

Lady Demons unable to prevail against Gallatin County

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On Friday, March 20, the Williamstown Lady Demons Softball team played their season opener on the road. Traveling to Gallatin County, they started the season with a 7-3 loss. After taking an initial lead, Williamstown slowly fell behind as the Wildcats established and defended their position. Kilynn White led the Lady Demons' offense with two of the three runs throughout the inning.

Starting the game, White was the first at bat and was walked in the opening pitches of the first inning. She then went on to blitz Gallatin's defense, taking advantage of an error from the Wildcats and pressing on to third base. The defense then hit her with the ball, which allowed her to score the first run of the game.

Gallatin then secured its ranks with two straight

strikeouts. Though McKayla Lamson likewise was walked, the inning soon met its end as a third strikeout put Williamston on defense.

Addison Workman went to the mound to start the bottom of the first inning. A groundout to Jalynn White at first base marked the Lady Demons' first out.

The Wildcats were then able to capitalize on Williamstown's mistakes, as a bunt and an error tied the game.

Things would only worsen for the Lady Demons as Gallatin's offense found weak points. Combining two walks and two base hits, the Wildcats quickly took a tidy lead over Williamstown.

Workman managed to close the first inning with a strikeout but not before the score marched up to 3-1.

On the heels of this stinging end to the first inning, the Lady Demons' offense failed to respond

in the second. Nonetheless, the defense prevented further damage in the bottom of the second with Workman earning another kill while Abigail Lamson made a catch in the infield.

The third inning saw Williamstown mount its counterattack as they secured two additional runs. Following an early strikeout, Kiyann White gained her second run with an in-the-park home run. McKayla Lamson was then walked for a second time and quickly stole second and third base. Thanks to a pass-ball Lamson was able to soon tie the game 3-3.

Despite cutting into the difference early in the inning, the bottom of the third marked a quick turnaround.

Rebounding on offense, the Wildcats scored four runs in the inning thanks to three base hits and two detrimental errors from the Lady Demons. Before they

could settle into the inning, the score once again sat in Gallatin's favor at 7-3. The remainder of the game showcased only scarce opportunities for Williamstown to retaliate. Although the defense had found its footing with eight additional strikeouts by Workman and catches by Jalynn White, Williamstown was unable to do the same on offense.

During the fourth inning the Lady Demons came just inches away from breaking through. Building on singles by White and Abigail Lamson, alongside a walk from the Wildcats, the bases were loaded.

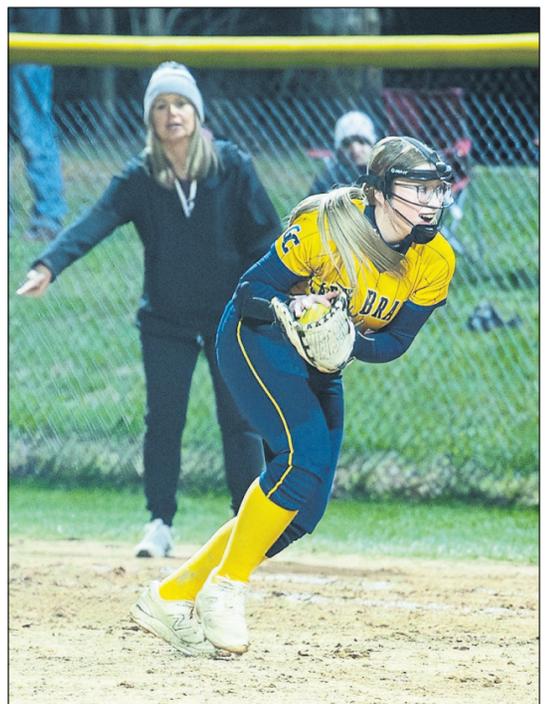
As Williamstown made contact on the next at-bat, a forceout at home shut them down.

Besides this, the Demons only had two base hits across the fifth, sixth, and seventh innings. Gallatin successfully defended its lead and handed Williamstown a close loss on Friday afternoon.



Melissa Muse

Payton Pelfrey makes a play in the outfield during the Lady Braves JV game against Owen County on March 18.



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Clair Strange hustles in the JV game against Owen County.

Lady Braves stunned by Owen County in season opener

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On March 18, the Grant County Lady Braves softball team played its first game of the season. Facing the Owen County Lady Rebels at home, Grant was dealt a harsh season opener. The Braves were bested 17-2 by the Rebels as Owen dominated at the plate. Combining six passballs alongside three unfortunately timed errors, Grant's defense struggled to ward off the Rebels' pressure.

To start the game, Calleigh Hammons pitched for the Lady Braves and hit the first batter. Owen then singled while the next two batters both went to full counts. Securing the first out, Hammons struck out one, but a wild pitch saw the Rebels take first blood and place another runner on base.

A sacrifice fly then earned a second run for Owen before Grant's defense stabilized. Closing the first on a strikeout, the Lady Braves went to the plate in the bottom of the first.

