

2014 SEASON RECAP

SWEET REVENGE PUTS TIGERS ONE WIN FROM FINAL FOUR - The Albion Tigers only lost four games during the regular season; two of those losses were to the Stoughton Merchants, including a 6-5 come-from-behind victory for the Merchants on July 6th at Norse Park. The Tigers returned to Norse Park on Sunday afternoon with a different agenda, and they left with a victory over the #1 seed Merchants. Their 10-4 victory earned Albion a showdown with the Utica Association, with the winner advancing to the Home Talent League Final Four. Utica advanced to the Sectional Final via their 9-5 victory at Fort Atkinson on Sunday. In two games that went down to the wire, Utica handed Albion their other two losses of the regular season. A 9th-inning RBI single by Dane Schultz gave Utica an 8-7 walk-off victory on June 15th, and a 10th-inning RBI triple by Chris Lund gave the Association a second victory on July 20th in Albion. In Sunday's action, Albion starter Josh Eastman kept a potent Merchant offense in check for eight innings, fanning seven and walking only one. Mike Nanstad worked a scoreless 9th to secure the date with Utica next Sunday. Albion struck early on Sunday when Nanstad continued his hot hitting by ripping a 2-out, 2-RBI single into leftfield in the first inning. The Tigers grabbed two more in the second when Marty Johnson (2x5) scored on Aaron Laskowski's triple, and Laskowski (3x5) came home on Adam Gregory's sacrifice fly to give the Tigers a 4-0 lead. The Merchants' bats came alive in the fourth and sixth innings, when two hits and three RBIs from T.J. DiPrizio pushed the score to 4-3. But RBI's from Kyle Johnson and Tyler Oren extended the Tigers' lead in the 7th inning, and Kris Agnew's double to the left-center fence plated two more runs. Agnew (2x5) eventually scored when Marty Johnson reached on an error to score the Tigers' tenth and final tally.

ROAD WIN GIVES TIGERS PLAYOFF SPOT!!!! - In control of their own playoff destiny, the Albion Tigers left nothing to chance on Saturday as they coasted to a 11-1 victory in eight innings at Deerfield. In previous seasons, the top two teams from each division of the Southeast Section qualified for the playoffs; but the Tigers are the beneficiary of a new rule allowing the third place team from one division to grab the playoff spot of the second place team in the other division, provided they have an equal or better record AND a head-to-head victory in the sole match-up of the two teams. Though the Tigers finished tied for second place with Utica in the West Division of the Southeast Section at 12-4, Utica's two-game sweep slots the Association ahead of the Tigers. But Albion's 3-2 victory over Clinton on June 29th, courtesy of Tyler Oren's walk-off RBI single in the bottom of the 12th, allows Albion to assume Clinton's playoff position as the second-place team from the Eastern Division of the Southeast Section. Saturday's starting pitcher Kris Agnew frustrated Deerfield batters for six innings while surrendering only one unearned run and giving up two hits. The veteran lefty fanned eleven Deerfield batters while walking only one. Bryant Schulte tossed scoreless frames in the 7th and 8th to seal the victory. Albion jumped on Deerfield early when Josh Eastman (3x4) ripped a 2-RBI double in the first inning, and then scored on Isaac Hanson's sacrifice fly. The Tigers then scored two more when Aaron Laskowski (3x4 in the game, .458 on the season) singled into centerfield. The margin moved to 6-0 in the third inning when Hanson crushed his first HTL home run over the left-center fence. Not to be outdone by Hanson, Eastman punished an 0-2 fastball over the left-center field fence to give the Tigers a 7-1 lead in the 7th. RBIs by Laskowski, Sutton DeVoll, and Mike Nanstad in the 8th inning yielded the 11-1 tally.

