

**St. Mary's gets 15 hits in 13-3 win over Logansport**

**NATCHITOCHES, La.** - The St. Mary's Tigers' baseball team pounded out 15 hits and followed the lead of their four seniors who combined for eight hits in a 13-3 win in five innings over the Logansport Tigers Saturday night for Senior Night.

SMH (19-11, 8-0 in 3-1A) honored the four seniors prior to the game as Ayden Warren, Payne Williams, Preston Martinez and Nathan Slaughter played their final regular season home games for St. Mary's

As for the game, SMH fell behind 1-0 as Logansport (13-12, 4-4 in 3-1A) scored on an RBI double with two outs in the top of the first.

St. Mary's responded in a big way as they exploded for six runs in their half of the first. SMH sent 10 men to the plate as they collected six hits in the inning highlighted by the four seniors. Williams smacked a two-run double to the left field corner. Later in the inning, Warren, Slaughter and Martinez each had RBI singles as SMH led 6-1.

After LHS scored two in the second, SMH responded with a lead-off triple by Braylon Normand followed by an RBI double by Conor Jordan to make it 7-3, St. Mary's.

SMH scored another run in the third as Slaughter walked and Martinez doubled to left putting runners at second and third and nobody out. Catcher Tucker Johnson then laid down a safety squeeze bunt to score Slaughter making it 8-3.

The Tigers scored five runs in the fifth as Martinez scored on a pass ball and Ryan LaCaze hit an RBI infield single to plate A.J. Lavespere making it 10-3. Later in the inning, the Tigers loaded the bases with one out leading 11-3. Warren hit an infield single scoring Normand then Jordan scored on a first and three play for the game-winning run.

Martinez battled on the mound as he pitched five innings allowing three earned runs, four hits, five walks and struck out two while throwing 74 pitches.

SMH finished with 15 hits as Warren and Martinez had three hits while LaCaze, Normand and Jordan each had two.

Next up, the Tigers are tentatively scheduled to face Alexandria Senior High (16-10) Monday at home at 5 p.m.