

**Lady Tigers fall 5-3 in extra innings as Sacred Heart rallies with two outs in 7th**

**NATCHITOCHEs, La.** - The St. Mary's Lady Tigers lost a tough one in extra innings to the Sacred Heart Lady Trojans, 5-3 in eight innings, Wednesday night at SMS in non-district softball action.

The Lady Tigers (11-9) had the Lady Trojans (12-6) down to their final out as they led 2-0 with two outs in the top of the seventh. However, Sacred Heart scored their first run on an RBI triple before tying the game on an infield hit.

St. Mary's went down quietly in their half of the seventh before the game headed to extra innings.

Sacred Heart took advantage of two Lady Tigers' miscues as a runner reached on an error and dropped third strike putting runners at the corners and one out. The Lady Trojans collected three straight hits to score three runs and take a 5-2 lead.

SMS mounted a rally in their half of the eighth. Tyonna Burton, who finished the game with four hits, hit a monster solo homerun to left to trim the Sacred Heart lead to 5-3. Kennedy Griffin and Malorie LaCaze both walked to put the winning run in the box. However, the next three hitters were retired on two strikeouts and a ground out as the Lady Trojans escaped with the win.

Along with Burton's four hits, SMS got RBI singles from Macie Cameron in the first inning and LaCaze in the sixth to take a 2-0 lead before the late rally.

Starting pitcher Grace Wren was one out away from a two-shutout before the Lady Trojans' bats erupted. Wren threw all eight innings allowing nine hits, one earned run, two walks and struck out seven.

Next up, the Lady Tigers will play Thursday at home at 5 p.m. against Winnfield.