



Photo by Melissa Muse

Owenton's Brayden Lynch attempts to pick up a loose ball during the Rebels' loss to Grant County last Friday night.

REBELS

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halftime and held off the Rebels in the final two quarters.

Remaining out in front, Grant County led 20-13 at the end of the third period.

Quarterback Camden Johnson led Grant County to the win, completing four passes for 122 yards and one touchdown. On the ground, Johnson rushed seven times for 27 yards and one touchdown.

Daequan Harrison emerged as Grant County's leading receiver. Harrison hauled in two receptions for 67 yards and one touchdown.

The versatile Harrison also ranked as Grant County's leading rusher. Harrison rushed 26 times for 79 yards and one touchdown.

Quarterback Brayden Lynch paced the Rebels. Through the air, Lynch completed 11 passes for 118 yards. On the ground, Lynch delivered two rushing touchdowns.

Trip Allnutt hauled in a 35-yard reception for the Rebels.

Chipping in, Brody Towles also aided Owen County offensively.

Defensively for Owen County, Brayden Stepp recorded an interception.

Owen County is scheduled to host non-district opponent Dayton for homecoming on Friday, Sept. 5.

Double first base introduced into high school baseball

BY STAFF REPORTS

LEXINGTON — Beginning with the 2027 season, a double first base will be required in high school baseball games to minimize the risk of collisions by runners and fielders.

This rule revision was one of 10 proposed by the NFHS Baseball Rules Committee during its annual meeting held June 8-10 at The Alexander hotel in Indianapolis. The rules changes were accepted by the NFHS Board of Directors. New language was added

to Rule 1-2-9 noting that the double first base must be white and a contrasting solid color. The white portion of the base is located in fair territory while the colored half is located in foul territory, split by the first base foul line. There is to be no space between the two portions of the double base.

"Adding the double first base is symbolic to the evolution of the sport. It will immediately address running lane violations, and it will further protect the players from the violent collisions that have occurred at first base,"

said Elliot Hopkins, NFHS director of sports and liaison to the Baseball Rules Committee. "By reducing collisions and enhancing safety, it preserves both the integrity of competition and the well-being of those who play."

Several subsequent rules changes, including Rule 8-2-2a, outline how batter-runners and fielders shall use the double first base. The batter-runner should use the

colored base on an initial play at first base unless a fielder is drawn into foul territory to receive a dropped third strike, in which case, the batter-runner would use the white portion of the base. Once the batter-runner reaches first base, the batter-runner must always return to the white base, including when leading off, returning on a pick-off attempt or tagging up on a fly ball.

STARS

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with Zac Efron" on Netflix; Scott Hoying from the a cappella group Pentatonix, singer Lauren Jauregui and comedian Andy Richter.

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