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Service dog FB page to promote dysautonomia awareness

John Pilati
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Dysautonomia is a difficult word to pronounce. It's even harder to define, especially to the 38 million Americans who have the condition, including Russellville resident Anna Mosley. So Mosley created a Facebook page to increase awareness and understanding of dysautonomia, and to help her manage the more than \$5,000 she'll have to pay for training her new service dog Sammy.

developed from the Bernese Mountain Dog and a poodle. The breed is known for its intelligence, even temperament and gentleness, making them well-suited for service, therapy or assistance dogs. Sammy begins his training next week. Once



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Stockton hired as head FB coach at Tarrant High School

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Franklin Free Press

Matt Stockton was a big part of Russellville High School's success in 2002 and 2003, as the team reached the 5A football state championship game each season. The former Golden Tiger quarterback set two school records before graduating in 2004. Stockton hopes to carry over the things he learned being part of Coach Perry Swindall's successful program into his new job as head football coach of the Tarrant High School Wildcats, a 3A school located near Birmingham. Stockton served as head middle school coach at Pleasant Grove High

School in 2012, his first job out of college, but this will be his maiden voyage as the top man of a varsity program. Since the Tarrant City Board of Education approved his hiring last month, Stockton has hit the ground running, meeting with community leaders and business owners asking for sponsorships/donations for the program and trying to build community support for the program. Tarrant's recent history on the gridiron is bleak, but Stockton looks beyond the last few years and sees a program with great opportunity for success. "They've had three head coaches the past four years," Stockton said. "They started a ton of freshmen and

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sophomores last year. We only lost six seniors from last year's team. It's a 3A job and a good place for me to cut my teeth.

"They have a brand new fieldhouse and football field built two years ago so there's a lot of support for this program," he added.

The new coach will have around 20 players returning who either started or had significant playing time last season.

Stockton is in the process of interviewing assistant coaching candidates to complete his staff of 6-8 coaches. Last year's Tarrant team had only three, but Stockton received the green light to expand that number.

"We need some stability in this program, but there are a ton of athletes who fit what I want to do offensively, so I'm excited about that," Stockton said.

Tarrant has seen its share of success, but it's been a minute. Houston Texans defensive end Mario Addison is a former Wildcat, as is former Alabama wide receiver Marquis Maze.

Stockton could use some similar talent. The Wildcats have a combined 3-25 record the past three seasons. Stockton brings a winning pedigree both from his playing days (two 5A state championship game appearances) and his coaching days (coached in five state championship games, including three in a row at Pleasant Grove).

Stockton has 16 years of coaching experience and 11 years of teaching experience, as he was hired as an assistant coach at Spain Park High School in 2007 while still in college. Stockton had two coaching stints at Pleasant Grove, along with stops at Spain Park, Hueytown and Chelsea High Schools.

Stockton and his wife Kristin have one son, Rawlins. His parents, Tim and Lisa Stockton, are Russellville residents.

Stockton has been part of a winning program since his Golden Tiger playing days, and that's continued at each of his coaching stops. He's confident that will continue at Tarrant, but he's also humbled to be the man in charge for the first time.

"I thank God for this opportunity to continue making an impact on

young men through the game of football," Stockton said. "Thank you to my parents, my wife Kristin and my family for always supporting me.

"And I want to thank all my former administrators and head coaches I've worked under who played a role in helping me get this opportunity, including the Tarrant City Superintendent, principal and school board members for believing in my vision and plan for the Tarrant football program," Stockton added.

Stockton reflected on all his mentors as well and how appreciative he is of each of them.

"Thanks to all my mentors—Coach (Perry) Swindall and his staff during my playing days, Jim Elgin, Greg Appling, Darrell LeBeaux, Todd Cassity, John Grass, Chip Lindsey and all the others who played a role in my playing and coaching career," Stockton said.



Matt and Kristin Stockton with their son Rawlins.

Council okays Street Dept hires

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The Russellville City Council approved the hiring of two employees in the Russellville Street Department at the council's May 1st meeting.

Kenneth Hallmark was hired as a Heavy Equipment Operator III and Christopher Burrell as a Heavy Equipment Operator II. A second vacancy for a Heavy Equipment Operator II will be filled at a later meeting.

Additional agenda items approved by the council included:

--authorizing purchase of a Kubota Tractor with cutter and grapple for the Russellville Street Department from Scott Equipment Company in the amount of \$60,896.43.

