

Outlaws continue to dominate the diamond

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The Outlaws posted three wins this past week to push their league record to 10-1. Sisters defeated the Sutherlin Bulldogs 8-3 at home on Tuesday, April 25, and three days later beat Elmira at home in both frames of a double-header.

On Tuesday against Sutherlin, the Outlaws got eight runs off six hits and five errors. The Bulldogs scored three runs off two hits and one error.

Sisters held a 5-3 lead as teams headed into the sixth inning. Sutherlin scored a run in the top the sixth, but the Outlaws answered with three runs and went up by five.

In the bottom of the sixth, Hayden Parsons was hit by a pitch and took first base, and Alec Gannon followed with a bunt single. Zach Morgan drove a shot that bounced over the fence for a ground-rule double, which brought Parsons home and got Gannon to third base. Gannon scored on a passed ball and Ryan Cook hit a sac-fly that scored Morgan and pushed the Outlaws to a comfortable 8-3 advantage. Neither team scored in the seventh, and the Outlaws tallied the win.

Sisters got big hits throughout the game from several players. Jett Mingus had two doubles and an RBI, and Morgan hit a key double in the sixth that scored a run. Jake

Larson had a nice RBI single, and Gannon went two-for-four.

Cook pitched the first five innings, Gannon pitched the sixth, and Mingus closed out the seventh.

Hodges said, "It rained the first four innings of the game, and it was very wet and cold. "It definitely was a contributing factor in the errors we committed. We're typically not that type of team."

At home on Friday, the Outlaws posted an 8-4, 4-3 win in the double-header against Elmira.

In the first game, Sisters got eight runs off nine hits and zero errors, and Elmira recorded four runs off eight hits and four errors.

The Outlaws pounded the ball in the first inning, and racked up five runs to take a quick 5-0 lead. Gannon hit a double down the right-field line, and Morgan followed with a two-run homer over the left-field fence. After two batters reached first via walks, Ryan Funk hit a two-RBI double, and Sisters went up 4-0. Larson hit an RBI single to wrap up the first-inning scoring.

In the sixth, the Outlaws added three more runs. Big hits in the inning came from Christopher Luz who hit a single to right field, and Cook who singled down the left-field line. Sisters held the Falcons scoreless in the sixth and seventh innings and recorded the win.

Elmira scored a run in the

third, and added three in the fifth.

Morgan pitched four complete innings and was relieved in the fifth. Zach's fastball was too much for the batters, and he tallied five strikeouts. Jett Mingus took the mound in the fifth and closed out the game to record the save. Mingus' slider and curve ball worked well for him and he recorded five strikeouts.

It was a much closer second game, and fans were on the edge of their seats in the seventh inning.

Sisters scored four runs off seven hits and one error, and the Falcons scored three runs off six hits and one error. Elmira scored a run in the top of the first, but Sisters answered with two runs to go up 2-1, thanks to RBI singles from Morgan and Cook.

In the third, Luz got on base with a double down the right-field line. Gannon brought Luz home on a base hit to right field, and Morgan scored on an error for Sisters' fourth and final run of the game.

In the top of the seventh, the Outlaws got themselves in a bind. With two outs, the Falcons loaded the bases, and scored a run on a base hit. Mingus came in and relieved Austin Morss on the mound, but walked home the next

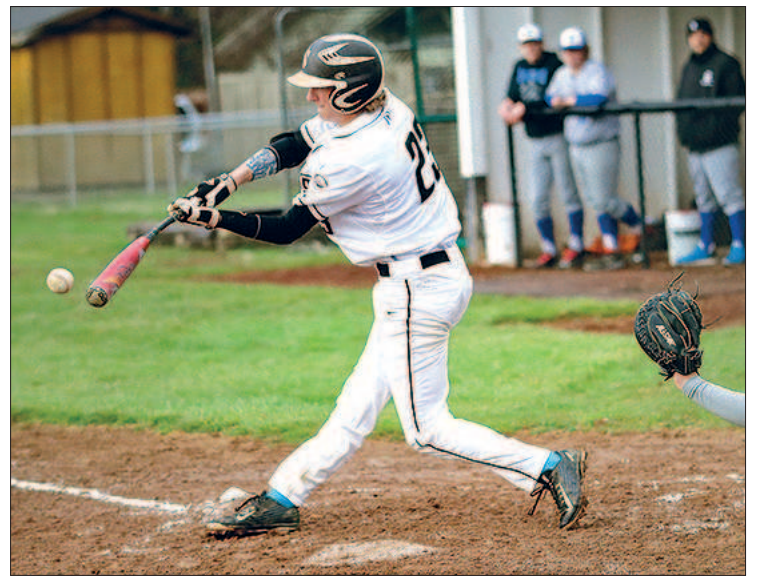


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Alex Gannon drives one for the Outlaws in a victory over Sutherlin.

batter to make it a 4-3 contest. The Falcons' next batter hit a fly ball to right field and Turner Stutzman made the catch for the win.

Hodges said, "When you're ahead by three with two outs, the odds are pretty low the other team will score. But I've got to give them credit. They didn't give up and utilized every at-bat. Fortunately, we responded as well. Jett threw a nice pitch on their best power hitter and Stutzman made a great catch.

"We performed well under pressure, and were able to save the game today. We shut the door when it needed to be

shut. There was no margin for error."

Sisters was to play at home against Cottage Grove on Tuesday, May 2. The Outlaws have a bye on Friday, but picked up a non-league game at Dayton on Saturday, May 6.

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