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Senior Jackson Doughty sprinted out a bunt in the Titans match up against the Lafayette Generals on Friday, April 24.

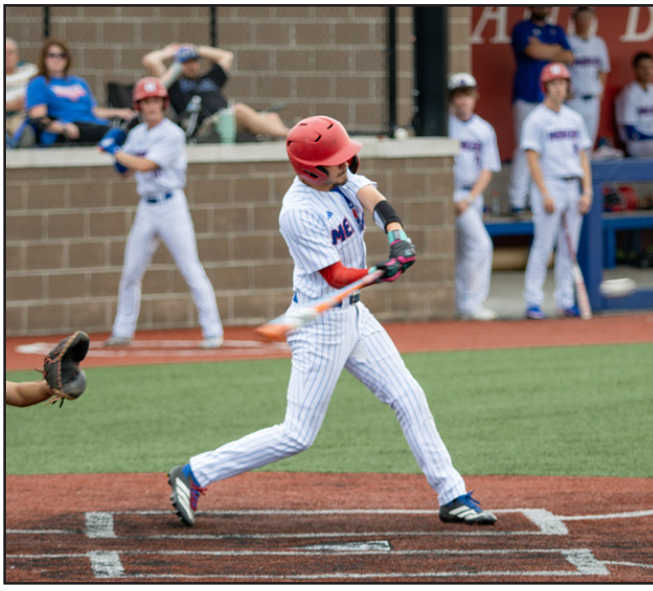
Titans scored their first run of the game, 1-2. A sacrifice bunt from senior Jackson Doughty put Stephens on third base. Senior Noah Worthington had a chance to tie the game, but struck out to end the inning.

In the top of the second inning, senior Brayden McGuffey caught a fly ball and Ruehs got his third strikeout of the game for two quick outs. After two hits by pitches in a row, Doughty caught a pop fly to get the last out. The Titans started the bottom of the second inning with back-to-back strikeouts and

McGuffey popped out to right field to end the second inning.

Ruehs walked the first batter in the top of the third, and Lafayette moved the runner with a sac bunt. A single from the Generals put a runner on first and third base, and Lafayette scored with a fly out to Brogli in center field, 1-3. Two more walks loaded the bases, and freshman Tucker Dean took Ruehs' place on the mound. Mercer got out of a jam with Payton catching a pop fly at second base.

Devine got a free base in the bottom of the third



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Senior Brayden McGuffey hit a single to center field in the Titans match up with Lafayette on Friday, April 24.

after getting hit by the first pitch. Payton popped out, but Stephens hit another grounder to center field that brought Devine home, 2-3. Doughty tied up the game with a line drive to right field, 3-3. Mercer couldn't keep the hot streak going, and the next two batters both failed to reach first base on hits.

Dean started the fourth inning and struck out the first Lafayette batter. After a single to left field and a walk, Dean struck out another batter, and sophomore Teddy Gagnon caught a pop fly at third base. Gagnon was walked to start the bottom of the fourth inning and Brogli

grounded into a double play for the Generals. A pop-up from McGuffey ended the fourth inning.

In the top of the sixth inning, senior Rylan Lake took over at pitcher for the Titans. He walked the first batter, and the Generals grounded into a fielder's choice on the next at bat. Another walk put two runners on base for Lafayette, but the Titans were able to get the final two outs on a catch from Doughty and a strikeout.

In the bottom of the sixth inning, Mercer started with two outs after a pop-out and a strikeout. Both Gagnon and Brogli were walked, and



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Senior Ayden Stephens hit a double to left field to score a run for the Titans versus Lafayette on Friday, April 24.

McGuffey hit a single to load the bases for the Titans. A grounder from Devine and an error from the Generals scored two runs for Mercer, giving them the lead, 5-3. Payton grounded out to end the sixth inning.

