

St. Mary's splits two games with win over Benton, walk off loss to Evangel

The St. Mary's Lady Tigers softball run-ruled the Benton Lady Tigers, 12-2, and were edged by the Evangel Lady Eagles, 4-3, Saturday at Calvary Tournament in Shreveport.

The Lady Tigers (13-8) rode the hot bat of Tyonnah Burton in the first game as she was 3-for-3 with two homeruns and four RBIs. SMH also got a grand slam from Addison Price in the fourth inning jumping out to an 8-0 lead.

St. Mary's finished the game with 14 hits led by Burton and Grace Wren who both had three. Anna Grace Mabile added two hits and two RBIS while Georgia Kate Philen had a pair of hits as well.

Wren was also terrific in the circle as she pitched a six-inning complete game allowing five hits, two unearned runs and striking out nine.

In the second game against Evangel, the Lady Tigers got off to an early lead as Burton hit an RBI double and Kennedy Griffin smacked an RBI single to score Burton making it 2-0 in the first inning. Brooklyn Townson, then, crushed a solo homerun to center to give the Lady Tigers a 3-1 lead in the third inning

Evangel (8-16) tied the game with two runs in the fifth inning as the game remained tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the seventh. With the game winning run on three base and one out, Wren got the hitter fly out to Mabile in center field. The runner attempted to tag up for the game-winning run by Mabile gunned her out at the plate to send the game to extra innings.

However, in the bottom of the eighth Evangel's Olivia Pandiella left no doubt as she hit a walk off homer to center field giving the Lady Eagles a 4-3 win.

Next up, SMH will take on Logansport (17-4, 1-1 in 3-1A) Tuesday in district action on the road at 5 p.m.