# Midgets beat Tigers 14-13 in 9 innings

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Marcus Stangl hit a rbi single to deep center in the ninth inning and the Estherville Lincoln Central Midgets finished a comeback, beating Carroll 14-13 Sunday night in the championship of the Carroll invitational.

Stangl connected for his second straight single and his third of the game for the Midgets, who finished with 16 hits.

Estherville Lincoln Central sent the game into extra innings on Stangl's two-strike, two-run single with two outs in the seventh.

With the game 13all, Keith Fandel hit a two-out single in the ninth. Stangl then jumped on the first pitch for the gamewinning rbi.

Brad Deling gave up one hit in two innings

for the save.

Addison Patrick,
who tripled in the fourth, had four hits for Carroll. Derek Major, Jake Landon and Kyle Christensen each had two hits.

Designated hitter Matt Gruhlke had four hits for ELC. Stangl had three hits and drove in three runs.

Carroll had a chance for the go-ahead run in the eighth. Brock Bengtson led off the inning with a single and advanced to second on a bunt by Christensen, who took the loss for Carroll. But a pair of infield groundouts left him stranded.

The Tigers took a 4-0 lead in the first against starter Chris Assman on Tyler Tuel's solo homerun and rbi singles by Christensen, Patrick and Major.

Carroll made it 7-1 in the third when Christensen hit a rbi single to left field and rounded the bases to score on the hit when the ball got by the fielder.

Esterville Lincoln Central scored three runs in the bottom of the third. Fandel hit a two-run single with two outs.

After Carroll left the bases loaded in the fourth, the Midgets tied the game with four runs on two Carroll errors.

The Tigers broke through in the sixth with five runs on two hits, including a two-out triple by number nine batter Michael Dirkx.

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Dirkx, who had struck out twice, drilled the ball to right center field to make it 13-9 in Carroll's favor.

The Midgets loaded the bases in the sixth. A throwing error and a bases loaded walk made it 13-11.

Stangl's two-run single in the seventh sent the game into the extra frame.

### Game Statistics Carroll vs. ELC

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# Carroll 11, CBAL 7

Carroll opened the invitational with a 11-7 win over Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln.

Michael Dirkx hit a two-run single down the third baseline to tie the game at 5-all in the fourth. The Tigers took a 8-5 lead in the fifth when two runs scored on a squeeze bunt by Brock Bengtson. Carroll added three more runs in the sixth.

Patrick, Addison Derek Major, Tyler Tuel, Kyle Christen-sen, Bengtson and Dirkx each had two hits for the Tigers. Dirkx drove in four runs. Tuel and Jake Landon also had RBIs.

Irlbeck, Taylor Ostrich, Dirkx and Christensen shared pitching duties for Carroll. They gave up seven runs on eight hits with three walks, and six strikeouts. Ostrich, just an eighth-grader, got Carroll out of no out, bases loaded jam in the third.

CBAl loaded the bases in the sixth and following two singles, Christensen came in and threw three straight strikes for the final out.

# Carroll 3, Denison-Schleswig 1

Derek Major hit a two-run single just over second base and Jake Landon followed with a rbi single to left field to lift Carroll to a 3-1 win against Denison-Schleswig in the semifinals.

Major had two hits for the Tigers, who had seven in the game. Patrick, Kyle Semprini, Landon, Jesse Ayers and Michael Dirkx also had hits.

Denison-Schleswig's only run came in the third inning on a solo homerun by Daven Lambert.

The Monarchs loaded the bases in the sixth inning.

Landon got the win for Carroll, giving up one run on four hits with two walks and four strikeouts.

# Estherville Lincoln Central 14, Kuemper Catholic 4

Kuemper Catholic committed six errors and fell to Estherville Lincoln-Central in the opening round of the Carroll invitational Saturday, 14-4. Ben Wittrock took the loss for the Knights in four innings of work, giving up six runs (2 earned) on four hits with four walks and one strikeout.

Austin Schoeppner, Joe Stipe and Ryan Steinkamp were each 2 for 3 for the Knights. Steinkamp, who had a double and a triple, drove in two runs. Austin Wittrock had a RBI.

# Kuemper Catholic 11, CBTJ 3

Ryan Steinkamp went 3 for 4 with a triple, double and three RBIs as Kuemper Catholic rolled to a 11-3 win over Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson in the consolation bracket Saturday night.

The Knights jumped out early with six runs in the first inning. They added three in the second and two more in the sixth.

Stephen Badding was 2 for 3 with a triple and a RBI. Cory Henkenius was 2 for 3 with a triple and two RBIs. Nate Muhlbauer went 2 for 3 with a RBI.

Joe Stipe got the complete game win, giving up three runs (1 earned) on three hits with two walks and 10 strikeouts.

# CBAL 14,

Kuemper Catholic 9
Kuemper fell to
Council Bluffs Abe

Lincoln, 14-9, Sunday afternoon.

Ryan Steinkamp took the loss in 3.1 innings of work, giving up eight earned runs on seven hits with three walks.

Austin Wittrock was 4 for 4 at the plate with a triple and three RBIs for the Knights. Pete Nelson, Steinkamp and Stephen Badding each had two hits.

Steinkamp, Wittrok and Badding all had doubles. Badding drove in four runs. Henkenius and Ryan Bruner also had RBIs.

Following are the results:

Denison-Schleswig 15, Storm Lake 4

Carroll 11, CB Abe

Lincoln 7 Estherville Lincoln

Central 14, Kuemper Catholic 4

Algona 3, CB Thomas Jefferson 2

CBAL 10, Storm Lake 5 Kuemper Catholic 11,

CBTJ 3

Carroll 3, Denison-Schleswig 1

ELC 16, Algona 6

CBAL 14, Kuemper Catholic 9

# Third Place

Algona 7, Denison-Schleswig 3

# Championship

ELC 14, Carroll 13