

## **Tigers wrap up season with NL win**

The Albion Tigers wrapped up their 79th season with a rain-shortened 4-2 win in Utica on Thursday night. Albion finishes 2-6 in East NL play, and 9-16 overall.

Steven Olson tossed 2.1 innings for the win, and was part of the winning rally for the Tigers as well. Tyler LaSchum had an RBI single in the first, but Utica rallied an inning later for a 2-1 lead. But Olson drew a two-out walk in the third, stole second, and scored on Sam Little's double. LaSchum and Drew Hanson followed with base hits to increase Albion's total to four runs, more than enough to hold off the A's.

## **Tigers explode for big win at Tobacco Days**

The Albion Tigers earned a mercy-rule 21-1 win over the Lake Mills Grays on Sunday. The offensive explosion was led by Drew Hanson, who went 3x4 with 6 RBI and Matthew Klubertanz, who scored 4 runs and drove in 3. Steven Olson, Brian Rusch, and Charlie Hatlen also each chipped in with multiple hits, while Shane Kisting reached base thrice and drove in two.

Hatlen and Olson did their thing on the mound too, combining to allow zero earned runs and allow only five hits. Albion is now 5-7 in Southeast Section play.

## **Tigers get revenge at Footville**

The Albion Tigers got a measure of revenge on July 12, beating the Footville Outlaws 9-2 in a Southeast Section game. Footville had beaten the Tigers 8-4 in extra innings on July 7.

Nine runs for Albion feels like an offensive explosion, but the story of the game was Tiger pitcher Brian Rusch, who shut down the Outlaws, allowing only one run over eight innings. Ethan Stengel had a big night at the plate, going 3x5 with 3 RBI, as did Shane Kisting who also had three hits and scored two runs. Charlie Hatlen and Drew Hanson also had RBI and multiple hits for Albion.

## **Tigers get Southeast win at Fort**

The Albion Tigers pitched very well, played errorless defense, and pushed just enough runners across the plate to earn a hard-fought 3-1 win against the Fort Atkinson Generals on Sunday. Charlie Hatlen and Steven Olson were a dominant pair on the mound, allowing only five hits on the day. Drew Hanson led the Albion bats with three hits, including a ringing single in the seventh to drive in Colton Kurt with what would prove to be the winning run. Matthew Klubertanz and Hatlen also each contributed two hits to the cause, with Klubertanz scoring in the fifth on a groundout from Steven Olson. Hatlen added a big insurance run in the ninth, driving in Hanson to give Albion the final margin.

## **Rusch wins battle with Generals**

Brian Rusch allowed only three hits and tossed a complete game in leading the Albion Tigers to a 5-4 victory over host Fort Atkinson on Thursday night. The win was Albion's second in the 42nd Annual Generals Tournament and gives them the consolation title for the second year in a row.

Albion scored single runs in the first and third innings in very similar style... Matthew Klubertanz led off with a single and steal of second base, eventually scoring the first run on a wild pitch and then on an RBI hit from Shane Kisting. After falling behind 4-2, Albion then rallied for three runs in the sixth, helped by three walks and a ringing double by Steven Olson.

## **Tigers beat Helenville 7-4**

The Albion Tigers got a hard-fought 7-4 win over the Helenville Rebels late Thursday at the Fort

Atkinson Generals Tournament. Abion advances to play the host Generals next Thursday in the title game of the consolation bracket.

The Tigers got a run in the second inning on an RBI single from Charlie Hatlen, and then four more in the third inning with RBIs from Drew Hanson, Shane Kisting, and Brian Rusch. Kisting added a sacrifice fly in the fifth as well.

Brian Rusch earned the win on the mound, allowing only four baserunners over his five innings and striking out four.

## **Stengel outclasses Merchants for NL win**

Ethan Stengel made his mound debut for the Albion Tigers on Wednesday against the Stoughton Merchants and impressed, tossing six innings of one-hit ball and allowing no earned runs as the Tigers got a tense 2-1 Night League victory. The young right-hander struck out seven and walked four before giving away to Garrett Revels, who faced the minimum in the seventh and earned the save, in part thanks to catcher Colton Kurt nabbing a would-be base-stealer at second base.

Albion only had four hits on the night, but scratched across a run in the first when Shane Kisting singled and eventually scored on Peyton Lee's deep fly ball to left. Kisting was in the middle of the action again in the second, when his bases-loaded walk forced home Charlie Hatlen with what proved to be all the runs Albion would need.

## **Hatlen and Olson lead team victory**

Charlie Hatlen and Steven Olson did the moundwork and grabbed the headlines, but the Albion Tigers got a huge team effort Sunday in earning a 9-3 Southeast Section win at McFarland. The Tigers got eleven hits from eight different players and played errorless defense. The play of shortstop Shane Kisting was also stellar with three hits, scoring two runs, and starting a key double play to snuff out a Muskies rally in the third inning.

Albion jumped to a six-run lead early on the strength of a two-run double from Garrett Revels and Olson's three-run bomb in the second inning. In the eighth, with McFarland having crawled back within three runs, Hatlen hit a two-run double and then scored on a wild pitch.

Hatlen threw six innings for the win, scattering six hits and striking out six. Olson came on for a dominant three-inning save, striking out five.

## **Tigers earn 2-0 Southeast win over Stoughton**

The Albion Tigers got their first win of the season on Monday, riding dominant pitching and flawless defense to a 2-0 Southeast Section victory over the visiting Stoughton Merchants. Charlie Hatlen allowed only five baserunners over the first six innings before running into a little jam with two outs in the 7th inning. The veteran lefty was relieved by hard-throwing Steven Olson, who promptly got a strikeout to end the inning and then continued to dominate the Merchants on his way to a multi-inning save.

Albion got their two runs in the fifth when Shane Kisting singled and was sacrificed to second by Sam Little. After Jake Taylor singled, Sam Veitch lined an RBI single to left to score Kisting. Taylor would score on the next play, when a throwing error followed Matthew Klubertanz's infield single.

## **TIGERS OPEN 2024 WITH EXHIBITION LOSS; SEASON STARTS MAY 19 AT HOME**

The Albion Tigers played an exhibition game Sunday, dropping a 12-6 decision to Columbus in Albion Park. The Tigers outhit the Crawdads 10-8 and played solid throughout, in preparation for their Southeast Section opener on May 19 against defending sectional champion Jefferson.