FIRST INNING OFFENSE BACKS EVERSON; TIGERS CONTROL PLAYOFF FATE - On Thursday night the Albion Tigers waited until the last inning to grab a victory from the Waterloo Firemen. On Sunday afternoon they made a statement in the first inning, and in doing so put themselves in position to grab a playoff berth with a win at Deerfield this Saturday. The Tigers, now 11-4 in HTL play, knocked out six hits and hung up as many runs in the first inning on Sunday, en route to a mercy-rule shortened 11-1 victory at Albion Park. Veteran left-hander Ben Everson tossed six innings, allowing only two hits and walking none. Mike Nanstad threw a perfect seventh. Albion's bats were hot early, as Aaron Laskowski (2x4) and Adam Gregory both singled in the first and scored on Tyler Oren's double. Isaac Hanson (2x3) knocked home Kyle Johnson with an RBI single to give the Tigers a 3-1 advantage. Then Hanson scored from first, along with Oren from third, when first-baseman Kris Agnew doubled over the head of Waterloo leftfielder Jarrett Kuhl. Agnew touched home to make it 6-1 after the first inning when Jim Eastman singled. The Tigers scored one in the fourth when Gregory's sacrifice fly scored Eastman, and two more in the fifth on Laskowski's 2-RBI double. After Tim Houfe's pinch-hit RBI single in the sixth scored Evan Deegan, Lars Olstad singled to send home Gregory in the seventh to push the margin to ten runs and end the game.

LATE RALLY SEALS NIGHT LEAGUE TITLE & PLAYOFF SPOT FOR TIGERS - The Albion Tigers closed out the HTL Night League regular season in comeback fashion on Thursday night, with a share of the Eastern Night League title being their ultimate prize. With the come-from-behind victory in Waterloo, Albion grabbed their second consecutive Sectional Night League championship, repeating as regular season champions after winning the title outright in 2013. Bryant Schulte's reliable left arm kept the Tigers in the game after falling behind early, but clutch hits from Tim Houfe and Kris Agnew were the difference as the Tigers rallied from a 3-1 deficit to surprise the Waterloo Firemen with a 4-3 victory. Schulte went the distance for the fourth time this season, and finished the Night League regular season with a 6-1 record and a 1.29 ERA. After staking the Firemen a 2-0 lead in the first inning, Schulte drove home Sutton DeVoll while reaching on a fielder's choice in the second. After Waterloo extended their lead to 3-1 in the third, DeVoll walked and Lars Olstad crushed a towering double to the left-center fence to start the Tigers fourth. With the situation looking desperate after the next two Tigers recorded outs, Houfe stepped to the plate and lined the first pitch over the head of shortstop Trevor Deppe to send home DeVoll and Olstad, evening the score. Still tied 3-3 in the top of the 7th, Josh Eastman (3x4) reached on a fielder's choice and advanced to third when Isaac Hanson ripped a single over third base. Eastman then trotted home with the deciding run when pinch-hitter Kris Agnew scalded an RBI single into leftfield.

TIGERS PUT OUT FIREMEN, GRAB SHARE OF FIRST PLACE - With a 12-1 drubbing of the Marshall Firemen at Racetrack

Park on Friday night and some help from rival Fort Atkinson, the Albion Tigers moved in to a three-way tie for first place in the Eastern Section of Home Talent Night League. The Fort Atkinson Generals handed the Jefferson Blue Devils their second loss of the season; leaving Jefferson, Albion, and Cottage Grove in a tie at the top with 6-2 records. The Fort Atkinson Generals and the Milton Raptors are each just half a game back at 5-2. After scoring an unearned run in the first inning on Friday night, the Fireman would get no more, as Bryant Schulte tossed all five innings in the mercy-rule shortened game. It was the third complete game of the Night League season for the lefty, whose record improved to 5-1 and ERA dropped to 1.35. Albion quickly took back the lead in the bottom of the first when Evan Deegan scored on a wild pitch and consecutive RBI singles by Kris Agnew (2x2) and Sutton DeVoll plated two more. Cameren Wileman's RBI then pushed the advantage to 4-1. Kyle Johnson knocked home Tim Houfe and Tyler Oren with a 2-RBI single in the second inning, and Deegan's sacrifice fly scored Wileman in the third. To finish the scoring in the fourth, Isaac Hanson's deep sacrifice fly sent home Aaron Laskowski, who walked and stole two bases. Then after a Marshall miscue plated two more Tigers, Mike Nanstad ripped a 2-RBI single to leftfield to send home Wileman and Sam Martin.

