

Sports

Baseball roundup: Rebels edge Juggernauts

BY STAFF REPORTS

ERLANGER — Owen County edged host Lloyd Memorial 6-5 during a high school baseball round robin event on Saturday, April 4.

The Rebels battled back from behind to claim the win.

Lloyd Memorial led 5-2 at the conclusion of the sixth inning. But Owen County answered, scoring four runs during the top half of the seventh inning. Owen County moved ahead 6-5 during its final at bat and managed to maintain the lead, claiming the come-from-behind win.

Brody Hearn pitched a complete game for Owen County and earned the win on the mound. Hearn recorded eight strikeouts.

Evan West pitched two-thirds of

an inning in relief for Lloyd Memorial and suffered the loss on the mound. West logged two strikeouts.

Prior to West's relief appearance, Colten Barger started on the mound for Lloyd Memorial and pitched six and one-third innings. Barger recorded four strikeouts.

Owen County plated six runs on 10 hits. Hearn (two hits, two RBIs), Connor Dezarn (two hits, two RBIs), Trip Allnutt (two hits), Wade Cook (two hits), Michael Smith (one hit) and Logan Deitz (one hit) each delivered offensively for the Rebels. Both Hearn and Allnutt doubled.

Lloyd Memorial pushed across five runs on nine hits. Barger (one hit, two RBIs), West (one hit, two RBIs), Luke Landers (two hits, one RBI), Grayson Begnoche (one hit),

Jayden Jasper (one hit), Kellis Nussbaum (one hit) and Jacoby Pool (one hit) each produced offensively for the Juggernauts. Both Barger and West homered.

Owen County is scheduled to host Lloyd Memorial for a game at Dunavent Field on Friday, May 8.

REBELS DEFEAT WILDCATS ON NEUTRAL FIELD

ERLANGER — Owen County pulled away to defeat Pendleton County 10-1 at Lloyd Memorial on Saturday, April 4.

The Rebels exited the weekend with a 4-4 record.

Owen County scored first and never trailed. The Rebels led 4-0 before Pendleton County crossed home plate during the top half of

the sixth inning.

Extending its lead, Owen County erupted for six runs during the bottom half of the sixth frame.

Connor Dezarn started on the mound for Owen County and earned the win. Dezarn pitched six innings and recorded 10 strikeouts.

Working from the mound in a relief role for Owen County, Wade Cook pitched the final inning. Cook struck out all three Pendleton County batters he faced.

Ellis Shuttters started on the mound for Pendleton County and suffered the loss. Shuttters pitched five innings and struck out one Owen County batter.

Following Shuttters, Kevin Miles pitched one inning in relief for the Wildcats.

Efficient offensively, Owen County scored 10 runs on seven hits. The offensive contributors for Owen County were Dezarn (one RBI), Cook (one hit, two RBIs), Brody Hearn (two hits, one RBI), Michael Smith (one hit, one RBI), Caleb Allnutt (one hit, one RBI), Charlie Wright (one hit), Bryson Tiry (one RBI) and Hatcher Smith (one RBI). Dezarn, Cook and Hearn each doubled.

Pendleton County pushed across one run on four hits. Miles (two hits), Jayden Ford (one hit), Easton Verst (one hit) and Conner Sturgill (one RBI) accounted for Pendleton County's offense.

Owen County and Pendleton County aren't slated to meet again in the 2026 high school baseball season.

Owen County girls fall just short in All 'A' Regional

BY DAVID CAMPBELL
PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

There may be no younger softball team in the state of Kentucky, but Trimble County played much older than its age to post a 4-3 win over Owen County in the championship game of the All 'A' Classic Eighth Region Tournament last Thursday in Bedford.

The Raiders had twice as many middle schoolers (four) in their starting lineup as s (two) but made the most of every opportunity to win their fourth-straight crown.

"This is the youngest team we've ever had in Trimble County. Most of these girls haven't played in four years, and we come out and just play together," Trimble coach Lori Ritchie said. "If they just keep playing together, working on

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David Campbell

Owen County's Lexie Chappell (13) is mobbed by her teammates at home plate after belting a two-run home run to left field in the top of the fifth inning that put the Rebels on top 3-2 in the championship game of the All 'A' Classic 8th Region Softball Tournament in Bedford. The lead was short-lived when host Trimble County scored twice in the bottom of the inning to win their fourth straight small school regional on Thursday, April 2.

