

### **THS Softball Settles For Second at NCMC Nan Carter Tournament**

#### **Sports**

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The Trenton Lady Bulldog varsity softball team went 2-1 on Saturday, defeating Polo and Marceline but falling to Brookfield in the title game of the 2013 North Central Missouri College Nan Carter Classic in Cameron.



The tournament was moved from its traditional home at the Ebbe Sports Complex in Trenton to Cameron for 2013, due to construction at Mark Griffin Memorial Field in Trenton this fall.

Trenton opened play on Saturday against the Polo Lady Panthers, who handcuffed the heavily-favored Lady Bulldogs through six innings, with THS only picking up three hits.

The Lady Panthers snared a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth inning, leaving Trenton staring at the possibility of a stunning upset, down to its final three outs.

However, the Lady Bulldogs rallied in the 7th, with Whitley Richman driving home Ally Ockenfels on a fielders choice grounder to cut the lead to 2-1, a Lexie Tolson grounder to third tying the game at 2-2 with a Polo error leaving the bases loaded, and a single up the middle by Tosha Wilson giving the Lady Bulldogs a 3-2 lead. Madi Trump hit the crushing blow, a two-run RBI triple, for a 5-2 lead.

Daryian Otto went the first 5 1/3 innings for Trenton, allowing only two hits and one earned run before being relieved by Mallory Hooyman, who allowed two hits in 1 2/3 innings of work, and earning the win.

In the semifinals against Marceline, Trenton looked much sharper from the get-go, with a Tosha Wilson double in the second inning driving in Cassidy Cotton and Whitley Richman. In the bottom of the sixth, still up 2-0, Trenton added three insurance runs, with Wilson scoring via a Marceline error, and Madi Trump and McKinley Hurley driven home by a single off the bat of Makaila Capeder.

Hooyman dominated the Marceline bats in the game, throwing a two-hitter over six innings and striking out six Lady Tigers. Otto mopped up in the seventh inning.

Trenton had high hopes of avenging an earlier loss to the Brookfield Lady 'Dogs in the Nan Carter Tournament's championship game, and THS started fiercely in the first, with Megan Lynch striking a two-run single that scored Trump and Hurley.

Single runs by Brookfield in the second and third innings tied the game at 2. BHS broke open the game in the middle innings, scoring four runs in each frame to extend the advantage to 10-2. Trenton found home plate twice in the late innings, falling 10-4. The Trenton defense committed four costly errors in the defeat.

Trenton Head Coach John Cowling said about the day, "Even though the day didn't end the way we wanted it to, I still felt like we played well today. We had to make a late comeback against Polo and then came out and played a great game against Marceline. I thought our defense was good enough against Brookfield, we just didn't make enough plays on defense to stay with them. These are games that will make us better in the postseason". Trenton's record, coming into the new week, sits at 9-2 (both losses to Brookfield).

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Other Saturday softball scores included results from the Jefferson Boy's Tournament, where the unbeaten run of the Winston Redbirds ended with a 7-6 Jefferson win. Winston, earlier in the day, beat Mercer 17-2. The Winston JV beat the Newtown-Harris JV 19-4. The Winston varsity's record is now 12-1.