TIGERS CONTINUE PLAYOFF PUSH WITH WIN OVER JAYS -- With every remaining game crucial to the Albion Tigers' playoff hopes, veteran righty Mike Nanstad gave his squad the quality starting performance on the mound they needed on Sunday; and then he gave them some more. Nanstad went the distance for the first time since 2010, leading Albion to a 5-2 win over the Evansville Jays. The win improved the Tigers to 10-3 in the West Division of the Southeast Section, and still in position to earn a playoff berth with three games remaining on the season. Nanstad tossed 144 pitches on a steamy afternoon in Albion en route to improving his own record to 4-0 on the season. Albion grabbed a run in the first inning when Aaron Laskowski (2x5 today, .450 on the season) singled to leftfield, advanced on Ben Everson's sacrifice bunt, and scored on the first of Adam Gregory's three hits on the day. Tyler Oren started a 2-run third inning with a triple to deep rightfield, and scored when Marty Johnson poked a single into right. Following an Isaac Hanson single, Johnson scored on a wild pitch to give the Tigers a 3-0 advantage. Albion plated one more in the fourth inning when Ben Everson walked, moved to third base on Gregory's double, and jogged home via Kyle Johnson's sacrifice fly to centerfield. Oren's sacrifice fly in the sixth inning easily scored Laskowski to close the Tiger scoring, leaving the rest up to Nanstad to send home the Tigers' faithful with a smile.

MUSKIES LEFT FISHING AGAINST NANSTAD AS TIGERS WIN 6-3 - In front of a large & partisan crowd at Edgerton's Racetrack Park during the Lion's Club Independence Day Celebration on Thursday night, Mike Nanstad tossed 7 1/3 innings, allowing just one earned run, to lead his Tigers to a 6-3 victory over the McFarland Muskies. This crucial West Division win pushed the Tigers to 9-2. After two untimely Tigers errors and Muskie shortstop Kyle Bender's second double of the night, Nanstad gave way to Josh Eastman in the 8th. But Eastman fanned the final two hitters in that frame, and tossed a scoreless 9th to end the game and prepare a packed Racetrack Park for the Lion's Club fireworks show that followed the game. After the Muskies strung together three consecutive two-out singles to score a run in the 1st inning, Adam Gregory's RBI single evened the score in the bottom half of the 1st. Gregory's grounder through the right side of the infield plated Aaron Laskowski, who had walked and stole second. Albion grabbed the lead in the 3rd when Eastman tripled to the leftfield fence, and Kyle Johnson (3x4, 3 RBI) singled to left to drive him home. The Tigers pushed the margin to 3-1 when Jim Eastman's sacrifice fly scored Sutton DeVoll. Gregory and Johnson were at it again in the 7th, when Gregory doubled and scored on an RBI infield single by Johnson. Following the two unearned Muskies runs in the top of the 8th, the Tigers grabbed two insurance runs in the bottom-half on a Muskies error and Johnson's third RBI hit of the night.

