

AREA TOURNEY AT BAIRD PARK

The Lebanon Kiwanis 11-12 all-stars wasted little time in Monday night's 19-1 win over visting Sparta in the the first round of the area Little League tournament at Baird Park. Lebanon jumped out to a 6-0 lead after one and kept the gas pedal floored -- pounding out 22 hits.

Daniel Dillard ripped a pair of booming homers -- including a first inning bomb into the leftfield parking lot for two of his four hits on the night. Adam Cassetty went 3-for-5 with two doubles and a triple while Ray Coggins was a perfect 3-for-3. Zane Potter, Hayden White and Matthew Dillon each finished with a pair of hits in the lopsided affair.

Four pitchers took to the mound for Lebanon. Cassetty started and was followed to the hill by Alex Comer, Matthew Dillard and Daniel Dillard. The four allowed two hits and struck out 12 in the five inning contest. Lebanon advanced to a second round game late Tuesday against Smith County.

Kiwanis 10s post win -- The Kiwanis 10s opened area tournament play Monday night with a 13-9 victory over Sparta at Baird Park. Preston Parks drilled a triple and scored a run while Gordon Carroll singled and scored a run. Pool play continues Thursday night at Baird Park with teams vying for a berth in next week's district tournament.

Minor teams falter -- The Kiwanis minor league entries suffered first round losses in their respective area tournament openers Monday night.

The Kiwanis Blue team fell behind 7-1 early, fought back, but dropped an 11-8 decision to Smith County's all-stars in Smithville. The Kiwanis Red team lost 12-1 to Sparta Monday night in Carthage.

Pool play continues through Thursday night for both squads with a trip to the Little League district tournament next week in Carthage awaiting the survivors.

DIXIE MINORS ADVANCE -- Lebanon's Rotary Dixie Minor All-Stars dropped a 10-0 decision to powerful Goodlettsville Monday night in the finals of the sub-district tournament Monday night at Lakewood.

Lebanon eliminated White House Sunday 16-2 in the finals of the losers' barcket to earn a crack at Goodlettsville in the finals. The Lebanon squad advances to the district rournament Friday night in Robertson County at the Coopertown School. Lebanon was voted the tournament sportsmanship award.

The Dixie Majors (11-12) all-stars dropped a 10-8 decision to Portland Monday night in the sub-district losers' bracket and were eliminated. Lebanon led 5-0, but Portland rallied to reach the finals against Greenbrier -- only to lose 1-0.