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## Indians unable to recover from extra inning loss in game one

### Bowdon explodes for 17 runs in game two after edging Towns in opener

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**Bowdon** – Towns County's season came to an abrupt end at the hands of the Bowdon Red Devils in the first round of the Class A Public State Tournament last week.

The Indians were swept (4-3 and 17-1) in a Friday doubleheader despite giving the home team all they could handle - and then some - in game one before surrendering two runs in the bottom of the eighth to fall 5-4 in heartbreaking fashion.

Towns County and Bowdon went into extra innings tied at 3-3 after the Indians evened the score with a run in the top half of the seventh and senior Will DeVries capped off a 7 inning complete game by escaping trouble in the bottom of the inning.

With the bags full and one down, Towns County could only muster one run - a DeVries sacrifice fly - to pull ahead 4-3 entering the bottom half of the eighth.

In the seventh and eighth innings, the breaks appeared to bounce in favor of Bowdon as the Indians could have blown things open in both innings, but bad luck limited the visitors and kept the Red Devils in the game.

A Brody Graper infield single, a Kobe Denton walk, and Zach Davenport's fourth hit of the game loaded the bases in the eighth with DeVries coming to the plate.

Already with three hits and an RBI on the day, DeVries placed the 1-2 pitch into deep centerfield where Bowdon's Colton Pitcock made a leaping catch on the warning track to deny a would-be two or three run, extra base hit.

Brett Denton was able to tag and score on the play to give Towns the lead.

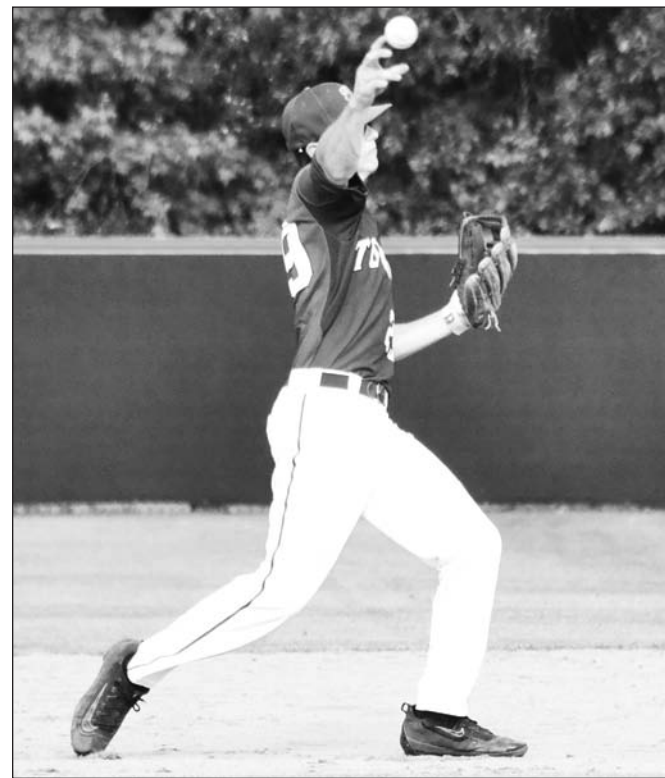
With two down and two aboard, the Red Devils refused to pitch to Jackson Taylor for the third consecutive at bat - issuing the Cleveland State commit an intentional walk-hat trick and loading the bases for Adam Barrett.

However, the move paid off as Barrett smacked a hard grounder directly at the third baseman, who tossed to second for the force out.

Entering the bottom of the eighth, DeVries was maxed out with 113 pitches and Davenport took over on the hill,



Will DeVries went 7 innings in game one. Photo/Todd Forrest



Second baseman Brody Graper throws to first. Photo/Todd Forrest



The Indians dugout during the late innings of game one at Bowdon. Photo/Todd Forrest

where he experienced some issues with footing due to a hole that was continually forced his left foot to slip upon delivery.

By the time the situation was remedied, the Indians were faced with two runners in scoring position - including the winning run on second - and nobody out.

The ensuing hitter tied the score after reaching on an infield single in the hole that Graper was able to knock down and keep in the infield - preventing the winning run from scoring.

A hit-by-pitch would load the bases for Pitcock, and with a 0-1 count on the Bowdon centerfielder, he laid down a well-placed bunt to bring home

the winning run on a walk-off suicide squeeze play.

Earlier in the game, Towns suffered from more bad luck that prevented them from potentially taking a 4-3 advantage - allowing DeVries the opportunity to end the game in the bottom of the seventh - instead of going to extras tied at 3-3.

Trailing by one in their last at bat, the Indians sent the top of the order to the plate in the seventh, and with one out, Davenport and DeVries reached on back-to-back base hits.

Once again, the Red Devils chose to walk Taylor to load the bases instead of pitch the team's homerun leader.