TIGERS WALK-OFF WIN IN 12 INNINGS, COURTESY OF TYLER OREN! -- After some well-hit balls but no hits to show for his efforts, Tyler Oren stepped to the plate in the bottom of the 12th inning and found that elusive base hit, sending his Albion Tigers home winners in a 3-2 victory over the Clinton Orioles on Sunday afternoon at Albion Park. That hit came off of Clinton starter and two-time defending Section MVP Joe Lange, who threw 11 1/3 innings and 150 pitches in the Oriole loss. Oren's line-drive into rightfield sent home Aaron Laskowski (3x6), whose towering one-out double set the stage for Oren's heroics. The win moved Albion into a second-place tie with the Utica Association at 8-2. The Orioles scored two runs (one earned) off of Tigers starter Kris Agnew in the southpaw's six innings of work. Righty Mike Nanstad allowed no hits in three innings of work, fanning four and walking one Oriole. In 26 innings of work this season, Nanstad has recorded a staggering 48 punchouts against a mere four walks. Josh Eastman threw scoreless frames in the 10th, 11th, and 12th innings to earn his third win of the season. Oren's hit wasn't the only drama of the day for the Tigers, as they scored two runs in the bottom of the 9th inning just to send the game to extra innings. Nanstad (2x2) singled, and pinch-runner Lars Olstad moved to third on Isaac Hanson's (2x5) double to leftfield. Laskowski's 2-RBI single plated both runners to give the Tigers new life and push the game to extra frames. Eastman (3x5) and Marty Johnson (2x5) each also had multiple hits, as the Tigers poked 15 base hits against Lange.

TIGERS' STICKS, SCHULTE'S ARM GIVES CAMBRIDGE THE BLUES - The Albion Tigers dominated the Cambridge Blues on Thursday night at Utica Park, as southpaw Bryant Schulte cruised through Cambridge hitters over five innings to improve his record to 4-1, leading the Tigers to a 13-1 victory. Schulte surrendered just two opposite-field singles and no runs over five innings of work to push his club to 5-1 in Eastern Night League play. Sutton DeVoll fanned four in two innings of relief to complete Schulte's work. DeVoll was also a key contributor on offense, reaching base four times (2x3 with two walks). Catcher Scooter Cooke was also 2x3. Albion got on the board in the first when two Blues errors allowed Aaron Laskowski to score. The Tigers went ahead 4-0 in the second inning after Tim Houfe's RBI and Laskowski's 2-RBI single. The lead extended to 6-0 in the third when Tyler Oren singled and scored on Cooke's RBI single, and DeVoll scored via another Blues' defensive miscue. After two deep fly-outs in his first two at-bats, Isaac Hanson finally found some green when his RBI single drove home Kris Agnew in the sixth to give the Tigers a 7-0

advantage. Albion put the game out of reach with a six-run 7th inning, highlighted by Agnew's rocket 3-RBI double off the fence in the left-center gap. Runs also scored on Adam Gregory's RBI single that plated Sam Martin; and Jesse Appel's return to the Tigers led to another run, as he drove home Agnew.

ALBION'S 17 HITS TOO MUCH FOR MUSKIES - All nine Albion starters had at least one hit by the fifth inning Sunday, as the Tigers knocked out 17 hits in all en route to a 8-6 victory over the Muskies in McFarland. Kyle Johnson led the onslaught going 4x5, while Josh Eastman had three hits and Ben Everson (2x4) hit a solo home run. Jim Eastman (2x3) and Aaron Laskowski (2x6) each also had multiple hits for the Tigers, as they improved to 7-2 in Southeast Section play. Josh Eastman threw six innings for the win, surrendering only two runs and striking out seven while not walking a single Muskie batter. Veteran right-hander Mike Nanstad earned the save, tossing three innings and striking out seven. All four runs on Nanstad's ledger were unearned. Laskowski singled and scored in the first to give the Tigers an early lead, and his teammates collected five hits in a four-run third inning. Singles by Everson, Adam Gregory, Josh Eastman loaded the bases, followed by consecutive fielder's choice RBIs by Johnson and Tyler Oren. Jim Eastman and Evan Deegan each ripped 2-out RBI singles to leftfield before the frame was over, giving the Tigers a 5-1 lead. Albion scored three more in the sixth, starting with Everson's solo home run that carried the fence in rightfield. After Josh Eastman and Johnson each singled, they both eventually scored when a Muskie error extended the inning. Nanstad then fanned four of the last five hitters he faced to secure victory for his club.

