

## **Cougars run-rule Jays in ACME**

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DELPHOS — Van Wert's ACME baseball team only out-hit St. John's 7-6 but they added earning seven free passes and two hit batters to grab a 12-1 five-inning victory over the Blue Jays Monday at Stadium Park.

Leading the Cougar offense was Brian Mills (2-for-3, two runs batted in), Kevin Agler (2-for-4, two RBIs), Cody Keirns (two free passes, one hit batter) and Ethan Williams (two walks).

Williams went the distance for the Cougars, ceding six hits and an unearned run. He fanned three and gave up one walk.

Getting the hits for the Jays were Andy May, T.J. Hoersten, Ben Wrasman, Brandon Slate, Jorden Boone and Owen Baldauf.

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Hoersten took the loss.

Both teams left a runner on in the first inning: Keirns for the Cougars and Hoersten for the Jays.

Van Wert put a run up in the second on a one-out hit batter (Jake Williamson), a stolen base with two down, a walk to Williams and a run-scoring liner to left by Mills.

The Jays stranded Brandon Slate on first (single) with two out in the home half.

The Cougars erupted in the third frame, scoring 11 times and sending 15 to the dish; they also chased Hoersten for Kyle Pohlman. Everybody in the Van Wert lineup got RBIs in the inning except for Williams; Agler knocked in two with a pair of singles. Others that got run-scoring hits were Williamson, Mills and Ryan Stoller; Sean Miller and Tyler Williams got runs batted in via fielder's choices. The Cougars compiled five hits, six walks, including bases-loaded ones to Justin Tussing and Keirns, and a throwing error that scored two. When the dust had settled, the visitors found themselves up 12-0.

The Jays got an unearned run in the home half on back-to-back leadoff singles (Baldauf and May) and a two-out error on a fly ball hit by Wrasman, plating Baldauf.

Van Wert left a runner stranded in the fourth on a two-out single by Tussing.

Boone doubled to left with one out in the fourth and reached third on a bouncer by Chad Etgen but didn't score.

Agler got aboard on a two-base throwing error in the fifth with two down.

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The Jays tried to keep the game going in the fifth on a one-out free pass (Austin Heiing) but he was forced out by Ryan Hellman. Wrasman ripped a single to center but Gage Seffernick's grounder forced Hellman at third to end the game.

St. John's visits Crestview at 6 p.m. today, while Van Wert visits Lincolnview at 6 p.m. Friday.

St. John's home game on Friday versus Jefferson has been moved to 4 p.m. Monday due to a prior commitment for the diamond at Stadium Park by the Friday Night Men's Softball League and the Relay for Life at Wildcat Field at Jefferson High School.

### **VAN WERT (12)**

**ab-r-h-rbi**

Justin Tussing ss 3-1-1-1, Cody Keirns 2b 1-2-0-1, Tyler Williams rf 2-2-0-1, Ryan Stoller cf 2-2-1-1, Andrew Dingle cf 1-0-0-0, Kevin Agler 1b 4-1-2-2, Jake Williamson 3b 3-2-1-1, Sean Miller c 3-0-0-1, Ethan Williams p 1-1-0-0, Brian Mills lf 3-1-2-2. Totals 23-12-7-10.

### **ST. JOHN'S (1)**

**ab-r-h-rbi**

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Andy May rf 3-0-1-0, Austin Heiing lf 2-0-0-0, T.J. Hoersten p 1-0-1-0, Ryan Hellman 3b 2-0-0-0, Ben Wrasman cf 3-0-1-0, Gage Seffernick ss 3-0-0-0, Kyle Pohlman 1b/p 2-0-0-0, Brandon Slate 2b 1-0-1-0, Jorden Boone 2b 1-0-1-0, Jesse Ditto 3b/1b 1-0-0-0, Chad Etgen 1b 1-0-0-0, Owen Baldauf c 1-1-1-0, J.R. Keirns c 1-0-0-0. Totals 22-1-6-0.

### Score by Innings:

**Van Wert 0 1 (11) 0 0 - 12**

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

E: Hellman 2, T. Williams; LOB: Van Wert 6, St. John's 7; 2B: Boone; SB: T. Williams, Stoller (V).

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**VAN WERT**

E. Williams (W) 5.0 6 1 0 1 3

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### ST. JOHN'S

Hoersten (L) 2.1 3 7 7 5 1

Pohlman 2.2 4 5 4 2 2

WP: Hoersten; PB: Baldauf; HBP: C. Keirns (by Hoersten), Stoller (by Hoersten).