

Clarksville Baseball Defeats Turkey Valley

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Clarksville baseball was able to pick up a 2-1 victory over the Turkey Valley Trojans on Wednesday, July 2. The Indians also dropped two games last week, first losing 10-4 to the Dunkerton Raiders on Monday, June 30 and 11-1 to the Saint Ansgar Saints on Thursday, July 3.

The Indians' victory over Turkey Valley on Wednesday was a low scoring affair. Clarksville took an early 2-0 lead with 2 runs in the bottom of first inning and that

would be all the runs they would need for the rest of the game as the Trojans only added a single run in the top of the third inning. Freshman Harley Barnett drove in the two Indians' runs. Senior Sam Hoodjer was the starting pitcher for the Indians and he picked up his third win of the season, pitching two and one-thirds innings and allowing one run on three hits and four walks while striking out three Spartans' batters.

The Indians lost the first game of the week last week 10-4 versus Dunkerton on Monday. Clarksville scored

three runs in the top of the first inning to take a 3-0 lead but Dunkerton scored 10 unanswered runs before Clarksville added their fourth run of the game in the top of the seventh inning. Junior Gavin Jacobs had a big day at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a single, a double and an RBI. Freshman Maddox Morrison was the starting pitcher for the Indians and he tossed four and one-thirds innings, allowing five runs on four hits and three walks while striking out six Raiders' batters.

The Indians ended the regular season with a 11-1 versus Saint Ansgar on Thursday. The game ended in the fifth inning due to the mercy rule. The Indians scored their lone run in the top of the fourth inning. Jacobs drove in the lone run for the Indians. Sophomore Briggs Hoodjer was the starting pitcher for the Indians in this one and he pitched four innings, allowing eight runs on seven hits and did not record a strikeout.

After going 1-2 during the last week of the regular season, the Indians finish the regular season with a 6-15 record on the year and 4-12 in conference play. The Indians played versus Newman Catholic in the first round of the IHSAA Class 1A Substate 3 tournament.



Jeni Johnson Stands at the plat waiting for the pitch. Photo by Evan Pharr.

Clarksville Softball Beats No. 8-ranked West Fork

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The Clarksville Indians softball team defeated West Fork, the eighth ranked team in the IHSAA 2A state rankings, in a part of a week in which they went 4-1. The Indians defeated the West Fork Warhawks 4-0 on Wednesday, July 2, the Dunkerton Raiders 10-4 on Monday, June 30, the Waverly-Shell Rock Go-Hawks 6-3 on Tuesday July 1 and the AGWSR Cougars 9-4 on Thursday, July 3. The Indians did lose a game last week, 8-1 to the Central Springs Panthers on Wednesday, July 2. Head coach of the Indians, Katie Burman, liked how her team was able to compete against other ranked teams from other regions before the playoffs.

"It was a very good week to tune up before the post season starts," said Burman. "I'm hoping the girls can carry the confidence gained versus these good teams and carry that into the post season."

The Indians had a doubleheader on Wednesday, versus two ranked opponents from other regions. The Indians won game two of that doubleheader 4-0 over West Fork. The Indians scored a run in the bottom of the first inning and a run in the bottom of the fifth inning. Junior Hannah Wangsness had a big day at the plate, going 1-for-3 with a home run and three RBIs. Junior Sydney Lovrien was the starting pitcher inside the circle for the Indians

and she had a stellar outing, pitching seven innings and allowing no runs on two hits while striking out eight Warhawks' batters.

Clarksville began the week with an easy 14-0 win over Dunkerton. The game ended after the fourth inning due to the mercy rule. The Indians scored three runs in the top of the first inning, five runs in the top of the second inning, two runs in the top of the third inning and four runs in the top of the fourth inning. Junior Paige Kampman had a perfect day at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a double, a triple, a home run, six RBIs and three runs scored. Lovrien was the starting pitcher for the Indians again and she pitched two innings, allowing no hits and one walk while striking out two Raiders' batters.

The next day on Tuesday, the Indians defeated Waverly-Shell Rock 6-3. The Indians jumped out to a 4-0 lead after three innings after the Go-Hawks cut the lead to 4-2. The Indians added single runs in the bottom of the fifth and sixth innings to secure the victory. Wangsness had another big day at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double, a home run, three RBIs and two runs scored. Lovrien had another dominant outing inside the circle for the Indians as she tossed seven innings and allowed three runs on eight hits and two walks while striking out 10 Go-Hawks' batters.

The Indians ended the

week with a 9-4 victory over AGWSR. The Indians scored five runs in the top of the first inning and then a single run each in the top of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings. Sophomore Kara Bohlen had a big day at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double, a home run, three RBIs and two runs scored. Lovrien ended the week with another stellar pitching performance, picking up her 22nd win of the season. She pitched three innings and allowed no runs on just one hit while striking out four Cougars' batters.

The Indians did drop one game during last week's games, losing the first game of a doubleheader on Wednesday 8-1 to Central Springs. The Panthers jumped out to a 4-0 lead after a four-run top of the first inning and they never looked back. The Indians scored their lone run in the bottom of the fourth inning. Bohlen drove in the lone run for the Indians. Lovrien was again the starting pitcher for the Indians and she pitched seven innings, allowing eight runs on seven hits and one walk while striking out four Panthers' batters.

The 3-1 week moves the Indians record to 22-4 on the season and 16-0 in conference play. The Indians played their last game of the regular season versus Roland-Story on Monday, July 7 and they will host Saint Ansgar in the first round of the IHSAA 1A region 2 tournament on Wednesday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.



Wyland Grover throws a ball to second base. Photo by Evan Pharr.

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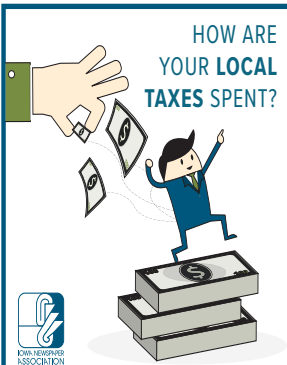
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