Old River Road accessible through most of spring turkey season

FRANKFORT — Old River Road, which runs along the Salt River at Taylorsville Lake Wildlife Management Area (WMA) in Anderson County, will be open to vehicular traffic throughout most of the spring turkey season, except for the first two days.

The road will reopen after opening weekend of the general statewide spring turkey season (April 18-19) to provide greater access for both turkey hunters and anglers targeting the river's popular white bass run.

The access gates at Palmer Road and Old River Road off KY 44, generally open from

daylight until dark through summer, will close at sunset on Friday, April 17, and reopen at sunrise on Monday, April 20. Parking areas along Old River Road will remain accessible throughout the weekend.

From these parking areas, anglers can enjoy nearly 2 miles of walk-in access to the bank of the Salt River for the spring white bass run in the lake's headwaters.

High water or road maintenance may require additional temporary closures of Old River Road as needed throughout the year and will be posted by signage. Parking is allowed

only in designated parking lots and pull offs. Driving through fields or illegal parking may result in violations being issued.

Maps of Taylorsville Lake WMA and other wildlife management areas are available online at the Wildlife Management Area & Public Lands Search webpage on the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website (fw.ky.gov).

Licenses and permits are sold online through Kentucky Fish and Wildlife's website and at vendor locations across the state. A list of license agents by county is available on the department's website.

Track: Rebels compete in North Oldham meet

BY STAFF REPORTS

GOSHEN — Owen County competed in a track and field meet at North Oldham on Thursday, April 2.

Continuing his strong start in the 2026 boys' high school track and field season, Talon Wilson paced the Rebels during the North Oldham-hosted meet.

Owen County's results from the meet held at North Oldham follow.

Boys' 100 Meter Dash: 71st - Dawson Locke, 13.41.

Boys' 200 Meter Dash: 5th - Talon Wilson, 22.58; 30th - Colton McDaniel, 26.86.

Boys' 400 Meter Dash: 3rd - Talon Wilson, 51.07; 12th - Colton McDaniel, 59.54.

Boys' 800 Meter Run: 7th - Tyler Cammack, 2:16.04; 16th - Levi Stivers, 2:25.08; 20th - Brody Delaney, 2:33.24.

Bos' 1,600 Meter Run: 6th - Tyler Cammack, 4:54.11; 16th - Levi Stivers, 5:36.78; 22nd - Brody Delaney, 5:49.67.

MCGUIRE NAMED GIRLS' RUNNER OF THE WEEK

OWENTON — Owen County senior Cloie McGuire has been named the NCKC Girls' Track and Field Runner of the Week.

McGuire earned the weekly honor from the North Central Kentucky Conference on Thursday,

April 2.

A leader for Owen County, McGuire placed fourth in the Girls' 100 Meter Dash (14.46) during the Carroll County All-Comers Meet. Currently, McGuire is ranked sixth in the NCKC Girls' 100 Meter Dash Rankings.

McGuire placed first in the Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles (55.80) during the Carroll County All-Comers Meet. At this time, McGuire is ranked first in NCKC Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles Rankings. For the Girls' 300 Meter Hurdles in Class 1A, McGuire is ranked 21st.

Providing experience and leadership, McGuire is pacing

Owen County in the 2026 girls' high school track and field season.

WILSON NAMED BOYS' RUNNER OF THE WEEK

OWENTON — Owen County sophomore Talon Wilson has been named the NCKC Boys' Track and Field Runner of the Week.

Wilson earned the weekly honor from the North Central Kentucky Conference on Thursday, April 2.

Wilson placed first in the Boys' 100 Meter Dash (11.53), Boys' 400 Meter Dash (52.04) and Boys' Long Jump (20-

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
UNIFIED COURT OF JUSTICE
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT
CIVIL ACTION # 25-CI-00195

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORPORATION

PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

BRIAN M. WALLACE

DEFENDANTS

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale rendered in the Owen Circuit Court on the 24th day of March, 2026, I will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder on the front steps of the Owen County Courthouse, 100 North Thomas Street, Owenton, Kentucky at the hour of 10:00, a.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, the following described property:

Lot Numbers 235, 236, 237, 238, 239 and the south 35 feet of Lot 234, Class C, Section 4 in Hide-A-Way Hills Subdivision as shown on the plat of Section 4 of record in Plat Cabinet 1, Slide 49 in the Owen County Clerk's Office. Reference to said plat is made in aid of this description.

