

SMS defeats DeRidder 3-2 on 'Senior Day'

NATCHITOCHES, La. - The St. Mary's Tigers defeated the DeRidder Dragons, 3-2, Saturday afternoon for 'Senior Day' in non-district baseball action at SMS as junior Trey Scarborough pitched a complete game.

Prior to the game, St. Mary's honored three seniors in Ryan LaCaze, Braylon Normand and Conor Jordan playing their final regular season home games at SMS.

As for the game, the Tigers (21-5) scored first as LaCaze singled to center and later scoring on an RBI single by Jordan in the first inning.

The Dragons (16-17) quickly responded in the second inning as they took advantage of a two-out error by the Tigers allowing two runs to score and take a 2-1 lead.

SMS tied the game in the bottom of the third as Jordan hit a sacrifice fly to center scoring LaCaze with the bases loaded.

Scarborough settled in nicely after a shaky second inning as the Tigers' right hander allowed just two hits in the final five innings.

The Tigers took the lead in the fifth inning as LaCaze reached on an error by the second baseman and moved to second after a sacrifice bunt by AJ Lavespere. Moments later, Normand laid down a bunt up the first base line that scored Lavespere as SMS retook the lead.

Scarborough got through the sixth inning thanks in part to his catcher, Haiden Nelson. He nailed a runner trying to steal second base in the sixth and seventh innings to help preserve the win for the Tigers. He got the final out of the game as he threw a missile to second base to get the runner. Nelson also had two hits for the game at the plate.

Scarborough allowed just four hits, two unearned runs, struck out nine and didn't walk a batter.

The Tigers finished with seven hits led by LaCaze. The Tigers' right-fielder finished with two hits and scored all three runs for the Tigers while Jordan drove in two of the three runs.

Next up, the Tigers will await their playoff fate as the brackets are scheduled to be released next week.