

TIGERS COMPLETE SWEEP OF JAYS

Peyton Lee and Charlie Hatlen combined to allow zero earned runs, and Hatlen drove home the walk-off winner in the bottom of the ninth as the Albion Tigers beat the Evansville Jays 2-1 on a glorious Sunday afternoon at Albion Park. With the win, Albion finishes the rugged Southeast Section schedule with a record of 7-7 and eliminated the rival Jays from postseason contention.

Over six innings, Lee struck out five while allowing only two hits. Hatlen entered in the seventh and faced only ten men in recording nine outs to earn the win in relief.

Albion scratched across a run in the fourth, when Drew Hanson walked and was bunted to second by Clayton Klubertanz. Hanson advanced to third on a pitch in the dirt, and then was able to score when the catcher's throw trickled beyond the third baseman. Evansville scored an unearned run in the sixth, and three innings later, the stage was set for Tiger heroics.

Hanson led off the ninth with a clean single to right. A bunt attempt from Klubertanz was placed between the pitcher and first baseman, and he beat them all to the bag. Brian Rusch also bunted, rolling it perfectly on the thirdbase line and reaching safely to load the bases. Hatlen then lined the first pitch he saw into right-center to send Hanson home and the home crowd into a celebration.

TIGERS GET NIGHT LEAGUE WIN AT UTICA

Charlie Hatlen had four RBIs while three Albion pitchers combined to allow only three hits as the Tigers earned a 10-1 ENL victory at Utica on Thursday night.

Albion got on the board with single runs in the second and fourth innings, when Hatlen drove in Clayton Klubertanz and Drew Hanson respectively. The Tigers then poured it on with an eight-run fifth, when Hatlen's two-run single was followed by RBIs from teammates Hanson, Clayton Klubertanz, Josh Reese, Sam Veitch, and Matthew Klubertanz.

Meanwhile, Brian Rusch was controlling the Association bats and allowing only two runners to reach second base over his five innings. Drew Hanson threw a perfect sixth, and rookie Carson Brown tossed a scoreless seventh to close it out for Albion.

ALBION BATS COME ALIVE AS PITCHERS DOMINATE AGAIN

Albion Tigers moundmen Charlie Hatlen and Peyton Lee have dominant for nearly a month now, and both were at it again on Sunday, allowing zero earned runs as the Tigers won a key 11-2 decision over the Utica Association. Hatlen threw six innings, striking out four and allowing seven hits in earning the win. Lee came on for the three-inning save, also striking out four while walking none.

The Albion bats pounded out fourteen hits, led by three each from Matthew Klubertanz, Hatlen, Clayton Klubertanz, and Jake Taylor. The win moves Albion over .500 and into a three-way tie for the final Southeast playoff spot.

HATLEN SHUTS OUT GENERALS; TIGERS PULL EVEN

Two weeks after mystifying the Evansville Jays, Charlie Hatlen was masterful again on Sunday, throwing a complete-game shutout at the Fort Atkinson Generals in leading his Albion Tigers to a 2-0 win and evening their Southeast Section record at 5-5. With four games to go, Albion is right in the mix for a postseason spot thanks to three shutouts in their last four games.

The Tigers got a run in the second when Brian Rusch hit a leadoff single and eventually came around to score when Sam Veitch coaxed a bases-loaded walk. However, the Tigers would strand nine more runners until the ninth, when Matthew Klubertanz provided a huge insurance run with a two-out double, stealing third, and scoring on a passed ball.

But the story all day was Hatlen. The crafty lefty struck out three while allowing one walk and seven hits, and allowed only two Generals to reach third base. The defense did their part too, picking a runner off third, turning a double play, and making several outstanding plays in the outfield.

OUTLAWS CAN'T ESCAPE LEE; TIGERS WIN 11-0

Peyton Lee locked up the Footville Outlaws on Thursday night, striking out fourteen and allowing only seven baserunners in a complete game, 11-0 Albion Tigers victory. The win moves Albion to 4-5 in Southeast Section play.

Albion got single runs in the first, fourth, fifth, and seventh innings before exploding for seven runs in the eighth. Eight different Tigers reached base, led by Shane Kisting (3x3) and Charlie Hatlen (2x4). Six guys recorded an RBI, with Kisting, Matthew Klubertanz, and Brian Rusch each contributing two each.

ZEIMET DOES IT AGAIN; BEATS STOUGHTON 3-2

Dan Zeimet is making a habit of sterling mid-week pitching performances, and did it once again on Thursday in earning a complete game 3-2 victory against Stoughton in an Eastern Night League game at Albion Park. Zeimet allowed five hits and four walks while the Tigers played sterling defense behind him, turning two double plays, committing no errors, and registering a handful of outstanding defensive plays.