Lake struggled in the bottom of the seventh inning, walking the first batter and hitting the next two. With bases loaded, Doughty took over on the mound and hit another Lafayette batter to give up a run, 5-4. The Generals hit a line drive to center field that scored three runs and put Lafayette in front, 5-7. The Titans got there first out on a grounder to Doughty. After a walk, the Generals used a sacrifice

bunt to score the last run of the game, and Mercer got the final out on a grounder to Stephens at shortstop, 5-8.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Stephens and Doughty popped out and Worthington reached base on a pop fly to right field. Senior Brennan Taylor had his first at-bat of the game and ended the game by grounding into a fielder's choice.

The Titans were in control for the first six innings and out-hit Lafayette in the game, but some mistakes on the mound cost them. Mercer's next game is a home matchup against the Woodford County Yellow Jackets on Friday, May 1, at 6 p.m.

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throughout the season," said Walter Hawthorne. "I knew guys would be leaving (last year's team) and let them know we would love for him to come to Kentucky and be the 13th to 15th guy and help the team and develop and become a better basketball player."

The brothers are from Beckley, W.Va., but grew up UK fans. Braydon went to John Calipari basketball camps at Kentucky and playing for UK was a dream come true. It's the same way with his younger brother who also went to the same camps at Kentucky his older brother did.

"He has always been a Kentucky fan. He is super

excited, super pumped," Walter Hawthorne said about his younger son. "The idea of getting this opportunity is really exciting for him. He has worked really hard and being in the Kentucky system will help him develop as a player and he can help the team. I am just glad him and coach (Mark) Pope talked and it all worked out."

Zyon Hawthorne had scholarship offers from Wichita State, LaSalle, Arkansas State and others but there was no doubt he would accept Pope's offer to play at Kentucky. He averaged 11.2 points per game, seven assists and three rebounds during his senior season and was a 1,000-point scorer in

high school. He played his first three high school seasons at Woodrow Wilson High School and was ranked third in school history in total assists when he left for Huntington Prep.

"It has always been a dream of mine to play at Kentucky, especially being alongside my brother. It still seems unreal," Zyon Hawthorne, who has a 4.25 grade-point average, said. "It was an easy decision for me. Other schools talked to me but what me and coach Pope talked about just made sense. It's my dream school to play with my brother. I need to put on weight and become a better player. I just want to be the best version

of myself."

Zyon has no trouble describing how he plays.

"I am someone who can get downhill, make plays, see the floor, plays well out of the pick and roll, can finish well and can shoot. I am just a true point guard," Zyon said. "I am working on getting more physical. I have learned to initiate contact at Huntington Prep."

"I remember when Braydon came home last summer after being at UK for a few weeks and we played one-on-one. It was just different seeing how his game adjusted and how much stronger he got. I feel like I got better over the last year. I am staying in the gym. I can't wait

to go out there and work hard. I am not going to take a rep or a day for granted."

Walter Hawthorne believes Zyon would have been more highly recruited if he had played AAU after his junior season.

"He woke up one day and his back was hurting, so we just sat him out the whole summer," Walter Hawthorne said. "He was doing physical therapy in the summer but once he got to Huntington Prep he got it going again."

"There's no question he will be competitive at UK. He is super skilled. He has to get stronger. Same thing with Braydon. I foresee him helping this team. He will put his head down and

work. He has the same type mentality as Braydon. He is a very competitive person who will find ways to help the team."

Zyon Hawthorne understands how passionate Kentucky fans can be and can over react both to wins and losses.

"I see it all but it really doesn't bother me," the UK signee said. "It all comes with the game today. I feel like the love from the fans far outweighs the hate. It's easy for me to remember that there is 10 times more love than bad. Kentucky fans are just very passionate about their team and I like that."

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following claims for unpaid Burgin Independent School Taxes are advertised for sale. The tax claims are to be sold for cash. Offers to purchase these bills can be submitted in writing and must be received in "the office listed below by Friday, May 1, 2026."

