

SPORTS



Patrick Henry's Chris Boyer fails to avoid the tag of Blackbird catcher Philip Roth at home plate in the second inning of Pettisville's district final with the Patriots.—photo by Mary Huber

Patriots Top Pettisville 10-0 In District Final

Patrick Henry (21-4), the defending Division IV state champion, knocked Pettisville (17-5) out of the Division IV district baseball final 10-0 in five innings, Friday, May 22, at Bryan.

The Patriots, ranked fifth in the final Ohio High School Baseball Coaches Association Division III poll, made quick work of the Blackbirds, scoring five runs in the top of the first inning.

With one out, Cody Meyer walked to first. Meyer stole second as Luke George was up to bat, and when the ball got away from the catcher Meyer stole third and George walked to first. Chris Boyer hit a line drive down the third base line, scoring Meyer.

Tyler Phillips hit a fly ball down the right-field line, bringing George and Boyer home for a 3-0 lead.

Clay Maas tripled down center field, scoring Phillips. PH's final run of the inning was a base hit up the middle by Kasey Spence, which brought Maas home.

The Patriots totaled 11 hits in the game.

Pettisville had the bases loaded in the bottom of the inning but weren't able to cross the plate.

With two outs, Zane Miller hit a base hit up the middle. Clay Norris walked, moving Miller to second. After Harris King walked the bases were loaded, but Jacob Rupp's fly ball to left field was caught to end the inning.

PH scored another run in the second when Phillips' base hit scored George for a 6-0 lead.

The Patriots scored two more runs in the third. A double by Meyer brought Mitch Leonard home, and George hit a line drive down the third-base line for a double, scoring Meyer for an 8-0 lead.

PH scored its final two runs in the fifth inning.

The Blackbirds threatened to score in the bottom of the inning, but Phillip Roth was left stranded on third.

Miller and Clay Norris were the only Blackbirds to get hits. Each tallied singles.

Jordan Klopfenstein suffered the loss on the mound.

He pitched 3 2/3 innings and allowed eight runs on nine hits. Miller pitched 1 1/3 innings in relief and allowed two runs on two hits.

District Semifinal PHS 10, Edon 2

The Birds advanced to the district title game with a 10-2 semifinal win over Edon, Wednesday, May 20.

Scattering nine hits in seven innings, the Birds were led by Klopfenstein at the plate with two singles. Miller had a triple, and King went 3-4 with two doubles.

Quinn Nofziger recorded the win on the mound.



Jordan Riegsecker winds up to pitch for the Blackbirds.—photo by Mary Huber

PHS Softball Falls In District Semi

Ayersville (19-4) scored two runs in the top of the sixth inning to overtake Pettisville 2-1 in Division IV district semifinal softball action, Tuesday, May 19 at Liberty Center.

The Birds, who finished with a 12-8 record, scored their only run in the fourth inning.

Jordan Riegsecker was on the mound for PHS. She allowed two runs on six hits, struck out six, and walked one.

At the plate, Kayla King, Lexie King, and Taylor Kruse were each 1-3 with singles.

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Streaks Avenge Loss To Vikes With Div. III District Semifinal Win

The Archbold softball team had a rematch with Evergreen in Division III district semifinal action, Tuesday, May 19, and was victorious 7-3.

The Streaks, who lost to the Vikes 2-1 in a Northwest Ohio Athletic League contest on May 5, got off to a quick 4-0 lead in the first inning.

Leading off the game, Andrea Allan was hit by a pitch. She moved to second base on a passed ball.

Lauren Kern laid down a bunt and the throw was dropped at first base, putting runners at first and third.

After Kern stole second, Courtney Day singled home both runners to give the Streaks a 2-0 lead.

Alyssa Schaub singled home Day, who had moved to second on a ground-out. Schaub eventually scored on a passed ball, giving AHS its fourth run.

The Streaks made it 5-0 in the second when Kern doubled home Devin Newman, who had reached base on a Viking error.

Evergreen wasn't about to go down without a fight.

Herr doubled home two runs in the third inning to make the score 5-2. Herr homered in the sixth inning to cut the differ-

ence to 5-3.

Archbold put the game away in the top of the seventh. Day led off with a double, and Stacy Wyse followed with a two-run blast over the fence for the 7-3 final.

Archbold, which raised its record to 20-3, had eight hits; Day and Schaub each connected for two.

