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By **KIM NORTH**
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MARTINS FERRY — Shocked! The thirteenth-seeded Philo Electrics did just that Monday to No. 10 Martins Ferry in Ohio Division II sectional softball tournament action high atop the Purple City.

The Purple Riders (18-5) led 5-3 entering the seventh inning, but couldn't hold on in watching their season come to an abrupt end. A one-out error preceded a two-run, game-tying home run by Philo's Caitlin Rose to deep center.

In the ninth, another fielding miscue turned costly as a run scored and, two batters later, winning pitcher Cassidy Himes slugged her second homer of the game — a three-run blast to right-center — for a 9-5 triumph.

Martins Ferry was playing without senior shortstop Danielle Lude who was

shaken up in a car accident just hours before the game. The loss forced half-a-dozen position changes.

"The girls played their hearts out. We had a lot of girls playing out of position and they tried their best," Martins Ferry head coach Jerry Magistro said of his young squad. We went nine innings with a team that plays a lot of good competition. They came up with a lot of great plays today."

Philo took a 1-0 lead in the first when Rose raced home on a wild pitch with Himes at the plate and two out. The Electrics (12-11) made it 2-0 in the second as a throwing error allowed a run to score.

Martins Ferry drew even in the third on an RBI groundout by Giana Chirpas scored Sam Goddard and Abby Snedeker's single to left-center knocked in MaKayla Cole. The Purple Riders went ahead, 4-2, an inning later when Mad-

die Lucas doubled off the fence in dead center to score Goddard and Cole.

Philo pulled to within 4-3 in the sixth on a solo shot by Himes, but the Purple Riders got that run back in the bottom of the inning as Lucas singled in courtesy runner Keegan Brandon, making it 5-3.

The Electrics flashed the leather on more than one occasion as right fielder Aleigha Busse made four web gem catches herself, while center fielder Kassydi Harris made one to end the game.

"I've never seen a team make that many outstanding catches in one game," Magistro said while shaking his head. "Tip your cap to them."

Lucas led the Purple Riders with two singles and a double that produced three runs. Snedeker had two singles, as did Cole.

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break a scoreless tie as the Pirates went on to their third consecutive victory following a five-game losing streak. The Angels lost for the 14th time in 17 games.

The Pirates loaded the bases with no outs in the third as Andrew McCutchen and Ke'Bryan Hayes sandwiched walks around Bryan Reynolds' double. One out later, Olivares hit a 424-foot drive into the left-field bleachers.

Keller (3-3) allowed only one run on Zach Neto's solo shot in the fifth inning and threw 109 pitches in his second career complete game. He struck out five and walked one while getting 14 outs on ground balls in a game that lasted just 1:55.

The complete game came nearly one year after Keller went nine innings to beat the Colorado Rockies last May 8.

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Cleveland Guardians top Detroit Tigers

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jose Ramirez hit a solo homer in the sixth inning, breaking Hall of Famer Larry Doby's franchise record with his 87th career go-ahead blast and lifting the Cleveland Guardians to a 2-1 win over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

Ramirez's drive off starter Jack Flaherty (0-2) hit the foul pole in right field, snapping a 1-all tie that had stood since the first. The Guardians have the second-best record in the American League at 23-12.

Riley Greene homered on the first pitch of the game for Detroit, which lost its fourth straight. The shot off Triston McKenzie was Greene's second leadoff homer of the season and the third of his three-year career.

Nick Sandlin (3-0) worked 1 1/3 innings for the win and Emmanuel Clase earned his 11th save, moving into a four-way tie for the most in the majors.

Flaherty struck out six over six innings, extending his winless streak to 12 starts. The right-hander is 0-5 with a 5.98 ERA since defeating Toronto on Aug. 3, 2023, while pitching for Baltimore.

Will Brennan singled in Estevan Florial for Cleveland's first run. McKenzie worked five innings, allowing one run while striking out six.