Place: Burgin Board of Education
 140 Burgin-Danville Road
 Burgin, Kentucky 40310

Date: Monday, May 4, 2026
 Time: 10:00 a.m.

The amount listed below includes the base tax assessment and penalties to date. Additional charges may apply. The delinquent claim, if no responsible bid is made at the sale, may be purchased by the Tax Collector or the taxing district. Liens will be filed on all property with unpaid taxes. After liens are filed, additional fees plus interest at 12% per annum will be added to each bill.

Bill #	Name	Address	Map #	Amount
3	653 Short Acres Road LLC	First St 114	300.10-03012.00	\$742.64
4	A S Thomas Enterprises LLC	Chimney Rock Rd 130	080.70-03002.00	\$287.34
402	Combs Daisey	Hughley Ln 0	081.20-08007.00	\$128.98
411	Conover Michael Dakota	Mill St W 320	300.10-05019.00	\$163.62
414	Cooley John	Hughley Ln 311	074.00-00070.01	\$912.56
21	Airbnbeyond LLC	Herrington Woods 685	083.50-01041.00	\$4,286.05
22	Airbnbeyond LLC	Paradise Camp Rd 748	080.00-00050.00	\$4,286.05
25	Alford Dale Heath & Shelly	Cedar Wood Subd 0	081.40-02002.00	\$54.74
26	Alford Dale Heath & Shelly	Cedar Wood Subd 0	081.40-02002.01	\$54.74
54	Atm Legacy LLC	Chimney Rock Rd 492	079.90-03015.00	\$4,335.54
420	Cooper Michelle	Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #3	080.80-02003.00	\$268.73
428	Coulter Glen	Cane Run Camp 345	080.40-03001.10	\$79.49
85	Ball Herbert & Ada C/O Mays, Sue	Hughley Ln 558	081.20-08009.00	\$556.36
89	Banker Nathan	Cedarwood Ct 138	081.40-02003.00	\$962.51
96	Barker Eric	Second St N 208	300.10-02031.00	\$403.39
462	Curtsinger C Shawn & Crystal	Curdsville Rd 511	073.00-00038.05	\$2,381.73
532	Dunn Herbert	Mill St 0	300.20-05005.00	\$79.49
579	Ernst Billy Joe & Ernst Lena	Paradise Camp Rd 0	081.70-02014.00	\$277.44
582	Estes Phillip	Cane Run Camp 344	080.40-03001.21	\$39.90
652	Gallegos Lorena Trustee	Cedar Hgts Subd 0	081.20-01018.00	\$227.96
694	Goforth Erika Wethington	Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #14 & #15	080.80-02014.00	\$598.53
760	Hale Jonathan	Bonta St W 401	300.10-02005.00.M1	\$1,559.71
768	Hammons Milton & Jennifer	Peach St N 123	300.20-04011.00	\$225.38
796	Harrison Patsy & William W	Pleasant Hill Dr 201	300.20-09013.00	\$128.98
207	Bowles Robert A	Dossett Ln 268	080.00-00001.00	\$2,049.77
848	Hicks Chris	Cane Run Camp 232	080.40-03001.25	\$94.34
209	Bowman Vincent Richard	Second St 0	300.10-02023.01	\$36.93
864	Hollie Amanda	C/O Doyce Hardin, Robinson Rd 0	074.00-00007.00	\$227.96
892	Horton Manuel T & Bettie D	Benton St 209	300.20-07014.00	\$811.93
904	Hudnell Betty L & Richard Dane% Gonzalez Veronica & Rosalio, Russell St 206	300.20-07014.01		\$418.98
919	Hurst James Thomas & Carolyn J	Buster Pk 321	068.00-00017.00	\$671.87
923	Ingram Nannie Est	Robinson Rd 0	074.00-00013.00	\$128.98
231	Brito Kari	Cane Run Camp 352	080.40-03001.17	\$54.74
1029	Lake Overlook Properties LLC	Old Orchard Inn 0	080.80-02031.00	\$4,579.03
1075	Lewis Morgan & Hadgie	Ashley Camp Rd 475	079.00-00019.04	\$618.29
1081	Lilly Todd C	Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599	080.80-02027.01	\$198.26
1083	Lister Adam & Carey Jamie N	Main St E 504	300.20-10003.00	\$702.86

