

NASHVILLE -- Cumberland's baseball team will play Trevecca Nazarene today at 2 p.m. in the rubber game of a three-game TranSouth Conference series at Jackson Field.

Ben Foster's RBI single in the seventh inning provided the winning run and Cody Ferrell worked out of a jam in the bottom of the inning in Friday's second game of a doubleheader as Cumberland split a twin bill vs. the Trojans.

Cumberland (27-23) lost the opener 11-4 before rebounding with a 5-4 win in the second contest. Cory Urquhart, Sam Lind and Mike Mandarino each homered in the first inning for a 4-0 lead in the second contest, but the Trojans tied the game in the sixth on an RBI single from Matt Dobbins.

Mandarino singled in the seventh and Heath Holliday reached on an error with two outs, setting up Foster's third hit of the game, a single to leftcenter, plating pinch-runner Ryan Critchelow.

Matt Tidwell and Caleb Knox both singled in the bottom of the inning for TNU (18-19, 10-8-1), but Blake Rogers struck out to end the contest.

Devin Stovall worked 5.2 innings in the first for CU, giving up four runs, two earned, on six hits with four walks and four strikeouts. Ferrell (3-3) tossed the final 1.1 innings for the win, allowing two hits with two strikeouts.

TNU starter Josh Parker did not record an out, hitting Antonio Butler to leadoff the game before the back-to-back-to-back homers from Urquhart, Lind and Mandarino. Justin Dailey pitched three shutout frames before giving way to Ryne Rayburn (2-3), who eventually took the loss, surrendering one unearned run on four hits in four innings.

Dakota Angell (3-0) allowed just four hits with three walks and four strikeouts to get the victory in the first game for the Trojans. He faced the minimum through four innings and retired the side in order five times.

Keith Kirby (4-4) took the loss in the shortest outing of his career as a starter, allowing six runs on five hits in two innings of work.

In the opener Nick Howell reached on a throwing error by third baseman Daniel Harrison to leadoff the first and went to second on a wild pitch. He scored on a two-out single to center by Fennell for an early lead.

The Trojans added five more runs in the second when Rogers was hit to leadoff and Corey Crunk reached on an error by Lind. Michael Maxwell doubled home a run and two batters later Howell belted a three-run homer down the rightfield line. Mark Rayburn and Tidwell then had back-to-back doubles, giving TNU a 6-0 edge after two innings.

In the fourth Dobbins doubled with one out and Howell singled before a two-out RBI single to rightcenter from Tidwell made it 7-0.

The Bulldogs got on the board in the fifth when Harrison walked and Nick Sydnor singled. Richie Seaton then doubled home a run and Tyler Wheeler's sacrifice fly plated another.

But Trevecca came right back with four runs in the sixth, starting with consecutive singles from Maxwell and Dobbins. Howell doubled home a run and Rayburn walked before a bases-clearing double from Fennell gave the Trojans an 11-2 advantage.

In the seventh Ferrell and Harrison both walked and Seaton followed with an RBI single through the right side. Wheeler's second sac fly of the game drove in the final run for CU.

Cumberland started fast in the second game, with Antonio Butler hit by the pitch to start the contest before a two-run homer to left from Urquhart, his fourth of the year. Lind and Mandarino each followed with solo shots for a quick 4-0 edge for the Bulldogs.

In the TNU third Dobbins walked, stole second and went to third on a throwing error. Three straight singles with two outs from Tidwell, Fennell and Knox scored two runs, cutting the

Bulldog lead in half.

Howell walked to start the Trojans fifth, stole second, went to third on an error on the play and scored on Rayburn's sac fly to center, making it a 4-3 game.

TNU tied the game in the sixth when Rogers beat out an infield single with one out and Maxwell singled to center with two outs. A single to left by Dobbins knotted the game at four.