--authorized abatement of a nuisance at 500 Lauderdale St. NW.

--approved an additional appropriation to the Back to Basics Program in the amount of \$500.

--declared a vacancy for Laborer in the Russellville Street Department and authorized advertisement to solicit job applications.

--commended Russellville Fire Department employees Michael Hall and Shane Mansell for their actions in rescuing a Lawrence County family from a fire in their residence as the two men were traveling out-of-state on personal time.

--heard a request from Betsy Green, founder of the Russellville Coalition for the Homeless, for the city to "utilize any and all resources" at its disposal to show the seriousness of the homeless crisis on Russellville and its economy.

"I'm asking you to use your resources to help people in Russellville deal with this situation because it's not going away," Green said.

Green said her coalition has served 28 homeless people since January 2023, and helped 10 of them get off the street and find stable housing.

"I'm here to share factual information in regard to the alarming homeless situation in our town," Green said.

Green said of the 75 people served last year by Community Action Agency in a six county area, 37 came out of Russellville.

"Since last year, the percentage of homeless in our city has exponentially grown. There's more panhandling, loitering and that is creating additional problems in Russellville," Green said.

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the virtual training teaches him strict obedience and no reactivity in public, he and Anna will travel to Gardendale, Al., to work on the next level, alerts.

Several of her doctors recommended a burnedoodle for Mosley and she's been working to get on for almost two years.

"Because they are large dogs, bernedoodles are a popular breed for service animals because they have to be big and pretty tall to provide stability," Mosley said.

Dysautonomia refers to a number of medical conditions that result from problems with one's autonomic nervous system. That's the part that controls involuntary bodily functions like breathing, heartbeat and the digestive process.

Mosley's diagnosis of Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia Syndrome (POTS) is a form of dysautonomia that causes her heart to beat faster than it should. It also results in dizziness and fatigue. While Mosley now has a medicine regimen to help manage the symptoms, POTS is not a curable condition.

Dysautonomia is not a rare condition. With the onset of COVID-19, the numbers of dysautonomia have increased significantly, according to a study from Stanford University. More than two-thirds of people diagnosed with Long COVID will develop dysautonomia.

The difficulty starts with finding a physician who makes the correct diagnosis, something that took years for Mosley to find.

"It's a very common condition but it's not spoken about a lot because there's not much research on it," Mosley said. "It's hard to get diagnosed with it. And there are so many symptoms a service dog has to alert for, it's hard to purchase one already trained. That's a cost of \$30,000 to \$40,000.

"It's easier for the dog to learn only one master and to pick up from me what my resting heart rate and active heart rate are," she added.

Mosley was diagnosed with dysautonomia in 2013, but it took six years for doctors to diagnose her specific type, POTS.

"Treatment involves a lot of trial and error. You can only treat the symptoms because it's your auto-immune system fighting against you," Mosley said. "There's no drug to cure it. It took a long time to figure out what medication worked and what medications didn't. Last December I was diagnosed with POTS, Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) and mast cell activation syndrome (MCAS). These three common auto-immune disorders go together for the max level dysautonomia trifecta," Mosley added.

A 2009 Russellville High School graduate, Mosley earned her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Family Studies with Child Life Development in 2015 from the University of North Alabama.

She worked until 2019, when her health took a steady decline. Mosley and her husband Trea have a seven-year-old daughter who's learned her mommy is sick and sometimes she gets very tired.

"For a long period of time, she wanted to be the one to take care of me," Mosley said. "She feels important helping with the medicines or if I need a day in bed, she watches

TV, brings me toast and she likes to help with my infusions. For the longest, I felt guilty she did not have the childhood she needed because of my condition."

The Mosleys have two pet Yorkshire Terriers and now Sammy has been added to the mix. And it took some explanation for their daughter to learn Sammy wasn't another pet.

"She understands Sammy is different and he's there to learn how to help mommy," Mosley said.

When she made the Facebook page about Sammy, Mosley knew it would make her condition public, something she kept under wraps for a long time. And she's okay with that.

"It's a little scary. I did hide it for a long time. I would tell my husband and my mom (Julia Sullivan) and I'd put on my game face and go. No one knew anything was wrong with me. But it got to where I couldn't fight myself anymore and it took over," Mosley said.

"It wasn't like nobody knew I was sick. It's just they didn't realize how bad it was. Now I'm getting a service dog and I'd rather put it out there because I felt like I was alone. I didn't want people to feel alone or go through the same thing I did," she added.

