

High School Baseball

Prep Soccer

HC Bears topple Valdosta visitors

Westfield opens at 'Border War'

From Staff Reports

The first weekend of results for Westfield baseball do not look pretty, and head coach Rob Fitzpatrick said it's his goal that what happened in Phenix City, Ala. - and what may happen in the upcoming week - will prepare the Hornets to make another run in GISA Region 3-AAA and the state playoffs.

Westfield joined five other Georgia GISA clubs in taking on six Alabama private schools in a "Border War" tournament hosted by Glenwood, a school located in Phenix City. The games took place on the Glenwood campus and at Golden Park in Columbus. The other Georgia participants included Tattnell Square, George Walton and Dominion Christian.

"We're a young team, and we played some good teams," said Fitzpatrick. "It was the real deal.

"We have talent; we just ran out of pitching. You go in knowing you are going to play four games in three days, and so you set aside pitchers for each game and hope each one does well. You just can't bring another guy in unless you're six or seven deep."

The Hornets played two games last Thursday, starting with Glenwood, which won 12-5 with an eight-run third inning. Though Westfield had four errors, none played a real factor in the big rally. Fitzpatrick said Glenwood strung several hits in a row - including a home run and double - with a pair of walks and a hit batter.

Out of Westfield's six hits, Evan Williams and Lane Dixon were both 2-for-3.

The Hornets out-hit Lee Scott Academy by two but lost on the run column 8-3. Lee Scott drew seven walks in the first inning and a 6-0 lead after two complete.

Alex Smith and Williams each hit doubles among the seven Hornet safeties.

On Saturday, Pike Liberal stomped Westfield 20-3 in five with 13 runs in the third. Fitzpatrick said the pitching got real thin for the fourth game (based on seeding from the first three games) against Macon-East. The Hornets lost 10-0 in five.

Smith went 3-for-3 in the finale.

"I wanted us to see some good competition and good pitching early," said Fitzpatrick, who will lead his club against First Presbyterian in Macon Thursday before back-to-back home games Friday and Saturday against George Walton and Mt. de Sales. "I hope this sets us up to make another run in our region like we did last year."

EAGLES BLANK ROYALS

On Friday, Northside High's baseball club needed all seven regulation innings to defeat Bleckley County High 10-0 in Cochran. Jordan Couillard hit a grand slam and Nick Boutwell struck out seven batters in five shutout innings.

Justin Key had two hits and drove in two runs. The senior left hander also pitched the last two innings with no hits allowed and four strikeouts.

Catcher Danny Spires drove in three runs on two hits.

Couillard's slam came in a five-run second inning. The Eagles didn't score again until putting up one run in the sixth. The remaining runs came in the top of the seventh. Boutwell gave up five hits.

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Kyle Clodfelter, once a goalkeeper, is now making his mark in an attacking mode.

Behind his two goals, the Houston County High Bears defeated Valdosta High 5-0 Friday at home.

Patrick Braxton, Erick Douglas and Thomas Steady all scored for the Bears, who won for the third time in a row in Region 1-AAAAA games.

"The guys struggled the first half to get in a rhythm with each other," said head coach Heath Burch. "The score was 1-0 (at halftime). The second half, the guys came together and we played like a team."

Houston County High's girls also improved to 3-0 in 1-AAAAA with a 3-0 win against Valdosta's Lady Wildcats.

Much like the boys team,

the Lady Bears needed some time to finally get on the scoreboard.

It was at 6:30 of the first half when Kayla Beitler - standing inches from the goal line on a corner kick - connected to break the deadlock.

Houston led 2-0 at half-time on a Kailey Garrison goal one minute after the Beitler score.

The final point of the night came from Lindsey Godwin almost three minutes into the second half. Gracie Preston and Krista Whitley each had a shot saved, and Garrison had both a shot blocked and another hit one of the posts.

Amie Markel, goalkeeper for the Lady Bears, saved a 30-yard free kick 15 minutes into the half.

NHS WINS SHOOTOUT

Northside High's boys soccer team went to Moultrie

on Friday and came out with an overtime penalty kick shootout win against Colquitt County High.

The Eagles of coach Rusty Lane went up 1-0 in the first half on a goal from Felipe

Castaneda.

The home Packers tied it up 1-1 with three minutes to go in regulation.

"We went into two five-minute overtimes and then had to go to PK's," said

Lane. "All five of our guys made it. The last Colquitt shooter missed his and we won."

With the win, the Eagles improved to 2-1 in Region 1-AAAAA.

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