Kern scattered six hits while striking out seven and walking none.

"This certainly wasn't what I expected in terms of runs scored," said Joe Frank, AHS head coach. "I was thinking 2-1 or possibly 3-2, but not 7-3."

"We did an outstanding job in scoring seven runs in this game. I doubt Nicole Natter (Evergreen pitcher) gave up more than three runs in a game all year long, and we scored four in the first inning.

"We gained a lot of confidence after we jumped on them early, and Lauren, along with our defense, did the rest.

"Our team prepared for this game as well as any team in my eight years here at Archbold. There were a lot of extra swings and ground balls in preparation for this contest, and the hard work certainly paid off.

Nofziger Named Baseball Player Of Year In BBC

Quinn Nofziger, a Pettisville senior, was named Player of the Year in the Buckeye Border Conference for the 2009 baseball season.

Jordan Klopfenstein and Clay Norris, seniors, were named First Team All-BBC.

Harris King and Jared Avina, seniors, were named Second Team All-BBC.

Receiving honorable mentions was Zane Miller, a junior.

Softball

Jordan Riegsecker and Katie Weber, seniors; Erica King, a junior; and Kayla King, a sophomore, were named First Team All-BBC in softball.

Lauren Roth, a junior, received Second Team All-BBC honors. Receiving honorable mentions were Ashlyn Bontrager, Lexie King, and Taylor

Kruse, freshmen.

Kaela Imm, Edon, was named Player of the Year.

Local Players Selected For All-Star Game

David Rupp and Steven Kinsman, Archbold High School, and Jordan Klopfenstein and Quinn Nofziger, Pettisville High School, have been selected to play in the Five-County All-Star baseball game, Friday, May 29, 6:30 p.m., at Defiance High School.

The four will play on the East All-Stars (Fulton, Henry, and Paulding counties).

The opponents are the West All-Stars (Defiance and Williams counties).



Avina Signs Letter Of Intent

Jared Avina, Pettisville High School senior, has signed a letter of intent to play baseball at Hesston (Kan.) College. Seated with Avina, center, are his parents, Josie and Benny Avina. Standing, from left, are Andrew Sharp, HC admissions counselor, and Joel Kauffman, vice president of admissions.—courtesy photo

Streak Baseball Closes Out Season With Win

The Archbold baseball team closed out its regular season with a 4-2 win over the Northwest Ohio Athletic League rival Wauseon, Tuesday, May 19.

The Streaks, under Dick Selgo, first-year head coach, finished with a 13-10 record and was 5-3 in the league.

Archbold led 3-1 after the first inning. The Indians closed the difference to 3-2 in the fourth, but the Streaks scored another run in the fifth for the 4-2 final.

AHS JV Baseball Ends Season With 17-6 Record

The Archbold junior varsity baseball team hosted Wauseon, Monday, May 11. Collin Walker pitched a no-hitter as the Streaks came away with a 10-0 five-inning victory.

Aaron Bontrager led the hitting attack with three hits and two runs batted in.

The Blue Streaks avenged an early-season loss and defeated Bryan 8-1, Tuesday, May 12. Tanner Wyse pitched a strong game, giving up only one run in seven innings. Aaron Wyse and Dylan Wyse led AHS at the plate, both collecting two hits. Bontrager had four RBIs, including a three-run homer.

Archbold fell to Fairview 7-0,

Steven Kinsman (4-2) recorded the win. In four innings on the mound he gave up two runs on three hits, struck out nine, and walked three. David Rupp pitched in relief, struck out five, and gave up no runs and no hits in three innings.

Archbold had eight hits, and was led by Kinsman and David Dominique, who each went 2-4. Trey Westrick was 1-4 with a double and one run batted in; Paxson Miller, 1-2 with one RBI.

Thursday, May 14. The Streaks were limited to two hits, one each by T. Wyse and Kolin Schilt. The Apaches scored five runs in the sixth inning to break open a very close game.

Archbold hosted Antwerp, Friday, May 15, and prevailed 8-0. Walker and Johnny Lantz combined to pitch a two-hit shutout.

The Streaks were led at the plate by Zac Grosjean, with two hits.

Archbold swept a doubleheader from Wayne Trace, Saturday, May 16. The Streaks won the first game 5-1 and came from behind to win the nightcap 3-2. (Continued on page 13)



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