

Sports

Williams’ gem plays key role in win

By Sean Douglas

Coming off a debilitating, 14-run loss on Senior Night to Alexandria, Missississinewa entered Thursday night’s Central Indiana Conference contest with Madison-Grant looking for the spark to ignite their game.

That spark turned out to be junior pitcher Keaghan Williams.

Against a lethal and hard-hitting Madison-Grant lineup, Williams spun a complete-game gem, recording his best pitching performance of the season in a 3-1 triumph over the Argylls.

“Well, today is my mother’s birthday, and that’s one of the best gifts you can give your mom,” Williams said with a sly smile after the game. “I just stayed confident and kept filling the zone up.”

With the victory, the Indians handed the Argylls their first conference loss of 2021, taking ownership of the traveling CIC plate in the process.

“He had a little bit of motivation today, and he came determined to win a ball game,” Missississinewa Head

Coach Mike Scott said of Williams. “He went out and earned this one. I couldn’t be any more proud of that kid and what he accomplished tonight.”

After giving up two doubles to Teagan Yeagy and Nick Evans, together with a run, in the first three batters, Williams settled into his groove.

Undaunted, the junior hurler, using an effective combination of a well-placed fastball and a devastating curveball, kept the Argylls’ lineup at bay, allowing zero runs and just four hits the rest of the way.

“That’s what you are going to get out of Keaghan Williams no matter what,” Scott said. “He’s not going to show those emotions. He can strike out the side or he can give up back-to-back doubles, and you are going to see the exact same emotion. That’s what it takes to have success. You have to ride those emotions at a consistent level, and that’s exactly what he did.”

For the game, along with the six hits allowed, Williams struck out eight Argylls while walking just one.

“He kept us off balance.



Williams struck out eight and allowed just one walk in the Indians’ victory over Madison-Grant on Wednesday. **Photo by Sean Douglas**

Our kids saw him three or four times and just didn’t make an adjustment,” Madison-Grant Head Coach Scott Haley said. “But give credit to him. He threw the fastball and then

right, combining to allow three hits while striking out six, but a pair of errors in the second inning proved to be costly for the Argylls.

Evans recorded the first two outs of the inning, inducing a grounder to Yeagy at second base and a fly out to Shoemaker in right field, but back-to-back miscues allowed Missississinewa freshman Kohen Bailey to score with ease, tying the contest at 1-1.

“You can’t give good teams four or five outs an inning,” M-G Head Coach Scott Haley said. “We gave them five outs in the second inning. That is just a backbreaker. But give Missississinewa credit. They kept battling. They put pressure on us. They made us make plays, and we didn’t make them in that inning.”

Missississinewa scored its remaining two runs in the third inning. After Kreigh Young led off the frame with a single and Colin Yoder reached base after being hit by a pitch, Landen Swanner, who has been one of the Indians’ best and most clutch hitters throughout the season, delivered another crucial hit, driving home Young for the 2-1 advantage, one they would

not relinquish.

“He just simply gets the job done,” Scott said of Swanner. “He does not look like your prototypical cleanup hitter, but then, when you look at the stats, that’s exactly what he is. He just gets the job done.”

Moments later, with Yoder at third and Swanner at first, the duo executed a perfect double steal. While Swanner was thrown out at second base, Yoder reached home unscathed for the final tally.

The Argylls were able to put four runners on base in the final three innings, but none advanced further than second base.

“I couldn’t be more proud of the boys,” Scott said. “They stuck to [our gameplan] and they had that grit and determination today. They came out today to prove a point, and they did.”

Young led the Indians’ offense with two hits in three at-bats, while Swanner finished with the Indians’ remaining hit and lone run batted in.

For the Argylls, Yeagy finished 2-for-4 with a double, while Evans finished 2-for-3 from the dish with an RBI.

What’s the score?

Scores for May 11-17

Boys Baseball
5/11—Eastbrook 2-11 Frankton
5/11—Blackford 1-16 (5) Madison-Grant
5/11—Alexandria 16-2 (5) Missississinewa
5/11—Elwood 0-12 (5) Oak Hill
5/12—Lapel 7-5 Madison-Grant
5/12—Kokomo 13-1 Marion
5/13—Missississinewa 3-1 Madison-Grant
5/13—Blackford 5-6 Oak Hill
5/13—Elwood 6-16 Eastbrook
5/15—Madison-Grant @ Argyll Classic
Tri-Central 0-15 Madison-Grant
Eastern 11-3 Madison-Grant
5/15—Oak Hill @ Miami County Tournament
Oak Hill 9-4 North Miami
Oak Hill 4-6 Peru
5/15—Southwood 9-6 Eastbrook (Game 1)
5/15—Southwood 10-13 Eastbrook (Game 2)
5/15—Marion @ NCC (Day 2)
Marion 2-6 Anderson

