

## Tigers clip Defenders

## Southern Columbia 2 Warrior Run 0

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TURBOTVILLE—Just when Garth Watson thought his team was rounding the corner in a good sense, they actually rounded a corner in the bad sense and made the head coach just throw up his hands.

The Warrior Run head coach watched his team strand eight runners on base—six of them in scoring position—and make one fatal base running error in a 2-0 Heartland Athletic Conference Division II girls softball loss to undefeated Southern Columbia Thursday.

"Against Southern Columbia you don't get a lot of chances," said Watson. "You have to take advantage of the opportunities and we didn't do that today.

"We just scattered hits. We didn't string anything together."

Southern (4-0) got on the board in the third inning when Erin Yoder walked with one out and then scored on Jayden Dunkleberger's RBI single to make it 1-0. The Warrior Run defense got out of the inning when it turned one of its two double plays of the day.

"Defensively we were strong today," said Watson. "Noelle (Bergerstock) made some great plays in center field with the wind blowing the way it was."

Southern added another run in the top of the fourth when Taylor Hoffman crushed a ball over the fence for a solo shot. The wind was a factor all day blowing in and swirling, but it had no effect on Hoffman's bomb.

"Taylor got a hold of that one," said Southern head coach Al Cihocki. "With the wind blowing the way it was, I was sure nobody was going to hit a home run today.

"But Taylor put a charge into that one and it was no doubt after it left her bat."

Warrior Run (2-3) looked to get back into the game in the bottom of the fifth after a single and an error put runners on a first and second. Laura Bastian put down a bunt down the first base line and was tagged out by Hoffman who wheeled and threw to third to try to get the lead runner which she did when that runner failed to slide.

"We had a miscue at third when the girl didn't slide and that was the second out," said Watson. "The next play was a deep fly ball that would have been a easy run.

"This team has to learn that it has to capitalize on those situations and take the easy runs when they are there."

Warrior Run had one more chance in the bottom of the seventh as Bastian stepped up as the winding run and two outs and runners one second and third, but flied out to right to end the game.

"We bounced back from (Wednesday's) loss against Mifflinburg," said Watson. "We played better, but we still need to work on things."

Warrior Run pitcher Jackie Vognetz, who pitched the day before against Mifflinburg, showed she can bounce back from a tough outing. The sophomore struck out five and walked just one in the circle against the Tigers and allowed just five hits.

"Jackie showed something today," said Watson. "She came out and pitched a great game and really bounced back."

Warrior Run hosts Montoursville Tuesday.

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Abby Herr and Blair Johnson. Jackie Vognetz and Lynn Vermilya.

W—Herr. L—Vognetz.

Leading hitters for Southern: Taylor Hoffman, 2-for-3, home run (fourth, solo); Jayden Dunkleberger, RBI single.

Leading hitters for Warrior Run: Maddie Beyer, single; Vognetz, single; Vermilya, single.