Bill #	Name	Address	Map #	Amount
1137	Martin JP	Chimney Rock Marina	080.70-02014.00.B5	\$178.47
258	Browning Tony	Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #23	080.80-02021.00	\$128.98
265	Bugg Larry W & Lou W	Sunrise Shores 236	081.20-06010.00	\$751.54
1214	Merriman Dion & Anne	Chimney Rock Rd 860	079.90-01051.01	\$4,771.05
282	Bush Hannah Est	Hwy 33 0	073.00-00008.00	\$371.47
1241	Mims Rebecca Tori	Hwy 33 S 1167	074.00-00035.00.M1	\$1,332.37
292	Caldwell James Russell &	Sycamore St 108	300.20-04004.00	\$609.02
1342	Noon George E III	Chimney Rock Rd 594	079.90-03035.00	\$5,463.89
1367	Patterson Betty Jean	Arrasmith Ct 831	080.00-00036.00	\$1,350.45
1368	Patterson Betty Jean	Arrasmith Ct 833	080.00-00036.01	\$128.98
1423	Pitts Edward Michael	Paradise Camp Rd	081.70-03014.01	\$104.23
1433	Pope Jeremy & Ashley	Carmichael Rd 275	080.80-05003.04	\$487.90
1458	Pruitt William E & Louise	Kennedy Bridge Rd	080.00-00043.00	\$173.52
329	Carroll Richard & Brenda J	Mulberry St 107	300.10-01023.01	\$109.18
1497	Richard Peddicord LLC	Maple Hill 155	080.80-01004.00	\$325.45
338	Cattlett Robert L	Hughley Ln 528	081.20-08002.00	\$402.78
1529	Rosenbarger Anthony D Jr & Beth	Ash Dan Estates 0	073.50-00031.00	\$94.34
1562	Sallee Rue	Buster Pk 325	068.00-00017.03	\$277.44
1586	Schaller Chris	Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #8	080.80-02009.00	\$821.82
1593	Schulte Herbert S & Timmie E &	Curdsville Rd 751	079.20-01003.00	\$263.84
1602	Sears Brandon	Pandora Camp 0	080.00-00046.00.B2	\$64.64
1634	Sexton Pearl M	Pleasant Hill Dr 526	300.20-08022.00	\$1,670.46
1654	Shelton Rod	Oster Dr 255	080.40-03001.05	\$39.90
1695	Sirk Heather	Herrington Woods 0	080.00-00025.01	\$2,918.33
1765	Stewart Justin Wayne	Main St W 623	300.10-01007.00	\$1,514.67
1770	Stine Frances	Benton St 213	300.20-07016.00	\$780.09
1795	Swope Phillip	Pleasant Hill Dr 851	073.00-00013.02	\$312.09
1848	Timmons Shannon Elaine & Joel S	Main St W 310	300.10-05001.00	\$2,603.43
1869	Tuggle Jeff & Diane	Kennedy Bridge Rd 1599 #21 & #22	080.80-02020.00	\$227.96
1896	Valz Scott P	Arrasmith Ct 835	080.00-00035.00	\$192.82
1908	Vandiver Robert Howard	Court St W 102	300.10-07008.00	\$563.21
1919	Vasquez Barnabe	Kennedy Bridge Rd Lot 1599 #32	080.80-02029.00	\$514.99
1930	W D M Ltd Company	Chimney Rock Rd 0	079.00-00017.00	\$178.47
1931	W H P Enterprises LLC	Shakertown Rd 865	073.00-00012.00	\$574.38
1972	Washington Susie Est	Robinson Rd 0	074.00-00007.01	\$128.98