To find Sammy the Service Dog on Facebook (there are multiple Sammy the Service Dog pages) look for the one with the photo of Mosley holding Sammy. Like and follow, and learn more about a serious condition that's more common than you'd ever anticipate.

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Sardis' pitching too much for Golden Tigers

John Pilati
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A season that didn't start so well ended sadly Friday night on a field in the small town of Sardis, Alabama.

But what happened between the start, and finish, of the 2023 baseball season should provide a lifetime of memories for the young men, coaches and staff of the Russellville Golden Tigers varsity baseball team.

Sardis swept Russellville 6-4, 4-0, in the teams' best-of-three 5A third round playoff series. First year Coach Jess Smith's team finished 22-15, an impressive mark after an 0-5 start that included loses to Class 7A Florence and Sparkman and 6A powers Saraland and Faith Academy.

The Golden Tigers fell one round short of the 5A semifinals, where the program has become a fixture seven of the past eight seasons. But the 2023 version of RHS baseball had its share of success, including a 5-1 area record and a Class 5A Area 14 championship.

The team featured a number of first-year starters, all under the leadership of first-year Coach Jess Smith, who prepared his team for a playoff run with a stacked pre-area schedule.

"The schools we played (early in the season) were equipped with a lot of big time names and coaches with great players. I think it's important for the success of the program to give your kids that experience on a weekly basis," Smith said.

"When it comes playoff time, there's no overwhelming sense of opponents being too big or an environment being too big," he added.

The Golden Tigers' difficulties Friday night had nothing to do with the environment. The problem

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Vina's Scott brings home state title in javelin, second in long jump, triple jump

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

Vina High School senior Karmin Scott earned a state championship in Class 1A girls' javelin Saturday morning at the AHSAA 1A-3A Outdoor State Track & Field Championships in Cullman.

Scott's throw of 126.4 feet was good enough for the state title and within three feet of the state record, her track and field coach Richie Hester said.

Scott had no time to celebrate, though, as she competed in the 1A girls' finals of the triple jump Saturday afternoon. Scott was sitting ninth among nine finalists until her final jump, an impressive 32-10.25 feet, good enough to put her in the lead.

But Estella Connell of the Donoho School, with one jump remaining, scored a 33-08 and finished first.

Scott brought home second place in the long jump (15-05.75) and fourth in the discus (90-05).

Scott was named the 1A-3A Girls MVP based on her 31 points, the best among all athletes who competed in the two-day event except for the Boys MVP, Daniel Cooper of Hackleburg High School, who scored 36 points.

Scott earned 10 points for her javelin first place finish, eight points for each second place finish (triple jump and long jump) and five points for her fourth place finish in discus.

Cooper received 10 points for winning the Boys 200m, 100m, eight points for his second place finish in the long jump and eight points for his second place 400m finish.

Vina's Sara Harper earned a fourth-place finish in the high jump, with a jump of 4'10". Belgreen's Noelle Willingham finished seventh in the triple jump, with her best effort of 30-08.50. Belgreen freshman Makenna Fisher finished ninth in the 800m with a time of 3:05.89. Her teammate, Briseyda Luna, took home eighth place in the 1600m with a time of 6:50.41.

Phil Campbell's Hannah Welborn finished 21st in the 400m with a time of 1:08.70.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Vina's Karmin Scott prepares to make her winning javelin throw.

Bobcats reach baseball Final Four for fourth consecutive season

John Pilati
Franklin Free Press

The first time Phil Campbell built a four-run lead in Friday's decisive game three of the team's Class 3A playoff series with Lauderdale County, the Bobcats gave it away.

The second time the Bobcats built a four-run lead, they learned when it comes to scoring runs, it's better to receive than give.

Phil Campbell, on the back of a gutty, workmanlike complete game from pitcher Eli Taylor, eliminated Lauderdale County in the teams' best-of-three series with an 11-5 road win.

Phil Campbell won game one 17-5 and Lauderdale County came back to win game two 2-0, setting up Friday evening's showdown.

The Bobcats advance to the 3A semifinals where they will face Gordo in a best-of-three series beginning Thursday, May 11th.

Cam Habada opened the scoring in the first inning with a triple that scored Bryant Anthony. Robby Robinson, Hunter Baker and Kyle Pace each singled and the Bobcats had a 4-0 lead before Lauderdale County had its first at bat.

