

Cumby beats Honey Grove, Sulphur Bluff

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The Cumby Trojans took two wins on the diamond in recent baseball action.

Cumby 16

Honey Grove 2

CUMBY — Travis Taylor picked up his second win of the season allowing two runs in three innings of work Friday Feb. 28 in Cumby against Honey Grove.

The Warriors bunched together their five hits off Taylor in the third inning accounting for their runs. Dakota Herman relieved Taylor for the last two innings facing the minimum six batters striking out two.

“Both pitchers threw the ball well, Taylor is working on his off speed pitches and getting more comfortable every time he takes the mound. Herman was dominate in relief. Neither pitcher has much experience, so every time out builds their confidence and will be beneficial for us down the road,” said Scott Mabe, Cumby head baseball coach.

Cumby pounded out 13 hits in the game shortened by run rule. Cody Anderson and Dustin Heer belted their first home runs of the season to lead the attack. Jim Evans, Chase Vaughan, and Heer had two hits each. Anderson, Heer and Elmer Rodriguez had three RBIs for the Trojans. Ryan Coleman also had a pinch hit two-run double to seal the victory for Cumby.

Cumby 8

Sulphur Bluff 5

Cumby starter Jim Evans pitched five strong innings but came away with no decision in Cumby's 8-5 victory over Sulphur Bluff in a game re-scheduled from Tuesday because of the icy conditions from the latest storm.

Evans scattered five hits and allowed only one earned run, striking out 11.

“Evans pitched well enough to earn the win yesterday, but our defense really let us down. We kicked the ball around all game, and they took advantage of our mistakes,” Mabe said. “The Trojans were led at the plate by Elmer Rodriguez with two hits and one run batted in. Ryan Coleman had a big two-run single in the four run second inning. He was robbed of extra bases on a tremendous diving catch by the Bear’ centerfielder.”

“We were down 5-4 going into the top of the seventh and came up with four huge runs on base hits by Rodriguez, Chase Vaughan, Eric Wilson and a sacrifice fly by Noah Dyer.

“Cody Anderson came in relief of Evans to earn the win striking out one and allowed one hit. Cody came in with runners on first and second and one out in the bottom of the sixth and did not allow a run. That was huge for us. Coach Hill's team played really well and took advantage of our mistakes. He did a great job of getting his field ready, our field at Cumby was still covered in ice when we left,” Mabe added.

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Cumby 7-1, 3-0 plays at North Hopkins on March 14 at 4:30 p.m.