SCHULTE BEATS RAPTORS AS TIGERS BARELY BEAT RAIN... WIN 6-2! -- On an overcast evening at Albion Park on Thursday night, Bryant Schulte went the distance to best the previously unbeaten Milton Junction Pub Raptors, 6-2. Not a drop of rain fell during the game, but the skies opened up and poured seconds after Schulte struckout Raptors' clean-up hitter Tom Scalissi to end the game and improve his Tigers to 4-1 in Eastern Section Night League play. The Tigers offense gave Schulte more than he needed, knocking out ten hits. Evan Deegan was 3x3 with two runs and an RBI, while Aaron Laskowski was 2x2 with two runs, two RBIs, and a ground-rule double that short-hopped the Town of Albion garage across Academy Drive in deep left-center field. After Milton scored an unearned run in the first inning, Albion tied the score when Josh Eastman's RBI ground-rule double to centerfield sent Deegan home. Deegan scored again in the third on Isaac Hanson's sacrifice fly, but the advantage was short-lived as the Raptors scored another unearned run in the fourth. But Albion went ahead for good in the fifth when Laskowski singled and scored on Marty Johnson's RBI single to right. Insurance runs in the sixth inning just beat the rain, as Sam Martin and Schulte scored on Laskowski's tape-measure ground-rule double. Then Deegan picked up his third single of the night, plating Laskowski to cap the scoring.

BALANCED OFFENSIVE ATTACK PUMMELS FIREMEN -- After three innings of sloppy play and a combined eight errors from the Cottage Grove Firemen and the Albion Tigers to begin Thursday's action, both defenses were flawless for the remainder of the game but there was no slowing the Albion bats. Ten different Tigers recorded a hit, led again by rookie Isaac Hanson (3x4) and Adam Gregory (2x2), on their way to banging out 13 hits in a 14-4 victory at Albion Park. In his first game back from injury, Scooter Cooke sent everyone home early via the 10-run-rule when his 6th-inning double to deep left plated Mike Nanstad and Hanson to push the Tigers to 3-1 in Eastern Section Night League play. Southpaw Cameron Wileman battled through four innings, scattering five hits and surviving four errors to earn the win. With the Tigers leading only 5-4, Wileman worked out of a bases-loaded jam with two outs in the 4th when second-baseman Tim Houfe smothered Bobby Blakely's groundball up the middle and flipped to shortstop Aaron Laskowski at second base to end the threat. The Albion bats came alive in the bottom half of that frame, hanging up five runs to extend the lead. Sutton DeVoll's towering double, which landed near the Albion fans in deep right-center, sent Gregory home and easily plated the speedy Marty Johnson from first base. Houfe, Johnson, and Hanson also had RBIs in the fourth, and the Tigers never looked back. Veteran left-hander Ben Everson struck out three Firemen in working a scoreless fifth and sixth innings.

AGNEW, EASTMAN OUTDUEL KLUG IN JEFFERSON; TIGERS WIN 1-0! -- The tandem of Kris Agnew and Josh Eastman was just good enough to best the performance of Jefferson left-hander Tom Klug at Fischer Field on Sunday afternoon, as the Albion Tigers won a pitchers' duel over the Blue Devils. Agnew dealt 6 1/3 scoreless innings while surrendering only two hits, then Eastman earned his first save of the season after delivering 2 2/3 innings of hitless ball. Aaron Laskowski (2x4) singled to start the game, but then Klug retired 16 of 17 Tigers hitters before Laskowski singled again in the 6th. With two outs, Adam Gregory banged an RBI-double off the left-center fence, which plated Laskowski and turned out to be the only run the Tigers would need to advance to 6-1 in the West Division of the Southeast Section.