Marion 2-12 (6) Richmond
Boys Golf
5/11—Madison-Grant 214-211 Wes-Del
5/11—Alexandria 222-180 Oak Hill
5/12—Norwell 158-225 Marion
5/13—Southwood @ Eastbrook
5/13—Marion 217-189 Anderson
5/15—Eastbrook @ CIC—3rd place (357)
5/15—Madison-Grant @ CIC
5/15—Missississinewa @ CIC—5th place
Ty Corey—73 (Individual Champion)
5/15—Oak Hill @ CIC—2nd place (352)
Kamron Cabe—79
Jaedon Swan—84
5/17—Alexandria/Missississinewa @ Eastbrook
Missississinewa 184
Eastbrook 187
Alexandria 194
5/17—Marion @ NCC—8th place (465)
Kyle Coryea and Christian Vermilion—113

Boys Track and Field
5/11—Anderson/APA @

Madison-Grant
Madison-Grant 66
APA 52
Anderson 41
5/11—Muncie Central 65-67 Marion
5/11—Peru 39-92 Oak Hill
Girls Softball
5/11—Eastbrook 1-11 Frankton
5/11—Madison-Grant 13-3 (5) Blackford
5/11—Alexandria 12-1 Missississinewa
5/11—Elwood 9-1 Oak Hill
5/12—Oak Hill 0-4 Madison-Grant
5/13—Elwood 9-0 Eastbrook
5/13—Missississinewa 2-9 Madison-Grant
5/13—Blackford 2-3 Oak Hill
5/13—Tippecanoe Valley 7-8 Marion
5/14—Marion 0-10 (5) Alexandria
5/15—Marion @ NCC (Day 2)
Marion 3-7 Richmond
Marion 2-16 (5) Anderson
5/15—Madison-Grant @ Argyll Classic
5/15—Missississinewa @ Monroe/Angola
Missississinewa 7-8 Monroe

Central
Missississinewa 2-12 Angola
5/15—Oak Hill 16-1 Southwood (Game 1)
5/15—Oak Hill 10-1 Southwood (Game 2)
5/15—South Adams 2-9 Eastbrook (Game 1)
5/15—South Adams 10-8 Eastbrook (Game 2)
Girls Tennis
5/11—Madison-Grant 0-5 Alexandria
5/11—Peru 3-2 Marion
5/12—Missississinewa 2-3 Frankton
5/12—Kokomo 5-0 Madison-Grant
5/13—Missississinewa 4-1 Hamilton Heights
5/13—Marion 4-1 Kokomo
5/14—Missississinewa @ Concordia Invitational—5th place
First Round—2-3
Second Round—3-2
Third Round—3-2
Girls Track and Field
5/11—Anderson/APA @ Madison-Grant
Madison-Grant 68
Anderson 42
APA 34
5/11—Muncie Central 85-

47 Marion
5/11—Peru 42-89 Oak Hill
Men’s Baseball
5/11—Taylor University 2-3 Mount Vernon Nazarene University (Crossroads League Tournament)
5/12—Mount Vernon Nazarene University 2-4 Indiana Wesleyan University (Crossroads League Tournament Championship)
5/17—Columbia College 1-2 Indiana Wesleyan University (NAIA National Championship Opening Round)
Men’s Track and Field
5/14—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Last Chance Meet (Day 1)
High Jump—Aaron Culver—5th place (1.95 m)
5/14—Taylor University @ Last Chance Meet (Day 1)
1500 Meter—Daniel Gerber—7th place (3:58.98)
5000 Meter—Derek Van Prooyen—3rd place (14:29.28)
3000 Meter Steeplechase—Connor White—3rd place (9:15.88), Sam Hardy—7th place

(9:26.60)
5/15—Taylor University @ Last Chance Meet (Day 2)
Discus—Liam Hesting—3rd place (47.73 m)
Women’s Track and Field
5/14—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Last Chance Meet (Day 1)
High Jump—Janae Moffitt—7th place (1.56 m)
Hammer—Gloria Dean—8th place (49.30 m)
5/14—Taylor University @ Last Chance Meet (Day 1)
3000 Meter Steeplechase—Mollie Gamble—6th place (11:01.83), Ahna Vanderwall—7th place (11:12.14), Giovanna Domene—10th place (11:16.56)
5/15—Indiana Wesleyan University @ Last Chance Meet (Day 2)
Discus—Natalie Cotherman—2nd place (44.91 m)
5/15—Taylor University @ Last Chance Meet (Day 2)
800 Meters—Brooke Studnicki—3rd place (2:14.28), Abbey Brennan—5th place (2:15.32)
100 Hurdles—Audrey Altum—4th place (15.04)