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OHSAA announces breakdown of postseason tournaments

COLUMBUS — The Ohio High School Athletic Association has announced the preliminary divisional breakdowns and regional tournament representation for the 2024-25 winter sports postseason tournaments. The OHSAA Board of Directors approved the new divisions and tournament representation for all winter sports except wrestling at its April board meeting, which included the previously announced fall sports divisions. Wrestling will be announced June 10 pending board approval.

The divisional assignments and regional tournament representation should be considered preliminary, as OHSAA member schools may opt to move up to Division I if Referendum Issue 1B

passes this spring. Results of the referendum voting will be announced May 16. Any changes to divisional assignments or tournament representation as a result of schools opting up to Division I will be announced by the OHSAA at a later date.

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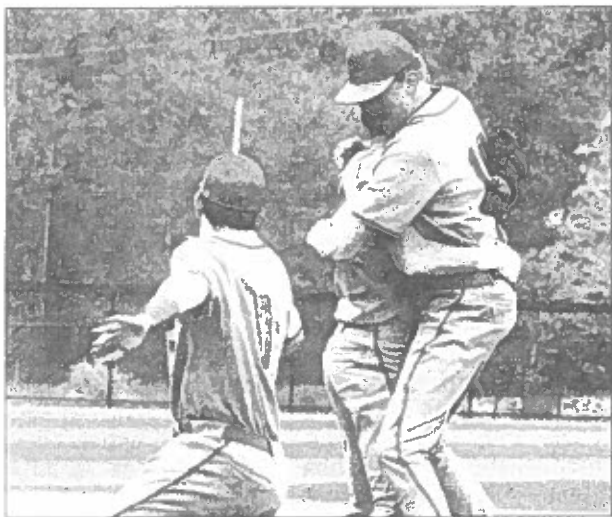


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The Pirates took the final two of the three-game set, their first series victory since winning two of three against Baltimore from April 5-7. The Rockies, have yet to win a series.

"Unable to get the big hit throughout the course of the game a couple of times," Colorado manager Bud Black said. "That's been a killer for our offense. Somewhere along the line, we've got to get a couple of guys hot."

Luis Ortiz (2-1) was perfect in 1 2/3 innings after replacing Pittsburgh

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Falter gave up three runs on six hits. "Would like to have a couple pitches back," Falter said. "These guys are good hitters. They're all here for a reason, just like us. ... After the third, settled down pretty well and felt like we did a pretty good job."

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Mitchell Lewandowski notched a goal and an assist for the Walleye, who held off a late push by the Nailers to secure a 5-3 win and a 2-0 lead in the best-of-7 set. All three Nailers goals came from defensemen, including Justin Lee, who lit the lamp twice.

The first period was filled with momentum swings, and when the buzzer sounded, Toledo found itself ahead 2-1. The Walleye got the first successful penalty kill of the night, and led that into the opening goal just 13 seconds after the minor expired. Lewandowski slid a pass across to Jason Willms, who stepped into the right slot, and drove a wrist shot into the right side of the cage. Wheeling pulled even with 2:47 remaining. Matt Koopman set a pass back for Lee a few feet inside of the offensive blueline. Lee waited for traffic to pile up in front of the goal, then smoked a slap shot into the left side of the net. 37 seconds later, Toledo went back on top. Jacob Graves

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Westlake finished first among all 4A boys in the 300 and 110-meter hurdles. Kazmirski finished first in 4A in the boys 400-meter dash. Emma Henry placed second overall and first in 4A in both the girls 200 and 100-meter dash, and placed third in 4A in the girls long jump.

The OVAC meet will be the last stop for many of the attending teams before the postseason. The WVSSAC State Track Meet is set for May 17 and 18, while the OHSAA State Track Meet is set for May 30-June 1.

were unable to find an equalizer, and Riley Sawchuk's empty netter iced the 5-3 Toledo win.

Jan Bednar picked up the victory in goal for the Walleye, as he thwarted 30 of the 33 shots he faced. Jaxon Castor had a busy night in the Wheeling crease, as he came away with 37 saves on 41 shots.

The Nailers and Walleye will have a few days off before the Central Division Final Series resumes with Game 3 at WesBanco Arena on Wednesday night at 7:10. Game 4 will be in Wheeling on Friday night at 7:10, followed by Game 5 on Saturday night at 7:10.

