

Cougars look for breakout game early in season

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – After a slow start, the Bullitt Central baseball team is still looking for a breakout set of games, but the team has remained competitive against a strong schedule.

Last week, in week two of the regular season and the second of three weeks of games before the program's spring break trip to Florida, the Cougars played three games, winning the middle contest. In both of the losses, the maroon and gray were in the mix for a win, but just could not make a lasting impression.

Last week started on the road with a trip south to Elizabethtown and a battle with one of the Fifth Region's premier programs. The difference came when the Panthers exploded for four runs in the bottom of the

third inning, breaking a 1-1 tie and giving Elizabethtown a lead they would not relinquish before winning 5-2.

Bullitt Central head coach Chris Ryan sent senior Larkin Ryle to the mound and let him pitch all six innings. Ryle allowed eight hits with four of the five runs being earned. Ryle walked just one while striking out six. Ryle also had to pitch around three errors by his defense.

Elizabethtown had those eight hits, but two being doubles.

The Cougars had five hits from five different players. The only extra base hit was a solo home run by junior Kolton Begley in the fourth inning, a blast to pull the maroon and gray within three runs, but they could get no closer.

A day later, the Cougars were playing another team from Eliza-

bethtown, but this time the Cougars were at home against Central Hardin. Bullitt Central jumped on top 8-0 after three innings and then cruised to an 8-2 victory despite some defensive lapses.

The Cougars collected seven hits in the win and were helped along with six walks. Two of the hits came off the bat of Begley as he drove in one of the runs. Henry Zimmerman had the only extra base hit, a double, as he drove in one run. Both freshman Brycein Gerald and 8th-grader Bentley Brown, who started at shortstop, scored two runs each.

Brown was at shortstop as senior Henry Zimmerman was on the mound. Zimmerman was in complete control, allowing just four singles. The senior did not walk a batter while striking out six.

Colby Kerr, a sophomore, came

in and worked the final inning. He did give up the two runs, but only one was earned.

The week came to an early conclusion as the Cougars played on Wednesday, hosting Manual. Bullitt Central scored four times in the second frame before the Crimson scored five times over the final three innings to record a 7-4 win.

Collin Waltrip got the start for Bullitt Central in this game pitched the first five innings. He allowed three runs with two of those being earned. The senior walked just one while he struck out four. The loss went to Rylan Morris who pitched the sixth inning when Manual scored three times on three hits. Morris also hit a pair of batters. Andrew Davis, a junior, pitched the seventh frame and gave up one run on one hit, a home run.

Bullitt Central's offense had the big second inning with four runs, but they generated very little otherwise. The team finished with five hits in the game with two of the hits coming from senior Mason Burton. Begley, who had a double, drove in two runs.

After being off for six days, Bullitt Central was back in action earlier this week with the first game of 23rd District play at North Bullitt. The team also played on Wednesday at home against Fairdale and they have a big game against Pleasure Ridge Park at home at 5:30 p.m. It was two years ago that the Cougars and Panthers met in the Sixth Region championship contest.

Bullitt Central will travel to Florida over the weekend to play four games over spring break.

Bullitt East up to challenge on tennis court

MOUNT WASHINGTON – Looking for good tests to get him team ready for regional competition, Bullitt East boys' tennis coach Dustin Armstrong found just that on Tuesday.

The Chargers fell 4-1 to Collegiate.

Paul DeCamps suffered his first loss of the year at the hands of Ben Schlessler, one of the top junior players in the state by a score of 7-5, 6-0.

Collegiate claimed the other two singles courts.

On court two, Cyrus Kolehmainen defeated Miguel Romero 6-2, 6-3. And Liam Kroeger defeated Luke Perkins in a three-set match, 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (10-6).

In doubles, E.J. Lawrence and Penn Gallagher defeated Bullitt East's Barrett Armstrong and Walker Humphrey 6-2, 7-6 (8-6).

Bullitt East got its lone win on court two as Luke

Smith and Seth Montgomery defeated Evan Chisolm and Henry Holt 3-6, 6-3, 1-0 (8-6).

In an exhibition match, Jamie Lombardo and Nolan Wraith defeated Bullitt East's Skylar Powlison and Isaiah Mattingly 8-4.

The Bullitt East JV team went to the Southwest Government Center on Dixie Highway to play a pair of matches.

The Chargers lost 3-1 to Butler.

Alejandro Morales defeated Luke Mooney 8-6 in a singles match.

In doubles, Bullitt East's duo of Alex Redmon and Levi Smith defeated Randolph Benitez and Francisco Solis 8-5. The Bears got even on the other two doubles matches. Josephy Ushind and Justin Miconyiza turned back Liam Kinney and Ethan Wolff 8-2. And Amos Holt and Ethan Huber fell 8-2 to Hassan Ahmed and Keiren

Poole. The Chargers tied PRP 2-2 in another match.

On court one singles, Mooney defeated Anthony Judd 8-6. And Attiucus Meredith fell to PRP's Matthew Newton 8-1.

In doubles, Kinney and Wolff defeated Michael Mudd and Chris Mattingly 8-3. And PRP's Taylor Fey and Jakhori Ferguson defeated Albin Bajraktarevic and Camden Lurie 8-1.

With both teams missing a few starters, lineups were a bit different than normal as Bullitt East defeated DeSales 3-2 on Thursday.

In singles, DeSales' Jake Buckman defeated Miguel Romero on court one. Bullitt East would take the other two singles matches.

Luke Smith defeated Bryston Wechter in a three-set comeback, 3-6, 6-1, 1-0 (10-8). And Seth Montgomery defeated Landon

McKune 6-1, 6-3.

In doubles, the Bullitt East duo of Barrett Armstrong and Walker Humphrey defeated Stephen Sorg and Colin Wheatley 6-0, 6-1.

On court two, DeSales' Logan Houpt and Nick Pham would defeat Skylar Powlison and Isaiah Mattingly 1-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-6).

In an exhibition match, Josh Finley and Sorg combined to defeat Bullitt East's Alex Redmon and Ethan Wolff 8-4.

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