

# SOUTH

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I have to do a better job preparing these guys," Wheat said. "The biggest thing for me is that we have to focus on some things to make us better. Number two is they've been able to wiggle out of trouble the whole year. It's the job they've done on the mound, and those guys have really, really competed on the mound."

However, Boyd County put more runs on the board on a sacrifice fly by junior Alex Maynard while junior Conner Davis followed with an RBI single. The top of the fourth ended with a Lion runner getting caught stealing home plate.

With one out in the bottom of the fourth, junior Keith Mitchell recorded the first hit for the Dragons on a double. Mitchell moved to third base on a sacrifice fly but was stranded to end the fourth inning.

Francis allowed one base runner in his second inning of work but stranded him to end the top of the fifth. South senior Jair Funes picked up a single in the bottom of the fifth but was also stranded by Manning with a ground out to end the fifth.

The Lions put two runners on base with no outs on a hit by pitch and an error. A fielder's choice put runners on the corners before South senior Boone Dillon caught a fly ball in right field and threw out a runner at home plate to end the top of the sixth. South junior Peyton Layne drew a walk with one out in the bottom half but was stranded at second base to end the sixth.

"We were staying level-minded. All we were trying to do was get it to the next guy, try to get the tying run at the plate," Russell said. "We got super, super, super close. All season, we never gave up. We were never out of a game. I didn't think we were ever out of this game. Walks hurt us on the defensive end. We

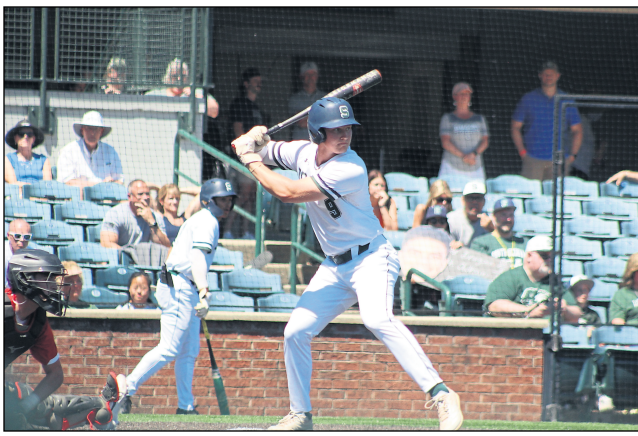


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**South Oldham senior Luke Belardo sets his batting stance in a 5-1 loss to Boyd County in the first round of the state tournament.**

had a couple errors that were big, that caused a couple runs. That was the game, right there. The guy on the bump, he was pretty good. We didn't see him very well."

Francis allowed two base runners but kept the deficit at five runs heading into the bottom of the seventh. Francis led off the bottom half with a hit by pitch before sophomore Jake Dillon walked two at bats later to put two runners on for the Dragons.

"We've gotten in situations like that all year, and the big thing for us was not giving in to when you're losing," Belardo said. "It's not over until it's actually over. We've been down times in the year and been able to come back, so we just kind of kept that in mind."

Senior Isaac Leeper came into the game after the walk. With two outs, Closurdo pushed across Francis on an RBI single, but Leeper helped close the game with a strikeout, ending South Oldham's historic season with a 5-1 loss in the first round of state.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to run the region, and that's what we did," Russell said. "We thought we had more in us. It didn't go our way, but I know these younger guys are going to bounce back. I know they're going to come back better."

Wheat wants his guys coming back to stay healthy but also get stronger over the offseason and compete, whether it's travel ball or fall

workouts. For the seniors, Wheat hopes they enjoyed the experience as much as the coaches did.

"It was a super enjoyable experience," Wheat said. "I didn't want it to end. Even if we won the state championship, I would still have been a little [sad], not as sad. Only having Luke and Jair and Dawson and Boone and Colton Motta and Levi Kennedy for a year, I'm glad it happened, a little jealous that I couldn't get more time with them, such awesome kids and awesome players."

Russell wants to remember the accomplishments of the last four years, especially what the team was able to accomplish his senior season.

"I hope to remember everything that we did," Russell said. "We set records this season. I know in the future they're going to set more records. It's not done. Making it to the region all three years that I've been a part of this varsity squad, it just shows you something. It shows that we run the county in my opinion."