TIGERS ROCK LAKE MILLS 9-0! - Bryant Schulte hurled four scoreless innings while surrendering only one hit, leading the Albion Tigers to a 9-0 victory over Lake Mills at Albion Park on Thursday night. Cameron Wileman (2 IP) and Sutton DeVoll (1 IP) completed the shutout for the Tigers, as Albion improved to 2-1 in Eastern Section Night League play. After scoring one run in the first inning, the Tigers took control in the second with three consecutive singles from Sam Martin, Isaac Hanson (2x3), and Tim Houfe. Houfe's single to right-center plated Martin, and then Adam Gregory ripped a 2-RBI single to centerfield to drive in two more. Jim Eastman's run gave the Tigers a 5-0 lead in the 5th inning when Mike Nanstad ripped a double to Academy Drive in deep left-center. Albion gained another run when DeVoll's sacrifice fly to deep centerfield sent Nanstad home. Albion completed the scoring with RBI singles from Lars Olstad and Ben Everson in the sixth inning, complementing the stellar one-hit pitching performance from Schulte, Wileman, and DeVoll.

DEEGAN'S WALK-OFF TOPS GENERALS IN EXTRA INNINGS! - Rookie Evan Deegan displayed veteran composure twice on Sunday, lifting Albion to a 4-3 walk-off win over the Fort Atkinson Generals at Albion Park on Sunday afternoon. Deegan scored the tying run in the bottom of the 9th inning with two outs after his lead-off double, then drove home the winning run in the 10th with his two-out RBI single to right-center. Seconds after Jim Eastman touched home plate with the winning run, Deegan disappeared beneath

a pile of celebratory Tiger players. Not alone in his late-inning heroics, Albion was down to their last out when Deegan was driven home by Tyler Oren in the bottom of the 9th. Oren smashed a 2-out RBI single to center to plate Deegan and send the game to extra innings. Albion's clutch bats provided the excitement, but right-hander Josh Eastman went the distance against a proven Generals lineup, earning a well-deserved win in his first appearance of the season. Eastman scattered nine hits while walking only two in ten innings of work. After falling behind 1-0, Albion evened the score in the 5th when Marty Johnson's RBI single plated Lars Olstad. Following a 40-minute rain delay in the bottom of the 7th, Kris Agnew's 2-out flare single drove home Aaron Laskowski to give the Tigers a temporary 2-1 lead. But Tim Brokl's 8th inning 2-RBI single gave the Generals the lead, setting the stage for Oren and Deegan to lead the Tigers to victory.

NANSTAD DOMINATES BLUES AS ALBION STAYS UNDEFEATED - Veteran right-hander Mike Nanstad earned his second win of the season, beating the Cambridge Blues on Sunday afternoon in Utica and pushing his Albion Tigers to 4-0. Nanstad surrendered three singles in the first inning, yielding the sole Cambridge tally and giving the Blues an early 1-0 lead. After the first Nanstad found his groove, working eight innings while fanning 12, walking none, and giving up only one more hit. That single came in the second inning, but was quickly erased when Albion catcher Kyle Johnson threw out Kodi Porter attempting to steal second base. No other Blue reached base off Nanstad, as he faced the minimum from the 2nd through the 8th inning. Albion tied the game in the 2nd when Kris Agnew singled and was knocked home by Kyle Johnson. Marty Johnson's first hit of the day put the Tigers ahead for good in the 3rd when he drove home Evan Deegan. One inning later, Aaron Laskowski (2x3) knocked in Jim Eastman and Kyle Johnson with a 2-RBI single to center while raising his batting average to .579 on the young season. After plating a couple unearned runs in the 6th, Tyler Oren added another by roping an RBI single to left to push the score to 8-1. Then Bryant Schulte, who hurled a scoreless 9th inning for the Tigers, drove in Marty Johnson and Tyler Oren with his double to right-center in the 8th to provide the final tallies for the Tigers. The Tigers also committed no errors in their best defensive effort of the season. Outfielders Marty Johnson and Lars Olstad each took away extra-base-hits in the right-center gap in support of Nanstad and Schulte on the mound.

