

TENNIS

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got some action at doubles, but her real strength is in singles as she easily won both of those matches,” Humphress said.

Newcomers to the Knights boy’s squad contributed in two of the Marion County points in the team scoring. Carson Lee and the duo of Jackson Lyvers/Gavin Despain provided the two victories that capped off the win for the Knights.

“They seem to enjoy the game and they’ve been able to step up on occasion for us. They are still learning and we have hopes that they will continue to play and improve after the season,” Humphress explained.

The two teams capped off the regular season on Monday against Anderson County in a makeup match. The post-season begins with the team event on Thursday, featuring 12 of the region’s teams competing in this new competition. The Marion County boys’ team advanced to the semifinals last year with a senior –laden team.

“That was an exciting event last year. While it is unlikely our teams will match the success we had last year, it is still important that we participate and gain that experience moving forward,” Humphress said.

As usual, Elizabethtown and Central Hardin are clear favorites this season for the team title.

The more traditional version of the individual championship will begin on May 12 at

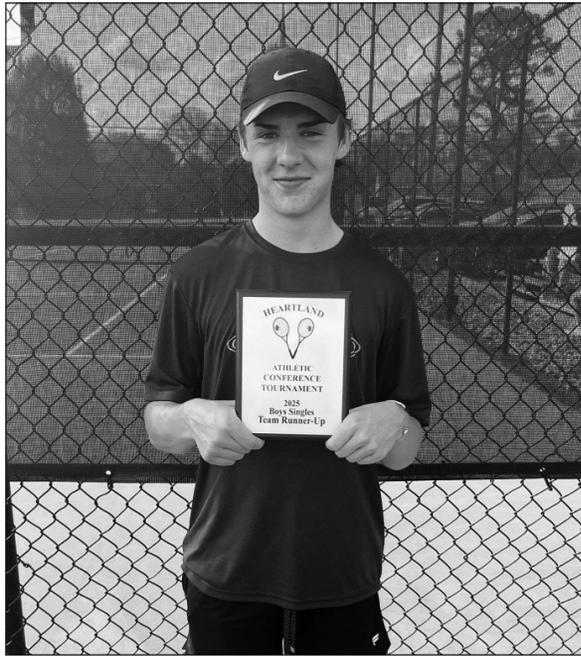


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Jacob Hamilton finished runner-up in the Heartland Conference tennis tournament last week in Campbellsville.

Freeman Park in Elizabethtown. Entrants must win two matches to advance to the following day of regional play weather permitting.

The Marion County tennis teams have already had seven matches rained out or moved due to precipitation during this wet spring season, including ones against North Hardin and Washington County this week.

MARION COUNTY 4, ADAIR COUNTY 3

Jacklyn Farmer (M) def. Kayleen Akin (A) 8-1
 Miranda Buckler (M) def. Cree-
 dence Wolfgang (A) 8-1
 Akin/Akin (A) def. Mia Matt-
 ingly/Audrey Kessler (M) 8-2
 Wolfgang/Jennings (A) def.
 Miranda Buckler/Elle Akers (M)
 8-4

Jacklyn Farmer/Elle Akers (M)
 def. Sarah Gass/Macy Mean (A)
 10-9
 Miranda Buckler (M) def.
 Makayla White (A) 8-0

MARION COUNTY 4, ADAIR COUNTY 3

Jacob Hamilton (M) def. Alex
 Perkins (A) 8-0
 Ian Makranzsky (A) def. Gabriel
 Mullins (M) 0-8
 Magnus Lieberum (M) def.
 Skyler Huff (A) 8-3
 Matt Majejan/Carter White (A)
 def. Cameron Knight/Dawson
 Wise (M) 8-1
 Carson Lee (M) def. Jason
 Lemke (A) 8-6
 Jackson Lyvers/Gavin Despain
 (M) def. Skyler Huff/Carter White
 (A) 8-5
 Ian Makranzsky/Cole Blackaby
 (A) def. Jackson Lyvers/Gavin
 Despain (M) 8-2

VOLLEYBALL

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reach the title game. Unlike basketball and other sports, the top two teams move on to the state competition.

“We’ve had some exciting matches against almost all of the teams in the tournament, so it should be pretty evenly matched,” Beckham added.

The Knights prepped for the tournament with a challenging match against one of the state’s elite and another against a relative newcomer to the sport.

Marion County traveled to Lexington to take on a 3rd-ranked Henry Clay on Thursday.

Led by legendary girls’ coach Dale Grupe, the Blue Devils have the longest running boys’ program in the state of Kentucky and an experienced group of seniors. Marion County had some highlights in the match, but the favorites easily captured the victory in straight sets.

“We wanted our players to have a chance to compete against one of the top teams just to see what a developed program looks like. Athletically, we were a match, but their skill level, especially in passing and defense was a complete contrast. This is how we would love to see our program evolve in the future,” Knight Coach Mary Ann Beckham explained.

The Knights surprisingly roared out to a 7-5 advantage forcing Henry Clay to take an early time-out, but the Devils charged back into the lead and never looked back.

Marion County senior Jacob Hamilton led the Knights to the early lead with his powerful jump serve and teammates Cash Strong and Magnus Lieberum stunned a pair of Henry Clay attackers with blocks at the net.

The serve receive bugaboo of the Knights, however, contributed to the team’s downfall as Henry Clay raced to a 25-12 win in the first set.

Marion County stayed competitive in the second set again with the blocking

of its frontcourt, but its inability to defend the attacks from All-Stater McAllister Millar put the winners in command.