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LOCAL CARD

(all games at 5 p.m. unless noted)
Monday, May 6
BASEBALL
W.Va. Class A Section I Tournament
 No. 5 Magnolia at No. 4 Paden City
 No. 6 Valley at No. 3 Cameron
 No. 7 Hundred at No. 2 Madonna
W.Va. Class AA Section I Tournament
Region I, Section 1
 Game 1 - No. 5 Oak Glen at No. 4 North Marion
Regular Season
 Barnesville at St. Clairsville
 Union Local at Shadyside
SOFTBALL
W.Va. Class A Section I Final Series (at Ben's Field, I-470 Ballfields, Elm Grove)
 Magnolia vs. Wheeling Central, 5:30 p.m.
Ohio Sectional Tournaments (Higher Seed is Home Team)
Division II
 Minerva at Beaver Local
 Maysville at W. Muskingum
 Philo at Martins Ferry
 River View at Cambridge
Division III
 Buckeye Trail at Claymont
 Garaway at Fort Frye
 Bellaire at Sandy Valley
 Tusky Valley at Barnesville
 Buckeye Local at Ridgewood
 Coshocton at Union Local
 St. C. at Meadowbrook
TRACK
 Indian Valley League Meet at Edison, 4 p.m.

SPORTS ON TV

Monday, May 6
MLB BASEBALL
 6 p.m.
 FS1 - Detroit at Cleveland
 9:30 p.m.
 MLBN - Regional Coverage: Texas at Oakland OR Miami at LA Dodgers (10:10 p.m.)
NBA BASKETBALL
 7:30 p.m.
 TNT - Eastern Conference Semifinal: Indiana at New York, Game 1
 TRUTV - Eastern Conference Semifinal: Indiana at New York, Game 1 (BetCast)
 10 p.m.
 TNT - Western Conference Semifinal: Minnesota at Denver, Game 2
 TRUTV - Western Conference Semifinal: Minnesota at Denver, Game 2 (BetCast)
NHL HOCKEY
 8 p.m.
 ESPN - Eastern Conference Semifinal: Boston at Florida, Game 1
SOCCER (MEN'S)
Noon
 CBSN - Serie A: Atalanta at Salernitana
3 p.m.
 USA - Premier League: Manchester United at Crystal Palace

PREP LINESCORES

BASEBALL
OVAC Class 4A Championship (at Edison Unified Sports Complex, Richmond)
St. Clairsville 9, Indian Creek 4
 I. Creek 001 021 0 - 4 5 1
 St. C. 006 021 x - 9 8 2
 IC-Hyde lp (4K, 3BB), Barcalow (3), (2K, 4BB) and Rusnak; Householder 2S, T, 2rbi; L. Pownall D
 StC-Saunders wp (4K, 2BB) and Bush; Myers 2S, rbi; Saunders D, 3rbi; Keenan D, rbi; Florence sac, rbi; Jacob S, rbi
Regular Season
Monroe Central 10, Union Local 9
 M.Central 000 043 3 - 10 7 3
 U.Local 001 421 1 - 9 11 4
 MC-Bettinger (2K, 4BB), M. Demchak wp (5), (1K, 1BB) and Lydick; Lydick 2S; Griffith S, 2rbi; M. Demchak T, 2rbi
 UL-Jefferis (4K, 4BB), Causby (5), (1K, 2BB), Akers lp (7), (1K, 1BB) and White; Hess 3S, 4rbi; Carpenter 2S; Causby S, rbi; Jenkins S, rbi; Akers S, rbi
SOFTBALL
Toronto 11, Shadyside 4
 Toronto 102 062 0 - 11 11 3
 Shady 001 120 0 - 4 8 4
 T-L. Anderson wp (6K, 2BB) and M. Anderson; Danko D; Reeves S, rbi; M. Anderson 2S, 2rbi; C. Anderson S, D, 2rbi; L. Anderson D; Cattrell 2S, 4rbi; Thomas HR, 2rbi
 S-Fulton lp (6K, 4BB) and Saxton; A. Gorrell S, D; Fulton 2S, 2rbi; Zoroki 2S, rbi

