

AC-S Bat Pats Improve to 6-2 Headed to Spring Break

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The Allen County-Scottsville Patriots posted two wins in action last week on the diamond. Monday, AC-S shut out Warren Central, 3-0, and defeated Lawrence County 1-0 with a walk off in the eighth inning. Last Saturday, Bowling Green broke open a close game to defeat the Patriots 11-3.

The win at Central (1-8) was due in part to the work of Noah Towe. The junior tossed a seven-inning gem, holding the Dragons to two hits. Towe threw 99 pitches with 71 being strikes. His day on the mound included 10 strikeouts and just two walks. Not only did Towe dominate with his arm, he helped his cause at the plate. The Patriot scored a run and drove in a second to help AC-S record their fifth win in six games.

Towe not only reached on a Warren Central error to lead off the game but also raced around the bags to score and give AC-S the 1-0 lead. Towe held the Dragons in check the rest of the way. The Patriots added their second and third runs in the fifth on their way to the win.

Whereas Monday's game was decided in regulation, Tuesday's home contest against the Bulldogs from Lawrence County

would need an extra at bat for AC-S. First, senior Keagan Towe pitched a gem of his own. Keagan Towe faced 28 batters, threw 99 pitches with 67 being strikes, and struck out seven Bulldogs. However, the Patriots could not push a run across in their seven innings or work, sending the battle to the eighth inning knotted at zero.

Lawrence County—in south-central Kentucky for a four-game series as part of their spring break—recorded a one-out single to open the extra innings. Keagan Towe induced a Bulldog sacrifice and pop out to set the stage for a dynamic home half of the inning.

AC-S pinch hitter Bryce Fields walked to open the eighth. Foster Berry replaced Fields at first and moved to second on a Lawrence County (5-6) wild pitch. A sacrifice fly by Noah Towe moved Berry to third with one out. Bulldog international walks to Parker Meador and Keagan Towe loaded the bases, setting up a force at any base and keeping the double play possibility in play.

AC-S's Ty Wilson lifted the potential sacrifice fly to left field. Berry left early from third before the catch was made, requiring him to have to return to tag at third. Berry broke for home as the Bulldog throw-in sailed past third base

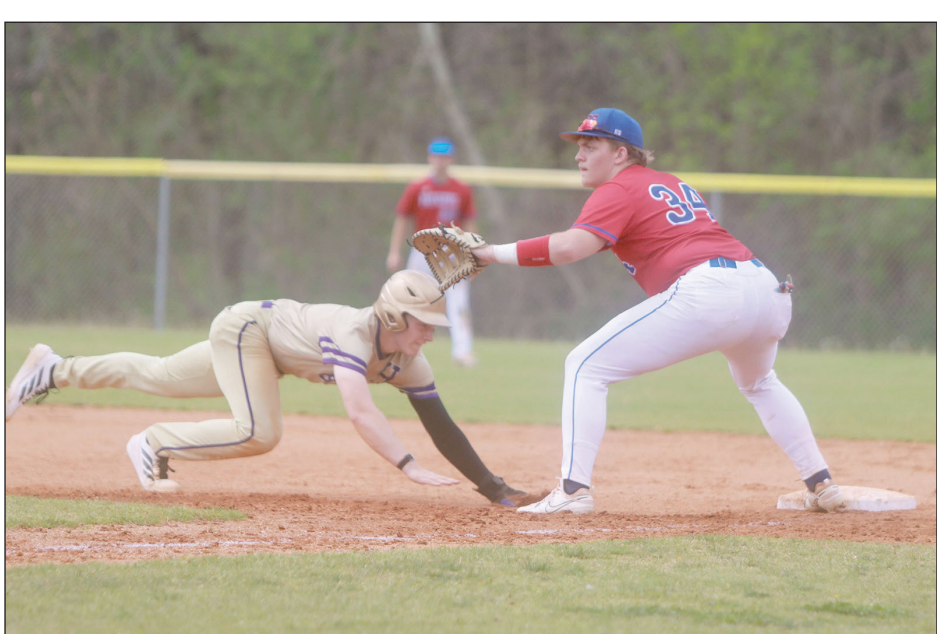
on the attempted force play. Berry would be tagged out at the plate but an alert base umpire noted that the Lawrence County throw had gone into the Bulldogs' bench area. The correct call was a dead ball at the point thus allowing Berry to score from third. The play gave AC-S the walk off one-run win.

The Patriots finished with only two hits—singles by Noah Towe and Wilson. Four Patriots reached on walks.

Saturday's weekender against Bowling Green (9-0) looked optimistic for AC-S until the fifth inning. After falling behind 1-0, the Patriots pushed a run across in the second and two more in the third to build a 3-1 lead. On the hill, senior Randy Stebbins held the Purples in check in the first time through the line-up. Then came the game's turning point.

The Purples recorded a walk and a single to start their at bat. After a sacrifice bunt, Purple Logan Johnson tied the game with a two-run double. Following a single and AC-S error, Colt Isenberg doubled to lift Bowling Green to a 6-3 lead. The Purples added four runs in the sixth and an extra score in the seventh to win 11-3.

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▲ PHOTO | DON MEADOR
First baseman Ty Wilson waits for the ball on a pickoff attempt against Bowling Green. Wilson was kept at the bag as the Patriots tried several pickoffs in Saturday game against the Purples.



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Senior Randy Stebbins (11) brings the ball to the plate in last Saturday's game with Bowling Green. Stebbins faced 88 Purples, throwing 53 strikes.



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