“We had not had many teams utilize their right side hitters like Henry Clay did and it caused us all kinds of problems in the back row. We did a great job of blocking in the middle, but they were unstoppable on the pins,” Beckham said.

The Devils lived up to their lofty ranking in the final set, reaching double digit lead early on. Hamilton delivered a pair of winners from back row attacks, but three missed serves from the Knights aided the home team in a 25-9 rout.

“We had some good rallies with them but in the end, our ball control is not good enough to beat teams at this level,” Beckham added.

Marion County suffered its most disappointing loss of the season in a four-set match against Adair County on Friday.

Despite a season-high 17 kills from Hamilton, the Knights dropped a 3-1 decision.

Marion County won a hard-fought opening set 29-27 with Strong providing three kills and two blocks. But the Knights’ mental errors in the second set opened the door for the host Indians. Four missed serves and some miscommunication on the back row helped Adair even the match.

Freshman Brett Mattingly recorded his first ace of the season as the Knights led in game three 16-14. The Indians charged back to even the score and eventually take its second set, though Hamilton recorded seven kills and an ace in the set.

Adair County was poised to run away with the fourth set until senior Jaxon Hibbard went on a serving run that evened the score at 23. A Knight error followed by an Adair County ace ended the match.

“We beat ourselves in this match. It was easily our worst match of the season with all of our mistakes. We need to regroup and get our heads back into the game,” Beckham said.

The loss dropped the Knights to 7-7 after starting the season with a 5-0 mark.

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at Dave Hourigan Field.

First baseman Brayton Coomer smashed a three-run homer to centerfield as part of the outburst as the Indians capitalized on three errors to seal the victory.

The Indians led 2-0 until Noah Spalding trimmed the score to 2-1 with an RBI double in the first. Adair County pushed across two more runs in the third on a two-run single from Jagger Kemp, but stretched the lead to double digits with the fifth inning onslaught.

Marion County added a run in the final frame on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Landon Craig. Trey Rakes and Spalding

each had two of the Knights’ five hits in the game.

ADAIR COUNTY 18, MARION COUNTY 5

Adair County batters stroked 12 hits in blasting the Knights 18-5 in a game suspended by rain.

The Knights jumped out on top in the first frame with a two-run homer from Noah Spalding. The Indians quickly countered with five-run bottom half of the inning, batting around with four solid singles.

Adair County stretched the lead to 10-2 by the fourth with the use of four walks and some timely hitting from Alex Martin and Zane Gist.

Talis Hazelwood and Connor Cox each delivered run-scoring hits in the

fifth inning but the game was out of reach.

Designated hitter Will Spalding was the only Knight with more than one hit on the evening. Adair County took full advantage of 10 walks issued by Knight pitching with its barrage of hits in the run-ruled game.

“With a few more timely hits, both of these games would have looked a lot differently. With district play behind us, we’re looking forward to closing out the year with some good baseball. We will continue to work hard and be ready to compete come tournament time,” Robinson said.

Marion County finishes its brutal regular season schedule with a pair of home games this week against Lincoln County today and Washington County on Friday.

LOSSES

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hits, one RBI) and Bridgette Farris (one hit) produced at the plate for Marion County during the matchup. Mattingly, Cox and Thompson each doubled for the Lady Knights.

CAMPBELLVILLE EDGES MARION COUNTY IN DISTRICT GAME

CAMPBELLVILLE — Campbellville edged Marion County 5-4 in a 20th District softball game on Monday, April 28.

Marion County scored first and owned multiple leads. However, Campbellville managed to score two runs in the bottom half of the seventh inning and claim the district win.

Riley Underwood pitched a complete game for Campbellville and earned the win in the circle.

Underwood recorded four strikeouts over seven innings.

Gracyn Mattingly pitched a complete game for Marion County and suffered the loss in the circle. Mattingly recorded three strikeouts over six and two-thirds innings.

Campbellville scored five runs on eight hits. Underwood (one hit, one RBI), Keeley Dicken (two hits, two RBIs), Miley Hash (two hits), Madeline Call (one hit, one RBI), Myleah Read (one hit) and Aubrey Knifley (one hit) each produced at the plate in Campbellville’s one-run win. Both Underwood and Read doubled for the Lady Eagles.

Marion County plated four runs on 10 hits. Mattingly (two hits), Kendall Thompson (two hits, one RBI), Bridgette Farris (two hits, one RBI), Kendra Gaddie (two hits), Chloe Cox (one hit, one RBI) and Abbi Million (one hit, one RBI) each delivered offensively for the Lady Knights. Providing a lift at the plate for Marion County, Million homered.

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CLASS 2A, REGION 2 MEET SET FOR MAY 16

LEBANON — The KHSAA Class 2A, Region 2 Track and Field Meet is set

to be held at Lindsey Wilson College in Columbia on Friday, May 16.

Marion County will be among the teams competing on the KHSAA Class 2A, Region 2 Track and Field Meet. High school track and field teams across the state are preparing to compete in the

postseason. The 2025 high school track and field season opened in March.

Both boys and girls from Marionn County will be competing in the KHSAA Class 2A, Region 2 Track and Field Meet.

The alignment for Class 2A, Region 2 is as follows:

Adair County, Allen County-Scottsville, Bardstown, Breckinridge County, Butler County, Elizabethtown, Franklin-Simpson, Hart County, John Hardin, LaRue County, Marion County, Nelson County, Taylor County, Thomas Nelson, Warren East.

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY’S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.