

Jefferson grabs NWC baseball triumph

SPENCERVILLE — Jefferson rallied from a 1-run deficit in the fourth inning and shut out Spencerville over the final three frames to knock off Spencerville 10-7 in a Northwest Conference baseball game on a sunny and pleasant Monday afternoon/evening at Spencerville.

The Bearcats (1-6, 0-1 NWC) had rallied from a 6-2 deficit after 2 1/2 innings to take a 7-6 edge before the visiting Wildcats (12-4, 2-1 NWC) came back.

Drew Kortokrax led the visitors with a 3-for-4 day at the plate (2 runs), while Zach Ricker and Seth Wollenhaupt (RBI) were both 2-for-3 and Jordan Herron got on via three free passes.

Zach Ricker (3-1) was the winner with 3 2/3 innings of relief of Herron (2 1/3 IPs). Ross Thompson got his second save with an inning.

Jon Shimp went 2-for-3 (2 runs) for the hosts.

Joey Shimp took the loss with 4 2/3 innings in relief of starter Aaron Crider (1 1/3 IP). Jefferson visits Elida 5 p.m. Wednesday, while Spencerville visits LCC Thursday.

Score by Innings:

Jefferson 0 3 3 0 2 1 1 - 10 10 3

Spencerville 2 0 4 1 0 0 0 - 7 5 3

WP: Zach Ricker (3-1); Save: Ross Thompson (2); LP: Joel Shimp; 2B: Ross Thompson (D), Seth Wollenhaupt (D), Tyler Wrasman (D), Drew Kortorkax (D), Wyatt Krouskop (S).

(Longer article and box score in Wednesday's paper).

Lady Bearcats run-rule Jefferson

SPENCERVILLE — Spencerville's fast-pitch softball crew rode the 2-hit pitching of Alex Shumate and compiled 11 hits in a 12-1 5-inning Northwest Conference rout of the visiting Wildcats Monday.

Shumate (2-3) walked six and fanned eight in giving up an unearned tally. Alyssa Mulholland led the attack with a 4-for-4 contest (3 runs, 2 runs batted in), with Tori Johnston 2-for-2 (2 runs, 3 RBIs).

Taylor Branham (0-6) took the loss for the Wildcats (0-6, 0-2 NWC), ceding all 11 hits and all 12

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runs (10 earned). She walked five and struck out six.

Branham and Kamie Pulford got the visitors' only hits.

Jefferson hosts Continental 5 p.m. tonight and Allen East Thursday. Spencerville visits Kalida tonight and LCC Thursday.

Score by Innings:

Jefferson 0 1 0 0 0 - 1 2 2

Spencerville 3 3 4 2 x - 12 11 8

WP: Alex Shumate (2-3); LP: Taylor Branham (0-6). 2B: Tori Johnston (S), Haleigh Mull (S).

(Longer article and box score in Wednesday's paper).

Niemeyer outduels Geise in MAC

MINSTER — Minster's Adam Niemeyer outpitched St. John's Curtis Geise for a 3-0 Midwest Athletic Conference triumph Monday at Minster in a game postponed from April 16.

Geise was good, only giving up a pair of hits and three runs, fanning 10 in five innings. However, he walked six and none of the runs weren't earned.

Niemeyer went the distance for the Wildcats (9-1, 1-0 MAC) in a 1-hitter, striking out 14. Geise had the only hit.

St. John's (3-6, 0-1) visits St. Henry 5 p.m. today and Bath Wednesday.

Score by Innings:

St. John's 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 - 0 1 0

Minster 1 2 0 0 0 0 x - 3 3 1

WP: Adam Niemeyer; LP: Curtis Geise (2-1).

(Fuller article in Wednesday's paper).

Lancers edge Bulldogs in NWC baseball

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ADA — Eli Farmer went the distance for Lincolnview Monday night, besting host Ada 3-2 in Northwest Conference action at War Memorial Park.

Matt Oeschle led the 9-hit Lancer (4-6, 2-1 NWC) attack with a 3-for-4 day, while Kyle Williams was 2-for-4.

Lincolnview hosts Paulding 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Score by Innings:

Lincolnview 2 0 1 0 0 0 0 - 3

Ada 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 - 2

WP-Eli Farmer (3-1); LP-Cobb.

Elida to rename tennis courts for long-time coach Schwinnen

ELIDA — The Elida Board of Education has elected to rename its high school tennis courts after long-time boys and girls coach Denny Schwinnen.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday, the board will make it official.

The Elida Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Coach Denny Schwinnen has taught in the district for 40 years, coached Boys Tennis in the Elida School District for 36 years and Girls Tennis for 12 years. He was

WBL Coach of the Year 14 times, 11 in Boys Tennis and 3 times in Girls Tennis. His career record in Boys Tennis is 455-167, a winning percentage of .731. His Girls Tennis teams had a record of 111-97 or a winning percentage of .533. He has a combined career record of 566-264, a winning percentage of .681. This ranks him in the top 20 coaches in

wins in the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Coach Schwinnen had 32 winning seasons and at one time had 29 consecutive winning seasons. He coached a total of 83 District Qualifiers, 69 boys and 13 girls. In

2003, his entire team qualified for Districts. His players qualified for the State Tournament 12 times: 10 in Boys and 2 in Girls. Six of his 12 state qualifiers became state place winners and 2 Doubles Teams were State Champions in 1979 and 2005; and

WHEREAS, Coach Schwinnen has won the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association Sportsmanship Ethics and Integrity Award and in 2010 was inducted into the Ohio Tennis Coaches Association

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Hall of Fame; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

by the Elida Local School District Board of Education that, effective April 27, 2013, the school district tennis courts shall be named the "Denny Schwinnen Tennis Courts" in honor of the district's long-time teacher and coach.

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