Being the same property conveyed to Brian M. Wallace, unmarried, by deed dated March 29, 2023 and recorded in Deed Book 270, page 645 in the Owen County Clerk's Office.

Property Address: 3105 Gratz Road, Lot 238, Owenton, KY
Map #: 037-50-00-235.00

The amount of money to be raised and for which this sale is being made is the sum of \$148,275.33 adjudged due to plaintiff on its first lien on the property, together with interest thereon at the rate of 6.25% per annum, from April 1, 2025, until paid, plus court costs and attorney's fees pf \$3,900.00.

The real estate shall be sold on the terms of 10% cash at the time of the sale, with the balance payable within 30 days, except that the deposit shall be waived if plaintiff is the successful bidder. Any purchaser, other than the plaintiff shall be required to execute bond, with surety thereon acceptable to the Master Commissioner, to secure the unpaid balance of the purchase price, and said bond shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum from the date of the sale until paid, and shall have the same force and effect as a judgment and shall remain and be a lien on the property until paid. The purchaser shall have the privilege of paying all or part of the balance of the purchase price prior to the 30 day period.

It is further provided that the property sold contains insurable improvements and the successful bidder at said sale shall, at bidder's expense, procure a policy of fire and extended insurance coverage on said improvements in the amount of the appraised value, or the unpaid balance of the purchase price, whichever is less, as a minimum, with a loss payable clause to the Commissioner of the Owen Circuit Court or the plaintiff herein. Failure of the purchaser to effect such insurance shall not affect the validity of the sale or the purchaser's liability thereunder, but shall entitle, but not require the plaintiff to effect said insurance and furnish the policy, or evidence thereof to the Commissioner if it so desires, and the premium thereon or a proper portion thereof shall be charged to the purchaser as purchaser's cost.

When the purchase price is paid in full, title will be conveyed to the purchaser by commissioner's deed.

The aforesaid real property shall be sold free and clear of any and all liens and claims except the following:

- a. All State and County real estate taxes payable on the property for 2026 and thereafter;
- b. Easements, restrictions and stipulations of record;
- c. Assessments for public improvements levied against the property;
- d. Any facts which an inspection and accurate survey of the property may disclose.

For further information, see the Judgment, Order and pleadings of record in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of Owen County.

/s/ Mark R. Cobb
MARK R. COBB
MASTER COMMISSIONER
OWEN CIRCUIT COURT

SPORTS BRIEFS

MCGUIRE COMMITS TO CAMPBELLVILLE UNIVERSITY

OWENTON — Owen County senior guard Cloie McGuire has committed to the Campbellsville University women's basketball program.

A longtime leader for Owen County, McGuire was instrumental in the Lady Rebels' success throughout the 2025-26 girls' high school basketball season.

As a senior, McGuire averaged 4.8 points and a team-high 4.7 rebounds per game for the Lady Rebels. McGuire ranked as Owen County's leading rebounder in the 2025-26 girls' high school basketball season.

McGuire, who excels in multiple sports for Owen County, has earned numerous honors throughout her high school career. She is a standout student-athlete.

During her senior campaign, McGuire helped to lead Owen County to 8th Region All 'A' Classic and 31st District girls' basketball championships. After capturing the 31st District championship, Owen County

reached the semifinals of the 8th Region Girls' Basketball Tournament.

McGuire will be carrying momentum over to the next level. Owen County compiled a 19-9 record in the 2025-26 girls' high school basketball season.

Campbellsville University is a tradition-rich women's college basketball program which competes in the Mid-South Conference (NAIA).

SOFTBALL NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

LEXINGTON — The nomination process for the Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year among softball participants for 2025-2026 is now open.

This award is based on athletic and academic achievement as well as community service and leadership. The application link includes additional criteria and a form to nominate one participant from each 2025-2026 team. Nominations must come from a member school, but can be submitted by an administrator, guidance counselor, or coach.

Nominations may only be submitted online at <https://khsaa.org/ge35-midway-university-khsaa-female-student-athlete-of-the-year-nomination-form/>.

The winner will be announced early in the postseason and recognized at an awards event at Midway University in early-summer. From the winners selected for each KHSAA championship, one student-athlete will be selected as the 2025-2026 Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year, announced at the event. All individual winners will also receive their recognition awards at that time.

The deadline for nominations for the Midway University/KHSAA Student-Athlete of the Year in the sport of softball is Monday, April 20.

SMITH NAMED KHSAA OUTSTANDING BASKETBALL OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR

LEXINGTON — Each year, the Kentucky High School

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