

Cody Ferrell leads CU rally over Campbellsville

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LEBANON -- Cody Ferrell's two-run walkoff single capped a seven-run ninth, as Cumberland posted its first come-from-behind win of the season in a 9-8 victory over Campbellsville University Tuesday at Ernest L. Stockton Field.

Ferrell finished with a pair of doubles in addition to the game-winning hit.

"We were really down mentally," said CU head coach Woody Hunt. "We kept getting guys on base and kept hoping for the next guy to get up there. Oh what a day Cody Ferrell had. He's really made an impact on our team over the last week."

The Bulldogs (18-12) trailed the entire game after a home run in the first inning by Gibby Briones and a pair of RBI singles in the third from Chance Kopacz and Rylan Chin for the Tigers (21-5).

Campbellsville added four more runs in the top of the ninth, including a three-run homer from Kopacz, to take an 8-2 advantage.

That seemed more than enough for Tigers starter Phillip Gerber, who scattered seven hits and allowed two runs through eight innings. The side-winding righthander got 16 ground ball outs through the first eight innings, but first baseman Brandon Johnson booted a high-hopper off the bat of Nick Sydnor to start the ninth, opening the door for CU.

Tyler Alford singled with one out before perhaps the biggest play of the game, a slow chopper from Richie Seaton that Johnson couldn't decide what to do with. He started to run to the bag, then hesitated, then flipped to Gerber, but Seaton beat the play at first and a run scored on the play.

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Cory Urquhart then singled to right, loading the bases, before a strikeout put the Tigers within one out of the victory. Sam Lind singled home two runs and Mike Mandarino singled through the leftside, past the dives of the shortstop and third baseman, plating another run.

That prompted a pitching change, but Josh McGee greeted reliever Tyler Roberts with a ringing two-run single to center. Sydnor walked, loading the bases again, and Campbellsville brought on Rusty Devitt.

The righthander fell behind 2-0 and 3-1 to Ferrell before the senior from Lebanon High laced a single into right. Mandarino scored easily and pinch-runner Ryan Critchelow beat the relay from Kopacz with a head first slide, giving the Bulldogs the 9-8 triumph.

Logan Neal (2-0) pitched well for three innings before running into trouble in the ninth. He got the win, though, giving up four runs on three hits in four innings of work. Ferrell also started the game for CU on the mound, working five innings and allowing four runs on eight hits with four strikeouts in five innings.

Roberts (1-2) took the loss, giving up one run on one hit. He and Devitt did not retire any of the three batters they faced.

Cumberland hosts Georgetown College on Wednesday at 2 p.m. and takes on Bethel University this weekend at home in a three-game series starting Friday.

Live radio coverage of the Georgetown game can be heard on WCOR AM-1490 beginning with the pregame show at 1:40 p.m.