THE UNION COUNTY Braves had a tough week last week, dropping two games to Henderson County and another to Owensboro Catholic. These photos show play from earlier in the season. Union County looked to get back on the winning track on Tuesday when Gallatin County, Illinois visited UCHS. The Braves have a 4-16 season record.

Braves Drop Three Decisions In Busy Week Of Play

The Union County Braves played three baseball games last week, dropping decisions in all three. The Braves lost two games to Henderson County and also had a loss at Owensboro Catholic.

On Tuesday, April 21, Union County was on the road at Henderson County where they fell 11-1. The Colonels visited UCHS on Thursday, April 23 and handed the Braves a 16-5 loss. On Friday, April 24, Union County traveled to Owensboro Catholic and lost to the Aces, 15-5.

Union County – 1
Henderson County – 11

In the first of their two district match ups with Henderson County, and Braves struggled to score and lost to the Colonels, 11-1.

Henderson County plated a run in the bottom of the first inning to take an early 1-0 lead. After a scoreless second frame, the Colonels opened a 5-0 lead when four runs in the bottom of the third inning. Henderson County scored another run in the bottom of the fourth, and as the game entered the final three innings, the Colonels had pushed their lead to 6-0.

Union County's only run came in the top of the sixth inning when Damon Utley led off with a single. He moved to second base on a sacrifice bunt by Wil Bolden. Bentley Duckworth ripped a single to left field to plate Utley, and Union County trimmed the Colonels lead to 6-1.

Henderson County put the game out of reach in the bottom of the sixth inning when they scored five times and opened the final 11-1 lead.

Union County had four hits in the game, and the Braves committed two errors on defense.

Utley had two hits to lead Union County at the plate. B. Duckworth and Garrison Thomas had one hit each. Duckworth had the Braves only RBI.

Josiah Jackson got the start on the mound for Union County and pitched three and one-third innings. He allowed five hits, walked three batters, and recorded a strikeout. Duckworth pitched two innings, giving up two hits, walking two batters, and getting two strikeouts. Payne pitched a third of an inning, allowing two hits and waking a batter.

Jackson was the losing pitcher.

Henderson County – 16
Union County – 5

In the game on Thursday against Henderson County, the Braves built an early lead but saw the Colonels rally for 13 runs over the last three innings and take the 16-5 decision.

The teams played a scoreless first inning before Henderson County scored a single run in the top of the second frame.

Union County answered with three runs in the bottom of the second. Grayson O'Daniel started that rally with a single. He advanced to third base when Jackson doubled to left field. Hunter Dayberry reached base on a dropped third strike, and O'Daniel was able to score on that play. Jackson scored on a wild pitch, and Dayberry scored on a single to center field by Colby Heppler.

Union County added two more runs in the bottom of the third inning. Max Nobles, O'Daniel, and Thomas reached base on three consecutive errors by the Henderson County defense. O'Daniel scored on an error by the Henderson County pitcher, and a single by Dayberry plated Thomas to give Union County a 5-1 lead.

Henderson County responded with two runs in the fourth inning to trim the Union County lead to 5-3. The Colonels broke the game open with six runs in the top of the fifth inning and added seven more runs in the top of the seven to take the 16-5 decision.

Union County had seven hits in the game. The Braves committed four errors on defense.

Jackson had two hits to lead Union County at the plate. Utley, O'Daniel, Thomas, Dayberry, and Heppler had one hit each.

Dayberry and Heppler batted in runs for Union County.

Utley started on the mound for the Braves and pitched three and one-third innings. He allowed two hits, walked three batters, and recorded seven strikeouts. B. Duckworth pitched one and two-thirds innings. He gave up two hits, walked four batters, and had a strikeout. Sam Shirel and Heppler pitched the final two innings. They combined to allow seven hits, walk a batter, and record three strikeouts.

Duckworth took the loss.

Union County – 5
Owensboro Catholic 15

On Friday at Owensborh Catholic, the Braves never led and dropped the 15-5 decision to a talented Aces squad.

Owensboro Catholic scored a single run in the first inning and added three more tallies in the second inning.

Union County scored a run in the top of the third inning when Heppler drew a one out walk. He stole second, advanced to third on a wild pitch, and scored on a ground out off the bat of Utley to trim the Owensboro Catholic lead to 4-1.

