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Bears sweep Raiders

By **Greg Moore**
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The BCHS Bears baseball team has won four games in a row to improve to 10-7 on the season. Last week, the Bears bested the Trinity Raiders by the score 11-3 in Morgantown on Monday before a shortened, five-inning affair in Whitesville the following day, which they won by run-rule, ten after five, 14-3.

Butler County was patient at the plate and took what was given; they walked a total of 17 times between the two games and tallied almost as many hits, 16. The Bears were thieves on the base paths as well. They stole a combined 17 bags in the contests.

Sophomore, Brycen Mode, had multiple hits in both games with a double and triple at home. Mode, who leads the Bears

statistically, is hitting over .500 and has 13 extra-base hits for the season. He has stolen 14 bases out of 15 attempts, also.

Seniors, Justin Castlen and Garrett Phelps, who are tied with Mode with 14 steals on the year, both had multiple hits in Whitesville; and, Castlen is hitting near .400 and Phelps' average is .333 on the season. Phelps ripped two doubles that produced four runs, also. Another senior, Duncan Tyree, had two hits and ribbies.

Tyree, along with infielder/pitcher Oaks, junior infielder, Will Amos, and freshman outfielder/pitcher, Mason West have all been steady catalyst offensively for Coach West throughout the season, also. Each of them are tallying

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Lady Bears snap skid—pickup two wins



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE
Callyn Smith delivers a pitch in recent competition. Smith, only a 7th grader, has amassed over 50 innings pitched this season; she picked up her 4th win on the season at Breckinridge County, where she fanned nine Lady Tigers.

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The Butler County Lady Bears, who had been riding a five-game losing streak, marched over into neighboring Ohio County last Monday evening and smacked around a solid Lady Eagles squad, winning in dominant fashion, 8-1.

Under the guidance of Coach Ted Hill this season, the Lady Eagles have been flying high. Ohio County (15-6) came into the contest with wins over Edmonson, Hickman, and Muhlenberg Counties, teams with wins over the Lady Bears.

Ohio County averages nearly eight runs a game; however, Miley Franzell silenced their sticks at their own nest. The junior hurler allowed only two hits throughout the entire contest, which she only needed 63 pitches to complete the seven innings. Franzell did not walk a batter and the lone run was unearned.

Behind Franzell's brilliance in the circle, Coach Rogers got an exceptional defensively played effort from her young team, which only has one senior, Lydia Brown. Mixing a solid junior class, a few freshmen, and a host of middle school girls into playing positions sometimes not necessarily ideal has been juggling for Coach Rogers and her staff; so, the well-played game is much deserving for her young ladies.

At the plate, Butler County rattled off 12 hits from top of the lineup to the bottom; nine of ten of the Lady Bears produced a hit in the victory. 7th grader, Callyn Smith, led the team with three singles. Juniors, Taylor Smith and Franzell, turned in two hits, while Smith had two runs batted-in and Franzell stole a base.

Another junior, Maddie Jones, blasted a two-run double along with Carley Cardwell, who belted another run-producing double. Junior shortstop, Karrington Hunt, jacked a three-run homerun near the trees to put an exclamation mark on the impressive win by the Lady Bears.

The Lady Bears continue to grind throughout the season playing a challenging schedule. They hosted Warren East, who just won the State 2A Championship this past Saturday, following the win in Beaver Dam. The Lady Raiders, now 16-4, finally pulled away



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE
Jenna Tomes fundamentally fields a ground ball at second base against the Lady Cats of Edmonson County. Tomes was 2 for 2 at the plate in the game with a double and run scored, also.



▲ PHOTO | GREG MOORE
Jenna Tomes stealing second to get into scoring position against the Lady Cats. Despite opportunities, the Lady Bears could not capitalize; they left a runner in scoring position the first three innings before finally getting on the board in the fourth.

from Butler County, winning 7-3. 7th grader, Emmalin Mode, who had two hits, two runs, and a steal, delivered her second homerun on the season. The elder Smith collected three singles in the loss, also. Freshmen, Jenna Tomes and Cardwell, rounded out the production at the plate, getting a single and double, respectively.

After getting their second win

of the week on Thursday in Breckinridge County, the Lady Bears (7-15) were washed out for Friday and Saturday. This week, Butler County will have a rarity—a three-game week.

After playing at Glasgow and hosting Trinity, they will finish with a trip to Scottsville on Thursday, May 1st. AC-S has lost only two games this season and recently beat Greenwood. This is the Lady Bears second trip to Scottsville this season.

INSPECTION PERIOD FOR THE PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT ROLL

The Butler County real property tax roll will be opened for inspection from May 5 through May 19, 2025. Under the supervision of the property valuation administrator (PVA) or one of the deputies, any person may inspect the tax roll.

This is the January 1, 2025, assessment on which state, county, and school taxes for 2025 will be due about September 15, 2025.

The tax roll is in the office of the property valuation administrator in the county courthouse and may be inspected between the hours 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Any taxpayer desiring to appeal an assessment on real property made by the PVA must first request a conference with the PVA or a designated deputy. The conference may be held prior to or during the inspection period. Written documentation supporting your opinion of value will continue to be required. However, you will be instructed on the best method to submit your documentation after contacting our office regarding your request to have a conference. More specific instructions regarding how conferences will be held this year are available online at https://www.qpublic.net/ky/butler/general_appeals.html.

Any taxpayer still aggrieved by an assessment on real property, after the conference with the PVA or designated deputy, may appeal to the county board of assessment appeals.

The appeal must be filed with the county clerk's office no later than one work day following the conclusion of the inspection period. Please contact the county clerk's office to receive instructions on the method the office is using to accept appeals this year and to obtain a form that can be used to file your appeal.

Any taxpayer failing to appeal to the county board of assessment appeals, or failing to appear before the board, either in person or by designated representative, will not be eligible to appeal directly to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

Appeals of personal property assessments shall not be made to the county board of assessment appeals. Personal property taxpayers shall be served notice under the provisions of KRS 132.450(4) and shall have the protest and appeal rights granted under the provisions of KRS 131.110.

The following steps should be taken when a taxpayer does not agree with the assessed value of personal property as determined by the property valuation administrator.

- (1) Taxpayer must list under protest (for certification) what he believes to be the fair cash value of his property.
- (2) Taxpayer must file a written protest directly with the Department of Revenue, Office of Property Valuation within 30 days from the date of the notice of assessment.
- (3) This protest must be in accordance with KRS 131.110.
- (4) The final decision of the Department of Revenue may be appealed to the Kentucky Board of Tax Appeals.

/s/Kenny Swift
Property Valuation Administrator
Butler County

Mon, May 5, 25	Bowling Green	home	5:30 PM	
Tue, May 6, 25	Trinity (Whitesville)	at Whitesville Community Park	6:00 PM	
Thu, May 8, 25	Grayson County	away	5:30 PM	
Fri, May 9, 25	Muhlenberg County	home	5:30 PM	
Sat, May 10, 25	North Hardin	at LaRue County Softball Field	11:30 AM	2025 Lchs Abe Classic
Sat, May 10, 25	Hart County	at LaRue County	2:30 PM	2025 Lchs Abe Classic
Mon, May 12, 25	Ohio County	home	5:30 PM	
Tue, May 13, 25	Logan County	home	6:00 PM	
Fri, May 16, 25	Greenwood	away	5:30 PM	