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away			
Baltimore	23	11	.676	—	—	7-3	W-4	12-7	11-4			
New York	23	13	.639	1	+2½	6-4	W-3	11-5	12-8			
Boston	19	16	.543	4½	1	5-5	W-1	7-9	12-7			
Tampa Bay	17	18	.486	6½	3	5-5	W-3	11-9	6-9			
Toronto	16	19	.457	7½	4	3-7	L-1	8-7	8-12			
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away			
Cleveland	22	12	.647	—	—	5-5	W-2	10-5	12-7			
Minnesota	19	14	.576	2½	—	9-1	L-1	8-7	11-7			
Kansas City	20	15	.571	2½	—	5-5	L-2	13-7	7-8			
Detroit	18	16	.529	4	1½	4-6	L-3	8-9	10-7			
Chicago	8	26	.235	14	11½	5-5	W-2	5-12	3-14			
West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away			
Seattle	19	15	.559	—	—	7-3	W-2	11-8	8-7			
Texas	19	16	.543	½	1	6-4	W-2	10-9	9-7			
Oakland	17	18	.486	2½	3	8-2	L-1	9-10	8-8			
Houston	12	22	.353	7	7½	5-5	L-2	7-12	5-10			
Los Ang.	12	22	.353	7	7½	2-8	L-2	4-11	8-11			
NATIONAL LEAGUE												
East Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away			
Philadel.	23	11	.676	—	—	8-2	W-4	12-6	11-5			
Atlanta	20	12	.625	2	+4	4-6	L-3	11-4	9-8			
Washing.	17	17	.500	6	—	7-3	W-1	6-9	11-8			
New York	16	18	.471	7	1	3-7	L-3	9-10	7-8			
Miami	10	26	.278	14	8	4-6	W-1	5-15	5-11			
Central Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away			
Milwaukee	20	13	.606	—	—	5-5	L-2	7-7	13-6			
Chicago	21	14	.600	—	+3½	5-5	W-2	12-4	9-10			
Cincinnati	16	18	.471	4½	1	2-8	L-5	9-10	7-8			
Pittsburgh	16	19	.457	5	1½	3-7	W-2	7-8	9-11			
St. Louis	15	19	.441	5½	2	5-5	L-2	6-9	9-10			
West Division												
	W	L	Pct	GB	WCGB	L10	Str	Home	Away			
Los Ang.	23	13	.639	—	—	8-2	W-4	12-8	11-5			
San Diego	18	19	.486	5½	½	4-6	L-1	8-12	10-7			
San Fran.	15	19	.441	7	2	4-6	L-2	9-7	6-12			
Arizona	15	20	.429	7½	2½	3-7	W-1	9-10	6-10			
Colorado	8	26	.235	14	9	2-8	L-2	5-10	3-16			

