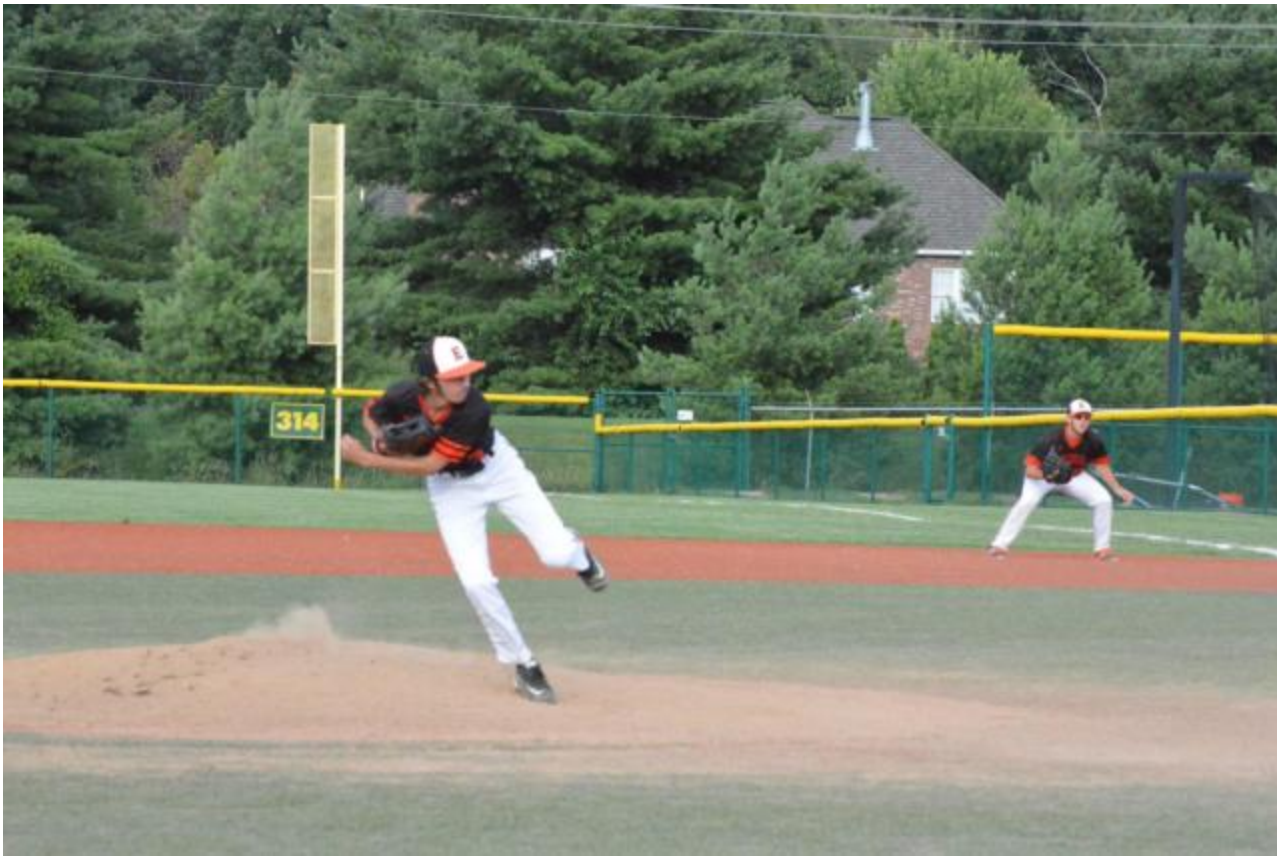


Tiger summer team splits Friday tournament games, pitcher Clayton shines in nightcap

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EDWARDSVILLE – Edwardsville's summer baseball team got a run in the top of the first, then added to it with two in the fifth and three in the seventh to score a 6-1 win over the Missouri Outlaws in a group-play win Friday evening in the Mid-American Super 16 tournament at EHS' junior varsity field.

Earlier in the day, the Tigers dropped an 8-0 decision to the Southern Illinois Prospects; EHS will take on the St. Louis Prospects at 10 a.m. today and Southside Prospects at 3 p. m. today to complete group play; the final is set for Sunday. The split put EHS at 2-5 on the summer.

“It was fun watching (Lucas Clayton) dictate the game the way he did,” said Tiger coach Craig Ohlau. “He did what he wanted to do and got a lot of ground-ball outs.

“Our guys had good at-bats; we hit a lot of balls hard.”

Clayton got his second start of the summer and retired the first nine Outlaws he faced, giving up just a run on six hits while striking out five in going the distance. The first Tiger run came in the top of the first when Jonathan Yancik led off with a single and went to third on a Joe Toscano double before scoring on a wild pitch for a 1-0 EHS lead.

Things remained that way until the Edwardsville half of the fifth, when Ben Basarich singled to open the inning and went to second when Zac Crutchfield drew a two-out walk; both came home when Caleb Blakemore tripled to right-center for two RBIs and a 3-0 Tiger lead. In the seventh, Edwardsville's Aaron Young reached base when he was hit by a pitch with one out, going to second when Basarich drew a walk; both Young and Basarich executed a double steal to get runners on second and third, then came home on a Tyler Holt double. Dalton Wallace then doubled behind Holt to bring in Holt and extend the lead to 6-1.

Clayton then got a double play in the seventh after giving up a leadoff single and struck out the last batter he faced to end the game.

For the game, Yancik was 1-for-3 with a run scored, Toscano 1-for-3, Young a run scored, Basarich 1-for-1 with two walks and two runs scored, Holt 1-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, Wallace 1-for-3 with a RBI, Crutchfield 1-for-3 with a double and run scored and Blakemore 1-for-2 with a triple and two RBIs.

