

Lady Tigers split two games at St. Thomas More Tournament

BROUSSARD, La. - The St. Mary's Lady Tigers' softball team fell, 11-6, to the Opelousas Catholic Lady Vikings and defeated the David Thibodaux Lady Bulldogs, 9-6, Saturday at the St. Thomas More Tournament at St. Julien Park.

In the first game against OCHS, the Lady Tigers (15-11) took the lead as Kennedy Griffin singled home Grace Wren in the first inning.

The Lady Vikings (20-5) responded with five runs in the bottom of the second on a solo homerun by Grace Luna and a grand slam by Madison Gussman who homered twice (solo homerun in the fifth).

SMH cut the lead down with an RBI single in the fourth by Georgia Kate Philen scoring Mallory LaCaze. However, the Lady Vikings scored four more in their half of the fourth to take a 10-2 lead and put the game away.

However, SMH showed some fight in the seventh as it scored three runs on an RBI single by Griffin and a two-run double by Tyonnah Burton to make it 11-6 before OCHS recorded the final out.

Wren and Griffin both finished with two hits to lead the seven-hit attack for St. Mary's.

In the second game, SMH took the lead against the Lady Bulldogs (11-19) with two runs in the first inning on an RBI single by Wren and a sacrifice fly by LaCaze.

DTHS scored an unearned run in the bottom of the first on a lead off error that led to an RBI double. Wren began to dominate after the first inning as she gave up just one hit and struck out five in the next four innings.

In the fifth, St. Mary's explode for seven runs highlighted by a two-run homer by Burton to left making it 4-1 Lady Tigers. The hit parade then followed for SMH as Cailah Bush lined a two-run double followed by a trio of RBI singles by Skylar Bolton, Addy Price and Wren to make it 9-1 SMH.

The Lady Bulldogs scored three in the fifth and two in the sixth to cut the SMH lead to 9-6. But Wren shut the door in the seventh with a popout and two strikeouts to end the game.

The Lady Tigers finished with eight hits led by Wren, Bush and Burton with two each.

Next up, SMH will face Ebarb Monday at home at 5 p.m.