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Merians collects 6 RBIs in Forest victory

STAR-BANNER STAFF

OCALA - Gary Merians singled, doubled, hit a three-run homer and drove in six total runs to lead host Forest to a 12-5 win over Lake Weir on Tuesday.

Tres Ramirez went 3-for-4 with two RBI for Forest, while B.J. Robinson was 2-for-2 with four runs.

Denah Stromwell pitched 3.1 innings of relief to earn the victory for the Wildcats (5-2, 3-1), who host Gainesville at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Ryan Slyke had a double and single in three at bats to lead the Hurricanes, while Kyle Christensen added two hits and two runs.

VANGUARD 13, EASTSIDE 0, 5 INNINGS. At Gainesville, J.R. Rekully (4-0) combined with Chris Spore on the mound to pitch the shut out win for the Knights.

Rekully pitched four strikeouts and gave up one hit in three innings before Spore pitched two hitless innings in relief.

Eric Grabe led Vanguard hitters with two hits and four RBI. Matt Wright, Joe Jones and John Barrientos all added two hits and two RBI.

Vanguard (5-1) hosts Columbia today at 6 p.m.

WEST PORT 8, DUNNELLON 0. At Dunnellon, Derek Mahlman recieved credit for the win on the mound, pitching all seven innings with eight strikeouts and allowing only one hit in the Wolf Pack victory.

Jeff Hayes went 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Justin Darley hit a double to lead West Port.

West Port (2-6, 1-4) plays Thursday at Crystal River.

Softball

TRINITY CATHOLIC 6, UMATILLA 0. At Ocala, Sabina Fannon pitched a complete-

game shutout with seven strikeouts in the Celtics' win.

Margaux Babalian had a hit and two RBIs for Trinity. Bettina Looney added a hit and an RBI, and Lindsay Seaton added a hit and scored a run in the win.

Trinity Catholic (5-7) next plays at 6 p.m. Thursday at Wiregrass.

FOREST 11, LEESBURG 1. At Leesburg, Stephanie Cameron (1-0) pitched all six innings, throwing six strikeouts and allowing three hits in the Wildcats win.

Leading hitters for Forest were Kelli Todd, who went 4-for-4 with two RBI and Brooke Bennette, who had two triples, a double and drove in five runs. Brittany Wagner and Staci Cauthen both went 3-for-4 with two runs scored.

Forest (7-3, 5-1) plays at Lake Weir today at 7 p.m.

ST. JOHN 16, WEST PORT 0. At West Port, Kaitlyn Blanton received credit for win on the mound, pitching four strikeouts and allowing six hits in the Saints' shut out win.

Blanton also helped the St. John effort by hitting a double and three RBI. Lauren Lettelier added a solo home run and two RBI, while teammates Alexis Samuel, Jessica Oliver and Liz Mennicke all went 2-for-4.

St John (2-1) hosts Cedar Key today at 5 p.m.

VANGUARD 12, EASTSIDE 2. At Ocala, Meredith Foster was on the mound all six innings for the Knights, pitching 8 strikeouts in the win.

Foster also led at the plate, hitting 4-for-4 with three doubles and four RBI. Jessica Harrington was 4-for-4 and Jenna Davis went 3-for-3 with an RBI for Vanguard (6-3) which plays at Leesburg on Thursday.

BELLEVIEW 2, CITRUS 1. At Belleview, Montanna McKibbin had 10 strikeouts and allowed just three hits and one earned run to pick up the win.

The Rattlers rallied in the fifth inning from a 1-0 hole.

Belleview's Alicia Wiley hit an RBI double that scored her sister, Kayla Wiley, to tie the score at 1-1. Then Alicia Wiley scored the game-winning run on a hit by Stephanie Hill, her second hit of the game.

Belleview (7-3, 4-2) next plays on Friday at 7 p.m. at West Port.

Boys Tennis

BELLEVIEW 7, WEST PORT 0. At Belleview, Ben Wollett lead the way for the Rattlers

shut out win with his 8-5 victory over Juan Castillo in No. 1 singles action.

Belleview (4-3) takes on Forest at Coehadjoe Park, today at 4 p.m.

SINGLES: 1. Ben Wollett (B) def. Juan Castillo, 8-5; 2. Troy Barrett (B) def. Steven Kelsey, 8-1; 3. Marx Santos (B) def. Mark Gutierrez, 8-6; 4. Andy Karpovck (B) def. Daniel Nowery, 9-7; 5. Belleview wins by forfeit.

