



(Grace Wren (left) celebrates with teammate Addy Price while Tyonnah Burton (right) and Brooklyn Townson embrace following the final out in the team's win over Central Private Tuesday.)

Lady Tigers' roll into quarterfinals with 9-2 win over Central Private

NATCHITOCHES, La. - The seventh-ranked St. Mary's Lady Tigers' softball team pounded out 12 hits as they cruised to a 9-2 win over the 10th-ranked Central Private Lady Redhawks Tuesday in the second round of the Division IV select playoffs at SMH.

The Lady Tigers (16-11) took the early lead as AG Mabile led off the bottom of the first with a single then later scored on a wild pitch.

The Lady Redhawks (17-3) threatened in the third inning as they loaded the bases with the middle of the order due up and only one out. However, SMH starting pitcher Grace Wren got a popout and groundout to end the inning with no damage.

St. Mary's led 1-0 going into the fourth inning when the offense exploded. Freshman Joelee Savell ripped a lead-off double off the center field wall. Moments later, Brooklyn Townson lined a single to left putting runners at the corners and nobody out. Mallorie LaCaze hit a sacrifice fly to left to score Savell making it 2-0 but SMH was just getting started.

After a walk to GK Philen, sophomore Addy Price then lined a two run-double to the right center gap to score Philen and Townson making it 4-0. Wren helped her own cause later in the inning with an RBI groundout to score Price. Then, Kennedy Griffin singled to left to plate Mabile pushing it to 6-0.

The Lady Tigers added two more runs in the fifth as Philen grounded a single through the left side to score LaCaze. Price then singled to left to plate Philen as SMH took an 8-0 lead and never were threatened as they picked up the win.

Mabile, Griffin, Savell, LaCaze and Price all had two hits to lead the 12-hit Lady Tigers' attack. Price drove in three runs as well.

Wren threw a complete game allowing just two hits, two earned runs, four walks and struck out six.

The Lady Tigers advance to the quarterfinals where they will face the winner of second-ranked Catholic-Pointe Coupee (18-14) and 15th-ranked Central Catholic (12-13) who play Wednesday at 5 p.m.