Just like the eighth, Bar-

rett hit one on the screws but right at Pitcock in center. The sacrifice fly brought Davenport home to knot the game at 3-3.

Andrew Griffin was due up next in the Towns County batting order, and with DeVries still on second, Griffin hit a bouncer into left field for a base hit, unfortunately, DeVries was running on the play and had to slam on the breaks to avoid getting hit by a batted ball. As a result, he lost his balance and slipped, forcing him to be held at third instead of scoring the go-ahead run.

The inning would come to an end with DeVries stranded 90-feet away following a bang-bang play at first when a slow infield roller off the bat of Major

Moss resulted in an incredible play by the hard-charging Bowdon third baseman to throw out the speedy senior by a razor-thin margin.

The Red Devils came to the plate in the bottom of the seventh and proceeded to make some noise before DeVries silenced the home crowd and sent the game into extra innings.

After getting the first batter via fly out to Moss in center, DeVries walked, then plunked the next two hitters to put the winning run on second. Just a base hit away from taking game one, DeVries blew a 2-2 fast ball by senior Jake Gilley then induced a fly out off the bat of junior Leighton Ivey.

Game one got underway

with two scoreless innings before Bowdon strung together four straight hits in the third to take a 2-0 lead, but it would be short-lived, as Davenport lined a solo shot over the left field fence to open the fourth.

Towns would follow Davenport's homer with a double and two walks to load the bases but the threat came to an end when Graper flied out to the warning track in center.

DeVries made quick work of the Red Devils in their half of the fourth with a strike-out and two groundouts, allowing the Indians' offense to get back to work in the fifth.

A Trent Bradshaw base hit, a Kobe Denton sacrifice and a Davenport single allowed DeVries to tie the game with his first-of-two sac flies of the day.

Taylor put runners on the corners with a single to right and Barrett loaded the bases with a walk but the Indians were unable to capitalize with runners in scoring position - in what would become an annoying trend in game one.

Bowdon quickly regained the lead with a leadoff double, followed by an RBI single. A sac bunt and a hit batter put two on with one out but DeVries worked his magic yet again, pitching out of a jam to keep Towns within a run.

DeVries finished with 7 strikeouts in 7 innings while walking two and allowing 6 hits and 3 earned runs.

At the plate, he went 3-for-5 with 2 RBIs and a double. Meanwhile, Davenport finished 4-for-5 with 2 runs and a solo homer.

Davenport and DeVries combined for 7 hits and 3 RBIs from the No. 2-and-3 spots in the batting order.

Taylor was 1-for-2 with 3 walks while Barrett walked and drove in a run.

Towns County out-hit Bowdon 11-8 in game one and neither team committed an error.

In game two, Davenport got the start and lasted one inning, allowing 3 runs - one earned - one hit and two walks.

The Red Devils would go up 8-0 before the Indians got on the board in the third off an RBI double by Taylor - scoring Kobe Denton.

Bowdon exploded for nine in the fifth to end the game after five innings.

Barrett, Seth Fullerton and Devin Burrell pitched for the Indians in game two.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
TWNS	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	11	0
BWDN	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	2	5	8	0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
BWDN	3	3	2	0	9	X	X	17	11	0
TWNS	0	0	1	0	0	X	X	1	2	2

Towns County more stats

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Kobe Denton	3	0	0	0	1	2
Zach Davenport	5	2	4	1	0	1
Will DeVries	5	0	3	2	0	0
Jackson Taylor	2	0	1	0	3	0
Brett Denton	0	1	0	0	0	0
Seth Fullerton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Barrett	4	0	0	1	1	1
Andrew Griffin	2	0	1	0	2	1
Major Moss	3	0	0	0	0	1
Brody Graper	4	0	1	0	0	1
Trent Bradshaw	3	1	1	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>

Batting  
**2B:** Will DeVries  
**HR:** Zach Davenport  
**TB:** Andrew Griffin, Trent Bradshaw, Jackson Taylor, Brody Graper, Will DeVries 4, Zach Davenport 7  
**RBI:** Will DeVries 2, Zach Davenport, Adam Barrett  
**SAC:** Trent Bradshaw, Kobe Denton  
**FC:** Adam Barrett  
**HBP:** Major Moss  
**SB:** Brett Denton  
**CS:** Will DeVries  
**PIK:** Will DeVries

Totals  
**Team QAB:** 21 (51.22%)  
 Andrew Griffin 2, Trent Bradshaw 2, Jackson Taylor 4, Brody Graper, Will DeVries 3, Zach Davenport 3, Adam Barrett 2, Kobe Denton 4