DOUBLES: 1. Wollett/Barrett (B) def. Castillo/Kelsey, 8-5; 2. Santos/Galat (B) def. Gutierrez/Nowery, 8-4.

Girls Tennis

CRYSTAL RIVER 7, NORTH MARION 0. At Crystal River, Kaycee Hutchins led the way with a win a No. 1 singles as Crystal River slammed the visiting Colts.

North Marion (1-5) plays at Lake Weir today at 4:30.

SINGLES: 1. Kaycee Hutchins (CR) def. Jessica Starr, 6-0, 6-0; 2. Sarah Wassen (CR) def. Dianna Lester, 6-0, 6-0; 3. Alicia Rhodes (CR) def. Bethany Touchton, 6-0, 6-0; 4. Tina Lin (CR) def. Anastasia Parker, 6-1, 6-1; 5. Alicia Deandrea (CR) def. Brandi Hall, 6-2, 6-0.

DOUBLES: 1. Hutchins/Rhodes (CR) der. Starr/Lester, 6-3, 6-0; 2. Wassen/LIn (CR) def. Touchton/Parker, 6-0, 6-0.

BELLEVIEW 4, WEST PORT 3. At West Port, After winning the top three singles matches early, Belleview was forced to outlast West Port in the final doubles game of the day to seal the deal as night fell.

West Port (5-3) plays at home Thursday against Citrus at 4 p.m. Belleview (3-2) plays again Thursday against St. John at the Country Club of Ocala.

SINGLES: 1. Karley Karstin (B) def. MacKenzie Hallahan, 8-2; 2. Crissie DeJulio (B) def. Crissy McTaggart, 8-4; 3. Kaylee Raney (B) def. Mary Hallahan, 8-1; 4. Melissa Sower (WP) def. Heather Saddler, 8-5; 5. Jessica Haviland (WP) def. Ashley Erwine, 8-3.

DOUBLES: 1. Makenzie Hallahan/Sower (WP) def. Karstin/Sadler, 8-6; 2. DeJulio/Raney (B) def. McTaggart/Mary Hallahan, 8-6.

Boys Track

FOREST 149, LAKE WEIR 69, DUNNELLON 44, ST. JOHN 1. At Candler, Hurricane Ryan Noecker shined in the long distance events, taking first place in both the 1600 meter and 3200 meter events, but it was the Wildcats' day.

Lake Weir will host Dunnellon, Dunnellon Christian and Trinity Catholic on Thursday.

Shotput - Jones (F) 36' 1/2"; **Triple Jump** - Jamal Thomas (L) 37' 3"; **Discus** - Pinnock (F) 102' 10"; **Long Jump** - Smith (D) 19' 3"; **4x8 rel** - Forest, 8:37; **110 hur** - Morrison (F) 17.75; **100m** - Emmanuel Johnson (L) 10.91; **1600m** - Ryan Noecker (L) 4:39; **4x100 rel** - Dunnellon, 44.69; **400m** - Caberia (D) 54.5; **300 m hur** - Kirk (F) 46.12; **800m** - Forest, 2:08; **200m** - Forest, 23.22; **3200m** - Noecker, 10:56; **4x400 rel** - Dunnellon; **High Jump** - Pearce (F).

Girls Track

FOREST 145, DUNNELON 47, ST. JOHN 24, LAKE WEIR 19. At Candler,

Wildcat girls dominated the meet, winning ten of sixteen individual events.

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Shotput - Olivia Watkins (L) 30 6; **Triple Jump** - Williams (F) 30; **Discus** - Johnson (F) 87' 5"; **Long Jump** - Trowers (D) 15'; **4x8 rel** - St. John, 11:39; **110 hur** - Grasty (F) 17.13; **100m** - Stewart (F) 12.71; **1600m** - Westol (S) 6:19; **4x100 rel** - Forest, 52.66; **400m** - McCray (F) 1:03; **300 hur** - Goring (F) 52.35; **800m** - Forest, 2:37; **200m** - Forest, 26.78; **3200m** - Gillman (F) 13.39; **4x400 rel** - Dunnellon, 4:58; **High Jump** - Smith (D) 4'8".

JV Baseball

Bellevue 14, Citrus 1