Taylor pitched around a walk and an error in the bottom of the inning, and held the Tigers scoreless. But that changed in the second frame.

Two singles, a sacrifice bunt, a triple and a ground translated to three runs, trimming the Bobcats' lead to one, at 4-3.

After Lauderdale County tied it 4-4 in the bottom of the third, Phil Campbell decided to try its luck with a second four-run lead.

Robinson led off the fourth with a double. Baker and Pace followed with doubles and the Bobcats were back ahead 6-4. Koltin Hester's two-out double brought home Kyle Pace and Cole Pace to make it 8-4.

This time, Taylor and his teammates didn't let

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was solving the Sardis pitchers, in particular Blaze Gerhart, who, after smashing a walk-off, two-run homer in game one, threw a seven inning, three hit masterpiece in game two, as he struck out 15 Golden Tiger batters.

Russellville's game two starter, Banks Langston, has had better outings, but he gave his team five innings of five-hit, two-run baseball to keep Russellville in the game.

After the fifth inning, the teams had a 50-minute delay as two light poles went out. With Sardis leading 2-0, Brayden Spurgeon came on in relief of Langston in the sixth. He pitched around a walk and an error to keep the score a manageable 2-0 heading into the bottom of the inning.

Langston led off with a single, but Gerhart retired the next three Russellville batters to leave Langston stranded at second.

Sardis added two more runs in the seventh, to make it 4-0, then Gerhart struck out the three Golden Tigers he faced in the seventh to end it.

The Lions (27-6) will face Boaz in the semifinals in a series starting May 11th.

Sardis also received a complete game from its game one pitcher Luke Weems. Weems went seven innings, giving up eight hits, two walks and three earned runs while striking out seven.

Logan White went the distance for Russellville, with six-plus innings. The game was tied 4-4 in the bottom of the seventh when Weems singled, followed by Gerhart's two-run blast over the left field fence.

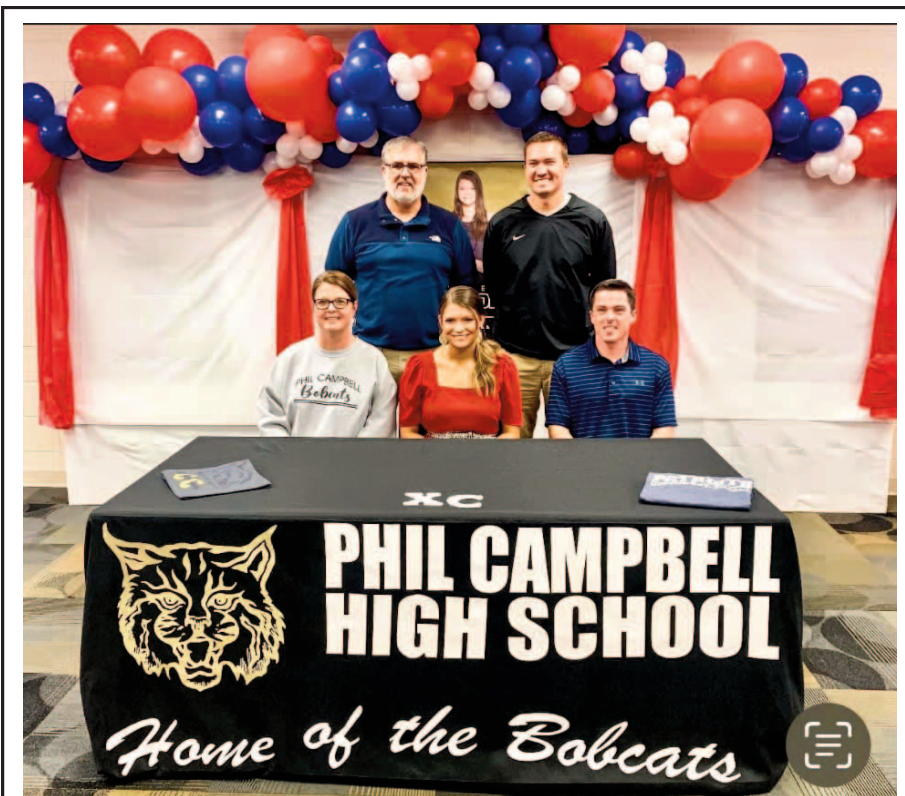
The Golden Tigers trailed 4-2 entering the seventh, but still had some fight left. After a leadoff strikeout, Shayden Romans and White had back-to-back singles, followed by an RBI double off the bat of Brandt Cummings to make it 4-3.