Bowdon more stats

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Parmer	2	1	2	2	2	0
Braswell	2	0	1	0	0	1
Gilley	3	0	1	1	0	1
Ivey	4	0	0	0	0	0
Brown	4	1	1	0	0	1
Estes	3	0	0	0	1	1
#2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Langley	3	0	1	1	0	0
Bowen	1	0	0	0	0	0
Stephens	2	0	0	0	0	2
Word	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pitcock	3	2	2	1	0	0
Geter	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ingle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibbs	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>

Batting  
**2B:** Parmer, Brown, Pitcock  
**TB:** Parmer 3, Braswell, Gilley, Brown 2, Langley, Pitcock 3  
**RBI:** Parmer 2, Gilley, Langley, Pitcock  
**SAC:** Braswell, Pitcock  
**HBP:** Braswell, Gilley, Word  
**SB:** Parmer, Pitcock

Bowdon more stats

Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Pitcock	3	2	0	2	0	1
Parmer	3	2	1	1	1	0
Gilley	3	1	1	1	0	1
Brown	4	2	1	3	1	1
Estes	2	1	0	1	2	0
Langley	2	1	1	0	1	0
#19	1	1	1	2	0	0
Braswell	1	1	0	0	1	0
#16	1	0	1	0	0	0
Casey	0	1	0	0	0	0
Ivey	1	1	1	0	1	0
#2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bowen	2	0	1	0	0	0
Horton	3	2	3	3	0	0
#15	0	1	0	0	0	0
Word	-	-	-	-	-	-
#12	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>

Batting  
**W:** Horton  
**HBP:** Horton  
**Pitches-Strikes:** Horton 84-46, #12 18-11  
**Groundouts-Flyouts:** Horton 1-1, #12 0-0  
**First pitch strikes-Batters faced:** Horton 5-18, #12 3-4

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Lineup	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	K
Kobe Denton	2	1	0	0	1	2
Zach Davenport	2	0	0	0	1	1
Will DeVries	1	0	0	0	1	1
Jackson Taylor	2	0	1	1	1	1
Brett Denton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Barrett	1	0	0	0	1	0
Andrew Griffin	2	0	0	0	0	2
Major Moss	2	0	1	0	0	1
Brody Graper	2	0	0	0	0	2
Trent Bradshaw	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seth Fullerton	1	0	0	0	0	1
Burrell Deven	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>

Batting  
**2B:** Jackson Taylor  
**TB:** Jackson Taylor 2, Major Moss  
**RBI:** Jackson Taylor  
**HBP:** Will DeVries  
**SB:** Will DeVries, Zach Davenport 2, Major Moss  
**CS:** Will DeVries

Totals  
**Team QAB:** 9 (40.91%)  
 Jackson Taylor 2, Brody Graper, Will DeVries 2, Zach Davenport 2, Adam Barrett, Kobe Denton

Towns County more stats

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Will DeVries	7.0	113	.637	6	3	3	7	2	0
Zach Davenport	0.0	16	.500	2	2	2	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>.620</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>

Pitching  
**W:** Zach Davenport  
**HBP:** Will DeVries 2, Zach Davenport  
**Pitches-Strikes:** Will DeVries 113-72, Zach Davenport 16-8  
**Groundouts-Flyouts:** Will DeVries 8-6, Zach Davenport 1-0  
**First pitch strikes-Batters faced:** Will DeVries 20-31, Zach Davenport 3-5

Bowdon more stats

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Geter	4.2	93	.602	6	2	2	5	4	1
Ingle	2.1	41	.683	3	1	1	4	1	0
Gibbs	1.0	20	.550	2	1	1	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>.617</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>

Pitching  
**W:** Gibbs  
**HBP:** Geter  
**Pitches-Strikes:** Geter 93-56, Ingle 41-28, Gibbs 20-11  
**Groundouts-Flyouts:** Geter 3-4, Ingle 2-1, Gibbs 1-1  
**First pitch strikes-Batters faced:** Geter 17-23, Ingle 7-11, Gibbs 4-7

Bowdon more stats

Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Horton	4.0	84	.548	2	1	1	9	4	0
#12	1.0	18	.611	0	0	0	3	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>.569</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>

Pitching  
**W:** Horton  
**HBP:** Horton  
**Pitches-Strikes:** Horton 84-46, #12 18-11  
**Groundouts-Flyouts:** Horton 1-1, #12 0-0  
**First pitch strikes-Batters faced:** Horton 5-18, #12 3-4

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Pitching	IP	#P	S%	H	R	ER	K	BB	HR
Zach Davenport	1.0	31	.419	1	3	1	1	2	0
Adam Barrett	2.0	55	.509	5	5	2	2	2	0
Seth Fullerton	1.1	58	.379	4	9	9	0	3	0
Burrell Deven	0.2	10	.500	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>.442</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

Pitching  
**L:** Zach Davenport  
**HBP:** Seth Fullerton 6  
**Pitches-Strikes:** Seth Fullerton 58-22, Zach Davenport 31-13, Adam Barrett 55-28,