Belardo hopes the senior class was able to build a culture that sustains after him and fellow seniors graduate.

"The big thing I hope we are leaving is the culture," Belardo said. "This year, Wheat came in and changed the culture. This year, we set what's going to continue to build here and hopefully turn this into an every year state appearance."

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hour all week long. She's good. They've given up 34 runs in 42 games, so that should tell you something. You're not going to score a lot. We knew we had to keep it in. It completely changed our offensive game plan as soon as they hung three on us in the first inning."

Dennison began the fourth inning with a strikeout. After a bloop single, Oldham County senior Bekah Townsend caught a pop up at her catcher position. After a Norwood single, senior Kaylee Wilson drove in a run with a single. Dennison ended the top half of the fourth with a fly out. Norwood kept in rhythm and put the Lady Colonels down in order again.

South Warren kept adding to its lead with an RBI single by Willoughby and a sacrifice fly by Russell in the top of the fifth. Norwood closed out the game and gave the Lady Spartans a 12-0 run-rule win in the five innings.

Going into next season, Thompson has heard his players that are coming back talk about getting back in the gym and getting prepared for next year. Thompson is excited to see what they have in store for next season.

"We only have one goal

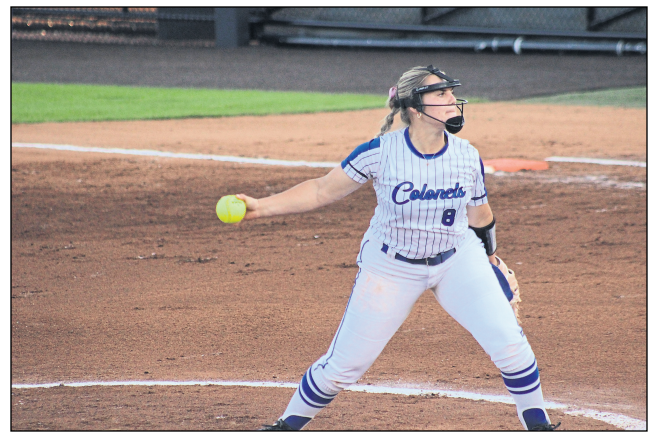


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**Oldham County junior Annabelle Brisco throws a pitch in a 12-0 loss to South Warren in the first round of the state tournament.**

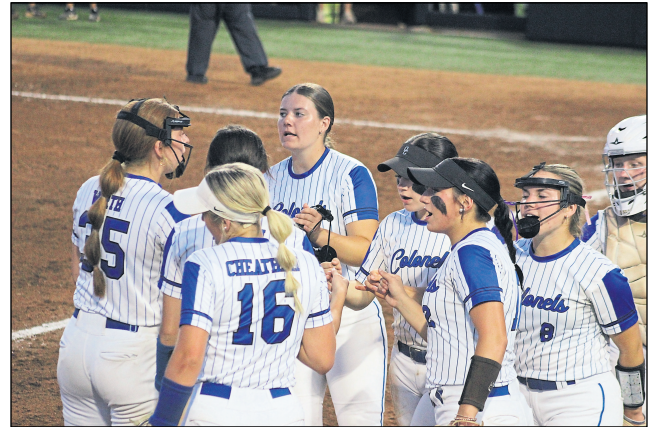


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**The Oldham County Softball Team huddles in between innings in the first round of the state tournament.**

at the start of the season, that's going to be to win the region again," Thompson said. "That's never been done in Oldham County, and we are bound and determined to do it. We want to come back and third time's a charm

back here. We're going to catch a draw. Our pitching is coming back. We're losing Kennedy, but we'll figure something out. That's a big loss for us. Sydney [Wirth] and Bekah and Aubrey, they're like my kids."

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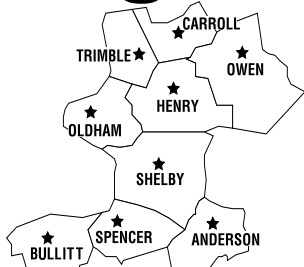
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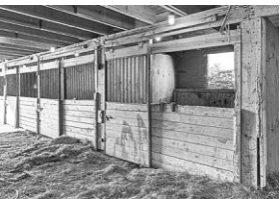
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