

Harlan beats Tigers for Kuemper invitational title

Carroll couldn't rally from behind a third time and fell to Harlan in the championship of the 31st annual Kuemper Baseball Invitational Sunday night, 7-5.

The Tigers, who also finished runner-up in its own invitational, trailed Kuemper Catholic 5-0 before winning the tournament opener Saturday morning, 8-6. They trailed 4-1 against Spencer in the semifinals that night and won 9-5.

"I'm very happy with the weekend," Carroll coach Dirk Troutman said. "I thought we played at times the best ball we have played all season."

Cherokee finished third in the eight-team tournament with a 6-3 win over Spencer. Kuemper Catholic won the fifth place game against Council Bluffs St. Albert, 4-1.

Harlan jumped out to a 5-1 lead over Carroll High, scoring four runs in the third inning with two outs. Brad Blum singled and Carroll intentionally walked Cody Petersen, who had drilled a solo homerun in the third inning. Danny Goetzinger and Brett Gubbels then stroked back-to-back rbi singles.

Carroll added two runs of its own in its half of the inning on a two-out, two-run double by Jesse Ayers.

Hastert added a solo homerun in the fourth for the Cyclones second longball

of the night. Goetzinger crossed home plate in the seventh when pitcher Taylor Ostrich was called for a balk.

Carroll's final run came in the fourth on a double by Brock Bengtson. The Tigers left the bases loaded in the fifth. Carroll's first run came in the first on a sacrifice fly by Kyle Christensen with bases loaded.

Christensen took the loss in five innings for the Tigers, giving up six runs (4 earned) on 10 hits with one walk and four strikeouts. Ostrich pitched two innings, giving up one earned run on one hit with one walk and one strikeout.

"We have a lot of games coming up this week and we'll have to do the best we can with kids coming back on short rest," Troutman added. "We hope to continue, we'll have to execute well."

Game Statistics

	R	H	E		
Harlan	0	1	4	1	0
Carroll	1	0	2	1	0
0.....	4	8	2		
LOB - Carroll	11,				
Harlan	7				
Doubles - Major,					
Ayers, Bengtson					
Carroll RBIs -					
Christensen,	Ayers				
(2), Bengtson					
Carroll multiple					
hitters - Major	2-4,				
Christensen	2-4				
IP H BB SO R ER					
Christensen	5	11	1	4	6

Carroll 9, Spencer 5

Jake Landon went 2 for 4 with two doubles and six RBIs to lift Carroll to a 9-5 win over Spencer in the

semifinals Saturday
night.

Landon hit a three-run double in the fifth as the Tigers worked back from a 4-1 deficit.

Addison Patrick was 2 for 3 at the plate and Derek Major 2 for 4.

Steven Irlbeck took the loss in five innings of work, giving up five runs (4 earned) on five hits with four strikeouts. Tyler Tuel got the save, giving up one hit, walking one and striking out one. Carroll was charged with eight errors in the field.

"We showed a lot of determination in this game after getting down early," Troutman said.

Spencer plated three runs in the first inning and took a 4-1 lead with a run in the second. They added runs in the fifth and seventh. Carroll scored one run in the first inning, five in the fifth, one in the sixth and two more in the seventh.

Carroll 8, Kuemper Catholic 6

Carroll scored seven runs in the third inning to erase a 5-0 deficit and defeated Kuemper Catholic in the opener Saturday morning, 8-6.

The Tigers got six of their seven hits in the third and scored four unearned runs in the frame.

Kuemper put five runs on the scoreboard in the first inning. Pete Nelson drove in two runs with a single as the Knights used four hits, an error, a hitter batter and a

balk to take the early lead.

Addison Patrick blasted a two-run homerun over the left-field fence to help ignite the Tiger's big inning. Carroll took advantage of six hits and three Kuemper errors to plate seven runs in the third frame. Derek Major and Jesse Ayers hit back-to-back singles to start the inning. Kyle Semprini added a rbi single and Jake Landon, Tyler Tuel and Kyle Christensen also had hits in the frame.

Christensen had two singles and drove in two runs for Carroll.

Ryan Steinkamp took the opening round loss for Kuemper in three innings of work, giving up seven runs (3 earned) on six hits with one walk and a strikeout. Reggie Freese pitched three innings, giving up one unearned run on one hit with two walks and two strikeouts.

Jake Landon started for Carroll and allowed six runs (2 earned) on six hits with one walk and three strikeouts in 3 2/3 innings on the mound. Tyler Tuel got the win, giving up no runs on one hit with two walks and two strikeouts.

Joe Stipe went 3 for 4 at the plate and had two doubles for the Knights, who left eight runners stranded. Austin Wittrock also had a double for Kuemper. Ben Wittrock had a RBI.

Following are the results:

Championship

Harlan 7, Carroll High

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Third Place

Cherokee 6, Spencer 3

Fifth Place

Kuemper Catholic 4, St.

Albert 1

Consolation

Kuemper Catholic 7, Le-
Mars 0

St. Albert 11, Jeffer-
son-Scranton 5

First Round

Carroll 8, Kuemper
Catholic 6

Spencer 4, LeMars 1

Cherokee 12, St. Albert

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Harlan 18, Jefferson-
Scranton 4