

Tigers' season ends in 8-3 loss at OCS.

MONROE, La. - The 14th-ranked St. Mary's Tigers' baseball team lost 8-3 to the third-ranked Ouachita Christian Eagles Thursday night on the road in the second round of the Division IV select playoffs.

The Tigers (20-13) started well as they took a 2-0 lead in the top of the second. Junior Braylon Normand flipped a two-run single to right field with the bases loaded and two outs scoring Preston Martinez and Nathan Slaughter.

The Eagles (22-6) scored in the bottom of the second on an RBI groundout by Sawyer Clarke to cut it to 2-1 SMH.

SMH added a run in the top of the third inning when Slaughter scored on an RBI infield single plating Conor Jordan to make it 3-1 Tigers.

OCS took control from there as they scored four runs in the third inning and plated two in the fifth and one in the sixth.

The Tigers' offense was neutralized by starting pitcher Karson Trichell. The right hander set down 13 straight St. Mary's hitters from the third inning on as the Tigers finished with just four hits.

Trichell pitched a complete game allowing three unearned runs, four hits, one walk and struck out 10.

St. Mary's seniors Williams, Slaughter, Martinez and Ayden Warren played their final games for the Tigers.

OCS, the reigning Division IV state champions, advanced to the quarterfinals where they will face 11th-ranked Glenbrook,