

# Burgin can't keep up with Commanders

## TWO BULLDOGS HOME RUNS NOT ENOUGH

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The Burgin Bulldogs softball team (3-13) lost, 14-31, to the Washington County Commanders (13-12) on Monday, May 4.

Burgin got out to a hot start, scoring eight runs in the first inning, but struggled late, getting outs, allowing Washington County to surge in the fourth inning. The Bulldogs split pitching duties between seniors Gracie Watkins and Ashton Lester and sophomore Leah Jenkins. Burgin had two home runs in the game from junior Kylie Perry and sophomore Jocelyn Stanley, who hit her sixth of the year.

Watkins started on the bump for Burgin at the top of the first inning and walked the first batter. Washington County grounded into a fielder's choice to Stanley at second base for the first out. The Commanders hit a grounder to the center field fence to score the first run of the game, 0-1. Watkins handled a grounder to get the Bulldogs' second out. Back-to-back ground balls to center field scored two more runs for Washington County, 0-3. After a walk, Burgin was in a jam with bases loaded, but Watkins got the strikeout.

In the bottom of the first inning, Lester led off for the Bulldogs and was walked. Jenkins reached base from a hit to left field and Stanley drove in two runs with a line drive to the left field fence, 2-3. Senior Kaydance Logue took base after getting hit by a pitch and junior Laynee Edwards was walked to load the bases. Watkins was walked, and Burgin tied the game with the free run, 3-3.

On sophomore Claire Pauley's first at bat, she hit a double to center field that scored two more runs for Burgin, 5-3. Freshman Baleigh Thompson was hit by a pitch, giving the Bulldogs runners on first and second base. Perry hit a three-run home run over the center field fence to put Burgin up by five runs, 8-3. Lester lined out, and Jenkins struck out to end the first inning.

Watkins started the second inning by walking a Commander batter, but Lester threw out the runner trying to steal second base. Another walk and a pop fly to center field from Washington County scored a run and put a runner on third base, 8-4. Watkins hit the next two batters and walked another to score a run for the Commanders,

8-5. Washington County hit a pop fly to center field that scored two more runs and put runners on first and third base, 8-7. Following a walk, Lester replaced Watkins on the mound. With bases loaded, Lester struck out a batter to give Burgin two outs. A line drive from the Commanders evened the game up, 8-8. With the bases still loaded, Washington County hit a grounder that struck their own runner, leaving second base, creating the third out for Burgin.

The Bulldogs' offense couldn't respond in the bottom of the second inning, with Stanley popping out to left field and both Logue and Edwards striking out.

In the top of the third inning, Lester walked the first batter, who went on to steal second base. A grounder from Washington County put runners on second and third base. Another ground ball gave the Commanders the lead, 8-9. A walk loaded the bases for Washington County, and they were able to score another run on a wild pitch, 8-10.

Back-to-back walks gave the Commanders another run, 8-11. A line drive to center field scored two more runs for Washington County and Lester got the first out from a strikeout, 8-14. A two-run home run extended the Commanders' lead to eight, 8-16. Burgin picked up the last two outs from Edwards, making a catch on a foul ball and Logue snagging a line drive at third base.

In the bottom of the third inning, freshman Lynley Thacker took first base after getting hit by a pitch. Thompson and Pauley both struck out, but Perry was walked. Lester hit a pop fly to left field that scored two runs for the Bulldogs and Jenkins followed up with a grounder to add another, 11-16. Jenkins crossed home plate from a line drive double from Stanley, 12-16. Logue walked to give Burgin two runners on base, but the third inning ended with Edwards grounding out to first.

In the top of the fourth inning, Burgin picked up three quick outs from Jenkins and Logue, making plays in the infield. Washington County's defense had a similar performance in the bottom of the fourth, striking out two Bulldog batters and catching a pop fly.

In the top of the fifth inning, Burgin gave up a single to center field and a walk. Washington County brought a



The Harrodsburg Herald/Wesley Bird  
**Senior Gracie Watkins started on the bump for the Bulldogs versus the Washington Commanders Monday, May 4.**



The Harrodsburg Herald/Wesley Bird  
**Junior Kylie Perry celebrated with her team after hitting a home run against the Washington Commanders Monday, May 4.**

runner home on a pop fly to left field and followed it up with a three-run home run, 12-20. Jenkins took over at pitched and walked two batters and hit another. With bases loaded, Burgin walked two more batters, giving up two more runs, 12-22. Two more hits and a walk all scored runs for the Commanders, extending their lead, 12-25. Burgin struggled to get outs, giving up six more

runs from walks and hits, 12-31. The three outs came from Washington County, leaving base early twice, and a strikeout.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Edwards grounded out to the shortstop, and Lester was hit by a pitch. Jenkins' line drive was caught by the Commanders pitcher. Stanley hit a two-run home run, and the game ended with a ground-



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**Sophomore Jocelyn Stanley hit her sixth home run of the season in Burgin's 14-30 loss to Washington County Monday, May 4.**

out from Thacker.

It was an offensive-filled game from both teams, including four home runs. The Bulldogs had some chances in the outfield to help out their pitchers, but struggled to make catches. Stanley continued her

strong hitting season with three more hits in the game.

The Bulldogs have a home triple header this Saturday, May 9, playing Fort Knox at 12 and 2 p.m., followed by a 4 p.m. matchup with Cornerstone Christian.

### THE MERCER COUNTY JOINT BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS

The public will take notice that a Public Hearing has been scheduled at the request of the following:

26-09 – Cesar Gonzalez is requesting a 3' Variance from 15' to 12' on the side yard setback. The property is identified as PVA Parcel No. 073.00-00036.00 on Curdsville Road in Mercer County, KY. The zoning map indicates the property is zoned R-1 (Residential).

This public hearing has been scheduled for **Friday, May 22nd, 2026** in the Harrodsburg City Commissioners meeting room located at 208 S. Main St. (2nd Floor) in Harrodsburg, KY at **8:15AM**. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to view proposed plans, please contact the Planning & Zoning Office at (859) 734-6066 or you may visit the Planning & Zoning Office at 109 Short St. Harrodsburg, KY.

Bobby Upchurch  
Chairman

## PURSUANT TO KRS 424.290, "MATTERS REQUIRED TO BE PUBLISHED," THE FOLLOWING RACES WILL APPEAR ON THE VOTING MACHINES AND PAPER BALLOTS IN THE PRECINCTS LISTED IN MERCER COUNTY FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, MAY 19, 2026.

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**Sophomore Leah Jenkins sprinted to first base after a ground ball to center field against the Washington Commanders Monday, May 4.**

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Burton's agent. On Saturday for rounds 4-7 the Burtons had a larger gathering at their pole barn (an agriculture structure with no basement, a high ceiling and wide-open spaces) across the street from their home on Herrington Lake.

"When he got the call and said Green Bay was drafting him, everybody erupted," Jeff Burton said. "He is their kind of guy. The fans were excited he had his draft party in a

pole barn with white folding tables."

The former Frederick Douglass standout started 32 games at guard and 15 at center for Kentucky, including 12 games at center his senior season that got Green Bay interested in him. According to Pro Football Focus, the 6-4, 315-pound Burton gave up just three quarterback sacks on more than 1,000 pass-blocking

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