The Lions intentionally walked Langston, then Brodie Vandiver's single tied the game 4-4.

With runners on second and third and only one out, Cummings tried to score on Neyland Baker's grounder to first, but was tagged out at the plate. Spurgeon's ground out ended the threat for the Golden Tigers.

Heading into the 2024 campaign, Smith has high expectations for next year's team just like he did this season.

"That success is a huge piece of our program," Smith told the FFP before the season. "But no one can just be satisfied with the success of the past. We want to use that success to build the desire for these players to live out that legacy as well."



OFF AND RUNNING: Congratulations to Phil Campbell High School Senior Kylie Welborn, who signed with Northwest-Shoals Community College to run Cross-Country for Coach Mark Wells' new program. A signing ceremony and reception was held April 27th at Phil Campbell High School.

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their four-run advantage go away.

Lauderdale County added one run in the bottom of the fifth, but that would be it. Taylor's complete game line included seven innings, nine hits, four earned runs, two walks and he struck out seven Tigers.

The Bobcats scored one run on a Lauderdale County fielding error in the sixth, and added two more in the seventh inning for the final margin of 11-5.

After H. Baker doubled with one out, Sage Raper drew a two-out walk after a Kyle Pace strikeout. The runners advanced on a passed ball, and Cody Quinn's single drove home the 10th and 11th run.

Game. Set. Match.

In game one against the Tigers, Cole Pace was the winning pitcher for the Bobcats with a 5.2-inning performance that saw him give up five hits and five runs. Baker logged the final out in the fifth inning for Phil Campbell.

Anthony, Robinson, Kyle Pace, Quinn and Cole Pace each had multi-hit games for the Bobcats, who had 16 hits in six innings. Quinn also had four RBIs to lead the team.

Game two saw Lauderdale County pitcher Miles Edwards shut down the hot Bobcat offense, limiting Phil Campbell to one run over eight innings. Edwards walked only one and had an impressive 15 strikeouts.

Kyle Pace and Baker combined for some impressive pitching lines of their own. Pace threw 7.1 innings of no hit baseball, giving up two unearned runs with six walks and 10 strikeouts. Baker came on in relief to log the final two outs of the eighth inning, which saw the Tigers score two unearned runs on a Phil Campbell infield error, followed by a sacrifice bunt, walk, ground out and a triple by Skylar Tucker.

Edwards shut the Bobcats down in order in the bottom of the eighth. The Bobcats return to the semifinals once again, after reaching the Final Four in 2019, 2021 and 2022, with one state title among those appearances. Deep playoff runs have become a staple of Coach Jonathan Raper's team.

Gordo (20-5) has eliminated Elkmont, Hokes Bluff and Piedmont en route to the semifinals. Phil Campbell has ended the seasons of Weaver, J.B. Pennington and Lauderdale County in the playoffs.



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Vina freshman Kaley Attaway qualified for state in the discus and finished 24th, and the Red Devils' Nate Stidham competed in the boys' discus event.

In the 5A state track finals, held in Gulf Shores, Russellville's Eli Cooper finished sixth in the 300m hurdles, with a time of 42.02. Cooper placed 17th in the long jump with a best effort of 17-10.25. RHS' Matthew James placed 17th in shot put with a throw of 41-05. Russellville's Tilman Baker placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 158' and Tait Barnes placed sixth with a 156-10.

After Friday (day one of the two-day event), Vina's girls were in third place. Hester's team finished sixth with 35 total points. Marion County High School won the girls' team championship with 91 points.

An elated Hester said Scott worked hard all season toward this goal. When she dominated the recent Deshler Invitational #3, held April 13th, Hester said Scott remained focused for the next step of her team's season--the state championship meet.

"She's been winning against girls from much larger schools and classifications her entire career, so this is nothing new for Karmin. She was definitely eyeing a state championship and I'm so proud of her for getting

there," Hester said.

Scott transferred to Vina last year from Brooks High School, so she wasn't eligible for athletics until this season, her senior year. Finishing as Girls' MVP

Franklin County Superintendent of Education Greg Hamilton, a former teacher/coach at Vina, was thrilled to hear the news Saturday.