VETERAN ARMS, LASKOWSKI'S BAT PUSH ALBION TO 3-0 - The Albion Tigers improved to 3-0 in the Southeast Section on Sunday behind another strong effort on the mound, as Ben Everson and Mike Nanstad limited Deerfield to six singles and led the Tigers to a 6-1 victory. Everson hurled 5+ innings, surrendering five hits, no walks, and one unearned run while fanning six. Nanstad took over in the 6th to earn the save and strike out five while only allowing two baserunners in four innings of work. Aaron Laskowski led the Tigers offensively, going 3x4 with two doubles and two RBIs. Laskowski picked up his first RBI on the 2nd inning to give the Tigers a 2-0 lead, following Scooter Cooke's RBI single to left. Sutton DeVoll scored on Laskowski's RBI single in the fourth to give Albion a 3-1 advantage. Following a Tyler Oren walk & stolen base and a Kris Agnew infield single, Jim Eastman squeezed home Oren on a suicide bunt in the fifth. Then the Tigers notched two more in the sixth when Marty Johnson drove in Evan Deegan, and Laskowski scored on a throwing error to give the home team the final tally.

TIGERS WIN NIGHT LEAGUE OPENER - The Albion Tigers took their bats to Beloit Thursday night and beat the Clinton Orioles 15-7 in the Eastern Night League opener for both clubs. Five Tigers had multiple hits, while Aaron Laskowski (2x4) also scored four runs and Tyler Oren (2x5) had 3 RBIs. Jim Eastman (3x5), Evan Deegan (2x3), and Kyle Johnson (2x5) all had RBIs as well. Sam Martin and Bryant Schulte each chipped in with a hit and two runs. Moundmen Schulte (4 innings) and Cameron Wileman (3 innings) combined to allow six hits and strike out 6 Orioles.

AGNEW AND HIT PARADE LEAD TIGERS TO 2-0 - Kris Agnew fanned ten Evansville Jays in six innings of work and went 3x4 with a double, three runs scored, and two RBI to lead Albion to a 12-5 victory at Lake Leota Park on Saturday night. In a repeat performance from the Tigers' season-opener at Lake Mills last weekend, Aaron Laskowski and Jim Eastman each had three hits again for the Tigers, while Cameron Wileman was on base five times, going 3x3 with two walks and two RBIs. Albion started fast when Laskowski (3x6) and centerfielder Marty Johnson (2x5) each singled on the first two pitches of the game, and the Tigers totaled five singles in the first inning while Agnew, Eastman, and Wileman each collected RBIs. Tyler Oren's sac fly drove home Laskowski in the 2nd, followed by RBIs in the 3rd by Wileman and Tiger newcomer & catcher Scooter Cooke. Oren (2x5) scored in the 4th on Agnew's double to left, then Cooke's 2-RBI flare to right plated two more. Sutton DeVoll's 2-out RBI single in the 5th and an unearned run in the 6th would be all the scoring the Tigers would need to finish off the Jays. Fellow southpaw Bryant Schulte supported Agnew's efforts on the mound, tossing the final three innings.

TIGER PITCHERS DOMINATE - Mike Nanstad, Bryant Schulte, and Kris Agnew combined to strike out 24 Grays hitters in a 14-4 victory in Lake Mills on Sunday afternoon. Nanstad worked five innings and struck out 13 to earn the win in the season opener, while Schulte K'd four hitters in two innings and Agnew recorded a punch-out of all seven hitters he faced in two innings of work. Sutton DeVoll was the spark for the Tigers in the 4th inning, roping a 2-out, 2-RBI double to the right-center fence to start the scoring. Agnew lined the very next pitch to the same spot in right-center to score DeVoll and give Albion a 3-2 lead. Jim Eastman (3x4), Marty Johnson (3 RBI), and Agnew drove in runs in the 5th, and Ben Everson's RBI in the 6th staked Albion to a 8-2 lead. In the 8th, Nanstad singled and scored on a Tim Houfe pinch-hit single and error, and Marty Johnson singled to drove in Aaron Laskowski and

Eastman. The Tigers capped their scoring in the 9th when Cameron Wileman lined a double to the left-center gap and Evan Deegan drove him home. Deegan then scored when Laskowski crushed his third hit of the day over the centerfield fence to give the Tigers the final 14-4 tally.