Albion got a run in the first when Peyton Lee doubled and scored on a RBI single from Drew Hanson. After Stoughton scored two runs in the top of the sixth, Albion fought back and took the lead in the bottom half. Noah Towns drew a leadoff walk, Shane Kisting singled to right, and Lee walked to load the bases with one out. Clayton Klubertanz then grounded hard to second but beat the relay throw to first, scoring Towns. When the ball trickled a few feet away from the first baseman, Kisting alertly sprinted home with the winning run.

HATLEN CAGES JAYS FOR SOUTHEAST WIN

The Albion Tigers traveled to Lake Leota Park and defeated the home-standing Evansville Jays 2-0 late on Sunday afternoon. Starting pitcher Charlie Hatlen pitched eight sterling innings before giving way to closer Peyton Lee, with the two combining for ten strikeouts and zero walks while their buddies played almost perfect defense behind them. Albion is now 3-4 in Southeast Section play, while Evansville falls to 5-2.

Albion scratched across a run in the second when Clayton Klubertanz was hit by a pitch with one out, stole second base before moving to third on a groundout by Shane Kisting, and then scored on a wild pitch. In similar fashion, Matthew Klubertanz drew a one-out walk in the fifth and stole second base before scoring on a clutch two-out hit from Drew Hanson.

ZEIMET DOES IT AGAIN IN FORT TOURNEY

For the second week in a row, Dan Zeimet sparkled on the mound in leading the Albion Tigers to a victory in the annual Fort Generals Baseball Fest Tournament. The Tigers defeated the Helenville Rebels 7-2 and will now face the Rome Raiders, 6-5 winners over Jefferson, in the title game.

Zeimet needed only 89 pitches to get through the seven-inning game, striking out nine and getting solid defense behind him. The Albion offense started slowly but chipped away, stranding three runners over the first two innings before breaking through in the third on a sacrifice fly from Steven Olson. RBIs from Peyton Lee

and Zeimet gave Albion the lead for good in the fifth, and they tacked on insurance runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

Brian Rusch (3x4) and Matthew Klubertanz (2x4) joined Olson (2x3) and Lee (2x4) with multiple hits for Albion.

TIGERS YOUNG AND OLD SPARK VICTORY

The Albion Tigers jumped out to a lead in the first inning with an RBI from 24-year veteran Jesse Appel, and walked it off in the ninth on the first hit of Shane Kisting's career as they won an 8-7 decision over McFarland on Sunday. Charlie Hatlen (six innings) and Peyton Lee (three innings) handled the moundwork for Albion, with Lee striking out four on his way to earning the victory in relief.

Hatlen sparked a two-run rally with a two-out double in the first, later scoring on Appel's single up the middle. RBIs from Sam Veitch, Hatlen, Aydan Hanson, and two from Matthew Klubertanz made the lead 6-1 before the Muskies mounted a comeback and ultimately tied the game at 7 in the eighth. But Drew Hanson drew a leadoff walk in the ninth, moved to second on a perfect bunt single from Hatlen, and carried home the winner when Kisting lined the first pitch he saw up the middle for a clean hit.

Brian Rusch joined Klubertanz and Hatlen with multiple hits, going 2x3 with three steals and scoring three runs. Ten different players reached base for the Tigers.

ZEIMET, LEE LEAD ALBION TO WIN IN FORT TOURNAMENT

Dan Zeimet threw six innings and had three RBIs, while Peyton Lee hit two triples and scored three times as the Albion Tigers won a 10-4 decision over the Johnson Creek Pioneers in Fort Atkinson on Thursday night.

Albion broke the ice in the top of the first on a bases-loaded single from Brian Rusch, followed by a two-run hit by Zeimet. Six more runs came in the second when a leadoff walk by Josh Reese was followed by RBI hits from Lee, Drew Hanson, Charlie Hatlen, and Skyler Gullickson.

Meanwhile, Zeimet was dazzling the Pioneers from the pitching rubber. Covering six innings, he allowed only one earned run on four hits while striking out four. Drew Hanson struck out two in a scoreless seventh to seal the win for the Tigers.

TIGERS MOVE INTO SOUTHEAST WIN COLUMN

The Albion Tigers got into the win column in a big way on Friday night in Waterloo, beating the homestanding McKays 15-3 in eight innings. The Tigers banged out twenty hits and had six players record multiple hits, including Drew Hanson and Charlie Hatlen, who each recorded four hits on the night. Matthew Klubertanz, Brian Rusch, Josh Reese, and Skyler Gullickson also each had multiple hits for Albion, who are now 1-2 in Southeast Section play. Mason Simmons hit a two-run triple in the fourth, Reese had two RBI singles with two outs, and Hanson added a solo homer in the fifth for good measure.

Hatlen and Rusch shared the moundwork, each going four innings and allowing three hits. The pair combined to strike out ten and allowed only one earned run.