (2-4 with a double and RBI and

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Mulholland (2-5, double, RBI, 2 stolen bases). Ringwald, Lee, Keller and Alli Gilroy each added a single.

Perry jumped out to a quick 7-0 lead after two innings on six hits and two walks but then freshman pitcher Shumate settled in and gave up only three more hits over the next six innings while striking out 14.

The Bearcat bats also woke up, out-hitting Perry 17-9 for the game.

"Once again, a few very costly mistakes on defense let a game slip away we could have been won," Spencerville first-year coach Jeff Johnston noted.

Spencerville visits Parkway today.