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Marion Majors advance to Dixie state tournament finals

Seese, Grabe lead all-stars in 9-2 win over Crystal River

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North Marion graduate Matt Seese continued his onslaught at the Dixie Boys state baseball tournament Wednesday, going 3-for-3 with a double, a triple, two RBIs and three runs scored to lead the Marion County Majors to a 9-2 win over Crystal River at Chain of Lakes Park.

Seese, a CFCC signee, is now 12-for-14 for the tournament, scoring nine runs and driving in seven with four triples and five stolen bases.

Vanguard senior-to-be Eric Grabe notched the pitching victory, allowing two runs on seven hits in the complete game effort. Grabe struck out seven and added an RBI at the plate.

Fellow Knights Andy Paul and Chris Rekully each went 1-for-2 with an RBI and a run scored. North Marion's Zane Bowman went 2-for-4 with a double and two runs

With the win, Marion County advances to the championship game to face a Polk County team that dealt them their only loss, a 8-3 setback on Tuesday. Marion must beat Polk twice Thursday to move on to the Dixie World Series in Florence, S.C., beginning July 28.

The first game starts at 9 a.m. and Taylor has left-hander Blake Spires slated to start. If Marion wins early, the final game will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of game 1.

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