

GREENER HAS 4 HITS, 3 RBI

PADUCAH, Ky. - Conference Player of the Year Matt Greener had four hits and three RBIs as Cumberland rolled past Freed-Hardeman 11-6 Monday in the first game of the 2010 McDonald's TranSouth Championships at historic Brooks Stadium.

The Bulldogs (47-8) won their 18th straight game and advance to second round play Tuesday at 3:30 p.m. against the loser of Bethel and Martin Methodist.

Cumberland took command early, scoring two runs in the second, third and fourth innings and never looked back.

Starter Adam Sprague (6-2) retired the side in order in four of the first five innings and allowed a run on three hits in the fourth. The senior lefty induced 13 groundball outs in six-plus innings of work.

The Lions (32-23) scored two runs in the sixth and another in the seventh and had runners on first and third with one out before Keith Kirby came on to get out of the jam and help Sprague pick up his sixth win of the season.

Sprague allowed three runs on seven hits in 6.1 innings, walking two and striking out five. Kirby gave up a solo homer to Noslen Labrada in the eighth but retired the other five batters he faced.

Leftfielder Max Kautz hit a two-run homer in the second inning that got the Bulldogs on the board and added a two-run single in the sixth. Third baseman Greg Appleton collected three hits in the contest with a solo homer to leadoff the sixth.

Greener singled in the first, third and fourth, walked in the sixth and doubled home two runs in the seventh, raising his batting average to .510 for the season with 86 RBIs, just six shy of the school season-season record.

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FHU starter Derek Williford (2-2) took the loss, giving up six earned runs on 12 hits in six innings with four walks and seven strikeouts.

The Lion defense did not help the lefthander, making four errors in the contest.