The Aces answered with a single run in the bottom of the third to take their lead back to four runs.

Union County plated three runs in the top of the fourth. Duckworth and Shirel drew consecutive walks to open the inning. They advanced on a sacrifice bunt by Dayberry. Thomas hit into a field's choice to plate Duckworth. Landon Thomas entered the game as a courtesy runner for G. Thomas. Jackson singled to left field, scoring Shirel, and a single Dayberry plated L. Thomas.

Owensboro Catholic scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to take a 7-4 lead as the game entered the final innings.

Union County's final run came in the fifth when Bolden drew a walk and stole second. He scored on a ground out by Shirel to trim the Aces lead to 7-5.

Owensboro Catholic broke the game open with eight runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to open a 15-5 lead, and the game was stopped by the 10-run rule.

Union County had two hits in the game. The Braves committed four errors in the field.

Jackson and Dayberry had Union County's only hits. G. Thomas and Jackson had one RBI each for Union County.

Nolan Payne and Bolden pitched two and one-third innings each for Union County. Payne allowed two hits, walked six batters, and had a strikeout. Bolden gave up four hits and allowed five walks. Liam Yoshida pitched in the fifth inning, giving up two walks.

Bolden took the loss.

Union County hosted Gallatin County, Illinois on Tuesday and will travel to University Heights Academy in Hopkinsville, Kentucky on Thursday. On Friday, the Braves are on the road at Crittenden County. On Monday, May 4, Union County will host Lyon County, and Tuesday, May 5, Owensboro Catholic visits UCHS.

The Braves took a 4-16 record into a Monday game against Caldwell County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
DE-ICING SALT
FY 2026-27

Sealed bids will be received by the Union County Fiscal Court at the Union County Courthouse, 100 West Main Street Morganfield, KY, Office of the Union County Judge/Executive until 8:30 am May 12, 2026. All bids must be signed and sealed in an envelope clearly marked 'Salt Bid'.

Bids will be opened and read publicly in the Union County Courthouse at: 9:00 am May 12, 2026, at the regularly scheduled fiscal court meeting.

Requirements:

- **500 tons de-icing salt (estimated)**
  - **o County guarantees minimum purchase of 80% of estimated total**
  - **o Contractor agrees to provide up to 120% of estimated total at bid price**
- **Delivery specifications: Must be delivered by Tri-Axles/ NO SEMIS to**

186 Bluegrass Road Morganfield, KY 42437

Union County Fiscal Court reserves the right to:

1. **Utilize additional information contained within any response;**
2. **Waive irregularities in any response; and**
3. **Accept any or all responses.**
4. **Reject any or all responses.**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE NO. 574
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY, DISSOLVING THE TOURISM COMMITEE; REPEALING THE LOCAL RESTAURANT TAX; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the City of Morganfield previously established a Tourism Committee and a local restaurant tax (pursuant to KRS 91A.400) to support local tourism, recreation, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Morganfield has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens and the local business community to alleviate the financial burden on residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City Council seeks to promote a more competitive economic environment for local dining establishments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MORGANFIELD, KENTUCKY:

SECTION I: REPEAL OF RESTAURANT TAX
The local restaurant tax, previously levied at a rate of 1% on the retail sales of all restaurants and food service establishments within the city limits of Morganfield, is hereby repealed.

SECTION II: AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE
Any and all sections of the Morganfield City Code of Ordinances specifically relating to the imposition, collection, and administration of the restaurant tax are hereby repealed in their entirety.

SECTION III: FINAL COLLECTION AND REPORTING
All restaurants and food service establishments subject to the tax prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall:

1. Collect the tax on all eligible sales made up to and including the day prior to the effective date.
2. Remit all collected funds to the City (or designated agency) by the final filing deadline as established by previous regulations.

SECTION IV: EFFECTIVE DATE
This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force on July 1, 2026, following its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

FIRST READING: March 26, 2026,
SECOND READING: April 23, 2026
PUBLICATION DATE: April 29, 2026

RANDY GREENWELL, Mayor
City of Morganfield

ATTEST:
SCOTT CLEMENTS, City Administrator