After an initial popout, Peyton Gosney singled to right and earned the first base hit. Madison Utter then followed suit, but a strikeout and groundout halted the offense shy of a run.

Returning on defense, the Lady Braves slipped further behind. Following a walk and two strong hits, Owen extended its lead to four.

The assault continued against the faltering Grant. Hammons hit a second batter before another sacrifice fly secured a fifth Rebel run.

Grant went on to allow two additional runs before managing to close out the top of the inning. Thanks to a flyout to Hammons and a

great tagout play by catcher Aubrey Issacs to Gosney at second, the bleed was stemmed.

On defense, Owen refused to allow Grant any steam as the pitcher rang two quick kills. Although Riley Hartloff reached first on an error from the Rebels, a forceout once again shut down Grant.

Moving into the third inning, the Lady Braves fought hard to hold on. Responding to two early hits, Grant's defense retaliated for two consecutive outs.

With Issac once again finding Gosney at second, Peyton went on to also make a catch at shortstop. Sadly for the Lady Braves, a swift end to the inning was not to be, as two errors enabled two

more runs. It was during the bottom of the third that Grant mounted its response to the Rebels' attacks.

Issac led off for the Lady Braves with a bunt, placing her on first base. Gosney then likewise singled while Hammons was walked to load the bases.

Capitalizing on the chance, Utter brought Issacs home with a hit to left field. Not long after, Ava Alexander was hit by the pitch, and Gosney scored a second run.

With the bases loaded, Grant's run was primed to claw back some lost ground, but three straight outs ended the charge.

Progressing into the fourth inning, Emery Hull took over

pitching. During the fourth, Grant only allowed a single run with another error, making it 10-2. To limit the retaliation, Alexander found both Gosney and Utter for groundouts while Hull secured her first kill.

In the bottom of the inning an Owen no-hitter pushed the game into its final inning due to the Rebels extending their lead to a run rule.

Several base hits, along with a homerun, put Grant 15 runs behind their opponent at the bottom of the fifth. Regardless of Sophia Huhn being walked and Ava managing to reach first, the game's outcome was sealed. As the Rebels earned their third out from a strikeout, they secured their win over the Lady Braves.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY SUMMARY AND NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

The Board of Education of Grant County, Kentucky (the "Board of Education") at a regular meeting on March 12, 2026, passed and adopted a Resolution entitled:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY ("BOARD"), AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026 IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$7,850,000 (SUBJECT TO AN INCREASE OR DECREASE OF UP TO \$785,000) (THE "BONDS") THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH ARE TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION, TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED, OF THE PROCEEDS OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN ADDITION TO ALL OTHER TAXES; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE BONDS AND THE DISBURSEMENT OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF FUNDS PURSUANT TO KRS § 66.480; PROVIDING FOR DELEGATION BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AUTHORITY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD TO DETERMINE CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO THE BONDS; AND AUTHORIZING SUCH OTHER DOCUMENTS, AGREEMENTS AND CERTIFICATES NECESSARY OR REQUIRED FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.

The Resolution authorizes the issuance of a principal amount of \$7,850,000 of the Board of Education's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2026 ("Bonds") (subject to permitted adjustment) to be issued for the purpose of financing High School Athletic Improvements (the "Project").

To assure the payment of the Bonds, it is necessary that the Board of Education authorize the levy of a tax ("Bond Tax") sufficient to pay debt service on the Bonds; provided, however, it is now anticipated that other available taxes and revenues of the Board of Education will be sufficient to meet the debt service requirements of the Bonds without the collection of the Bond Tax.

Section 5(C) of the Bond Resolution, which levies the Bond Tax reads as follows:

That pursuant to Section 157 of the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS § 66.111, there is hereby authorized to be levied, and the Board hereby does so levy, without limitation as to rate or amount, each year that the Bonds remain outstanding, a Tax in an amount sufficient to provide for the full payment of the principal and interest requirements on said Bonds; provided, however, that said Tax shall be collected only to the extent that other receipts from existing Board taxes or other sources are not sufficient to provide for the full payment of the debt service payments on the Bonds each year.

That by the adoption of the Resolution the Board of Education covenants with Owners of the Bonds that it shall, if necessary, collect each year a Bond Tax in a sufficient amount and appropriate in its annual budget, together with other monies available to it, an amount of funds sufficient to pay the "debt charges" on the Bonds as defined in Section 66.011 (4) of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

The Bonds are to be sold at a publicly advertised competitive sale. The Bonds will mature over a term not to exceed 20 years. The Resolution establishes a Sinking Fund to provide for the payment of the principal and interest requirements of the Bonds as same become due.

A copy of the Resolution is available in the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education.

This summary has been prepared by David B. Malone of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC, Louisville, Kentucky, Bond Counsel to the Board of Education.

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By: /s/ Todd Moody, Secretary

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