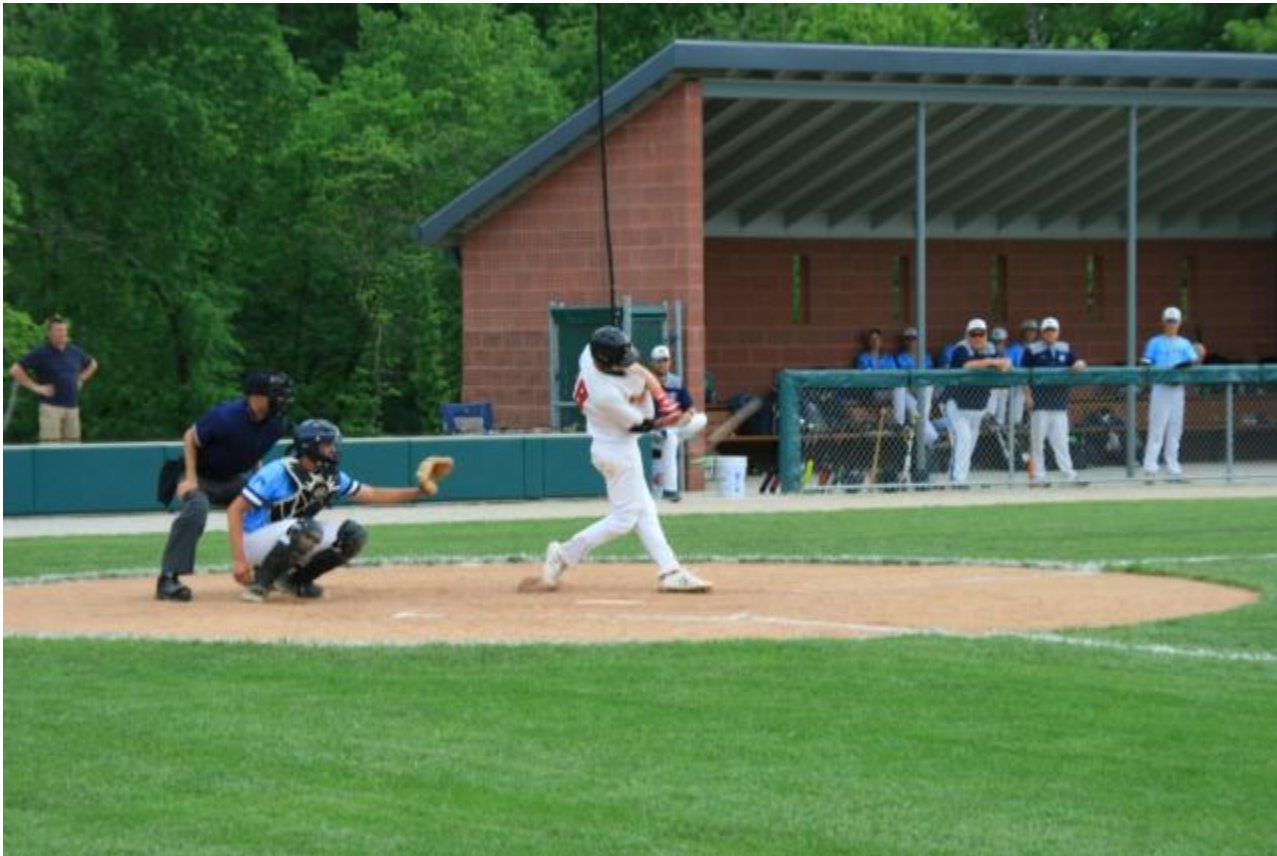


# Redbirds fall to Belleville 8-1 in SWC baseball finale

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**BELLEVILLE EAST 8, ALTON 1:** Five runs in the seventh and pitching that held Alton to one hit helped Belleville East to an 8-1 win over Alton in the Redbirds' Southwestern Conference season finale at Redbird Field Thursday. Alton fell to 16-18 on the year, 7-7 in the SWC, while the Lancers went to 19-13 overall, 10-4 in the league.

Riley Phillips had the only hit of the day for Alton, with Jackson Brooks scoring a run and Wesley Laaker an RBI. Laaker took the loss, striking out 5. Next up for the Redbirds is Edwardsville in an IHSA Class 4A Edwardsville Regional semifinal at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Tom Pile Field.



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