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Detroit 3
 Minnesota 3, Boston 1
 Chicago White Sox 6, St. Louis 5, 10 innings
 Oakland 20, Miami 4
 Toronto 6, Washington 3
 Cleveland 7, L.A. Angels 1
 Baltimore 2, Cincinnati 1
 Seattle 5, Houston 0
 Texas 15, Kansas City 4
 Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Mets 1
Sunday's Games
 Cleveland 4, L.A. Angels 1
 N.Y. Yankees 5, Detroit 2, 8 inn.
 Washington 11, Toronto 8
 Texas 3, Kansas City 2, 10 inn.
 Chicago WS 5, St. Louis 1
 Boston 9, Minnesota 2
 Seattle 5, Houston 4
 Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 inn.
 Baltimore 11, Cincinnati 1
 Miami 12, Oakland 3
Monday's Games
 Detroit (Flaherty 0-1) at Cleveland (McKenzie 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Anderson 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Keller 2-3), 6:40 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Soroka 0-3) at Tampa Bay (Alexander 1-1), 6:50 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Wilson 2-1) at Kansas City (Ragans 2-2), 7:40 p.m.
 Seattle (Castillo 3-4) at Minnesota (Woods Richardson 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
 Texas (Heaney 0-4) at Oakland (Wood 1-2), 9:40 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Saturday's Games
 Chicago Cubs 6, Milwaukee 5
 Chicago White Sox 6, St. Louis 5, 10 innings
 Pittsburgh 1, Colorado 0
 Oakland 20, Miami 4
 Toronto 6, Washington 3
 Baltimore 2, Cincinnati 1
 Philadelphia 14, San Francisco 3
 Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Mets 1
 San Diego 13, Arizona 1
 L.A. Dodgers 11, Atlanta 2
Sunday's Games
 Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 3
 Washington 11, Toronto 8
 Chicago Cubs 5, Milwaukee 0
 Chicago WS 5, St. Louis 1
 Tampa Bay 7, N.Y. Mets 6, 10 innings
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Atlanta 1
 Baltimore 11, Cincinnati 1
 Arizona 11, San Diego 4
 Miami 12, Oakland 3
 San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:10 p.m.
Monday's Games
 San Francisco (Black 0-0) at Philadelphia (Wheeler 3-3), 4:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Wilson 2-1) at Kansas City (Ragans 2-2), 7:40 p.m.
 San Diego (Darvish 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Steele 0-0), 7:40 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Manaea 1-1) at St. Louis (Gibson 2-2), 7:45 p.m.
 Miami (Munoz 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 0-0), 10:10 p.m.

ECHL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS (Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
NORTH DIVISION
Norfolk 2, Adirondack 0
 Friday, May 3: Norfolk 7, Adirondack 4
 Saturday, May 4: Norfolk 5, Adirondack 2
 Wednesday, May 8: Adirondack at Norfolk, 7:05 p.m.
 Friday, May 10: Adirondack at Norfolk, 7:05 p.m.
 x-Saturday, May 11: Adirondack at Norfolk, 7:05 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, May 14: Norfolk at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 15: Norfolk at Adirondack, 7 p.m.
SOUTH DIVISION
Florida 2, Orlando 0
 Friday, May 3: Florida 5, Orlando 1
 Saturday, May 4: Florida 6, Orlando 3
 Tuesday, May 7: Florida at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, May 9: Florida at Orlando, 7 p.m.
 x-Sunday, May 12: Florida at Orlando, 3 p.m.
 x-Tuesday, May 14: Orlando at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
 x-Wednesday, May 15: Orlando at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
CENTRAL DIVISION
Toledo 2, Wheeling 0
 Friday, May 3: Toledo 2, Wheeling 1, OT
 Saturday, May 4: Toledo 5, Wheeling 3
 Wednesday, May 8: Toledo at Wheeling, 7:10 p.m.
 Friday, May 10: Toledo at Wheeling, 7:10 p.m.
 x-Saturday, May 11: Toledo at Wheeling, 7:10 p.m.
 x-Monday, May 13: Wheel-

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball American League
HOUSTON ASTROS — Assigned SS Grae Kessinger to Sugar Land (PCL) on a rehab assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Assigned RHP Alec Marsh to Omaha (IL) on a rehab assignment. Optioned RHP Colin Selby to Omaha. Recalled LHP Daniel Lynch IV from Omaha.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned RHP Nick Burdi to Somerset (EL) on a rehab assignment.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Reinstated RHP Alek Manoah from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Brendon Little to Buffalo (IL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Reinstated RHP Ryne Nelson from the 15-day IL. Optioned LHP Brandon Hughes to Reno (PCL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Assigned RHP Connor Brogdon to Oklahoma City (PCL) on a rehab assignment. Reinstated RHP Blake Treinen from the 15-day IL. Placed RHP Evan Phillips on the 15-day IL.
MIAMI MARLINS — Designated RHP Darren McCaughan for assignment. Assigned LHP Jesus Luzardo to Jupiter (FSL) on a rehab assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Eli Villalobos from Jacksonville (IL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Reinstated OF Dylan Carlson from the 10-day IL. Optioned C Pedro Pages to Memphis

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