"To be a state champion in track and field is an awesome accomplishment," Hamilton said. "It speaks volumes to Karmin's hard work and dedication. Congratulations to her and Coach Hester and the Vina team."

Hamilton coached Vina's Patrick McCarley when he won the state championship in the 400 meters in 2004.

While proud of his senior star, Hester said this track and field season success was the result of teamwork.

"This program isn't about one athlete. It's about working together as a team and we did that well this year. I'm excited about where we are going," Hester said.



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Patriot baseball ends season with 30-24 record

Michael Rice
Franklin Free Press

Since a doubleheader sweep of Beville State Community College on April 8th, the Northwest-Shoals Community College baseball team has been hotter than a two-dollar pistol, as Coach David Langston's team is 16-3 in its last 19 games to improve its overall record to 30-24.

The Patriots swept a doubleheader with Marion Military Institute on May 5th, with wins of 5-0 and 3-2.

In the 5-0 win, Samuel Pace and Andrew Jones combined for seven innings of work. Jones relieved Pace in the sixth and got the final four outs without allowing a baserunner.

Nick Smith and Taylor Bush had home runs for the Patriots.

After losing the opener of an April 29th doubleheader with Shelton State Community College, the Patriots took game two 10-2. Cason Henry hurled five innings of no-hit baseball, with five strikeouts and four walks. He was charged with one run.

Andrew Jones gave up one run on three hits in his inning of work and Cade Prestegard got the game's final out in the top of the fifth.

NW-SCC scored five runs in the first and fourth innings.

In the first, Alex Wilson led off with a walk, followed by a single from Caleb Davis. Taylor Bush's sacrifice fly made it 1-0. Then with one out, Eli Gibson singled. Nick Smith's ground out drove in Davis for the Patriots' second run.

Grayson Thorpe drove in the third run with a single, and Cole Strachan followed with a two-run homer, as the Patriots led 5-0 after one.

In their April 26th doubleheader with Shelton State, the Patriots scored a combined 16 runs in the two games.

NW-SCC had 13 hits in game one, including a Herlan Duran single on the first pitch of the game. Alex Wilson drove in two runs, as did Brodie Holcomb. Bush, Duran, Gipson, Smith and Drew McBurnett had one RBI apiece.

Prestegard came on in relief of starting pitcher Samuel Pace and in 1.1 innings, Prestegard allowed one hit, no walks and no runs scored.

Holcomb homered for the Patriots.

In game two, Andrew Jones pitched three spotless innings in relief of winning pitcher Ethan Muncher. Jones scattered five hits and a walk over three innings as he held Shelton without a run.

With the teams tied 3-3 in the fifth, Bush blasted a home run over the left field fence to give NW-SCC a 5-3 lead. Shelton answered with one run in the bottom of the inning before Jones shut the rally down.

The Patriots split four games against Alabama Community College Conference foe Lawson State Community College on April 20th and 22nd.

In Saturday's opening game, the Patriots' five run fourth inning erased what was a 2-1 Lawson lead. The inning featured a run-scoring double by Strachan.

Michael Pfeiffer went the distance for Northwest-Shoals, throwing seven innings of four-hit baseball with four walks, four strikeouts, while giving up three earned runs.

The Patriots stepped out of ACCC play for an April 18th game at Tennessee's Columbia State Community College. NW-SCC returned home with an 11-8, nine-inning victory that saw the Patriots slam 19 hits.

Jacob Little earned the win for NW-SCC, cruising through 6.2 innings of two-hit, one run baseball.

Caleb Davis homered for the Patriots and enjoyed a 3-7 day with two RBI. Duran went 3-6 with two RBI and Strachan 3-7 with four runs batted in. Parker White also had a two RBI game.

On April 13th and 15th, the Patriots swept four games from conference rival Central Alabama Community College, by scores of 8-2, 8-7, 3-0 and 6-1.

Northwest-Shoals defeated Birmingham Southern College junior varsity team 7-6 in a nine inning game on April 11th.

The Patriots received outstanding relief pitching from Prestegard, Jones and Jacob Little, who earned the win with two innings of one-hit, no run baseball with four strikeouts.

Wilson had three RBI to lead the Patriot offense.

Northwest-Shoals was scheduled to conclude its 2023 season May 6th with a doubleheader at Marion Military Institute in Marion. Although they are not eligible for the ACCC tournament, the Patriots notched 20 wins against conference opponents in the team's inaugural season.



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