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TUCKER COUNTY BASEBALL TEAM OPENED SEASON AT PENDLETON

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FRANKLIN – The Mt. Lions Baseball team traveled to Pendleton County on Saturday April 17th for the first game of the season. Tucker County battled with the Wildcats, but the Mt. Lions fell in the contest by the final score of 5-2.

Taking the field for the first time in just over 2 years, Tucker County found themselves with only 2 players returning (Senior Zack Colebank, and Junior Blake Anderson) with High School Baseball game experience. Tucker County took the lead early as Mason Kisamore walked, stole second and third base and scored on a defensive error by Pendleton County. Mason Kisamore would then single in the second inning to drive in Ethan Rosenau to give the Mt. Lions a 2-1 Lead.

The homestanding Wildcats would tie the score 2-2 on a 2 out error in the bottom of the third. Tucker County then worked out of a jam in the third leaving 2 Pendleton County runners stranded. Pendleton would take the lead in the bottom of the fourth with two outs, after a walk and an infield error, as Isaiah Johnson dropped a hit in front of Mt. Lions left fielder Logan Husk to make the score 4-2 Wildcats.

Pendleton County then added another run on an infield error before Tucker County's Mason Kisamore could strike out the side. Pendleton County's Clayton Kisamore was on the mound for the Wildcats. Clayton went two innings and allowed 2 runs on 0 hits. Pendleton County used two other pitchers out of the bullpen allowing 1 hit and 0 runs.

Mason Kisamore toed the rubber on the mound for Tucker County as he went 4 innings striking out 9 Pendleton County Batters and Kisamore allowed 5 runs on 2 hits for the Mt. Lions. Zack Colebank threw two innings of relief out of the bullpen for Tucker County and gave up 0 hits, while striking out 3 batters. The Mt. Lions were led at the plate by Mason Kisamore with 1 of 3 and a walk. Ethan Rosenau and Mason Kisamore both had multiple stolen bases, while Logan Husk, Aaron Quattro each added had one stolen base each.

After the game Head Coach Steelie Kisamore had these comments, ""For the limited time we have had to practice, having 9 out of 12 players playing basketball, we played a pretty solid game. This was only the second time most of our team has been on a field and the first time for most playing high school baseball and seeing a varsity pitcher." Kisamore added, "I want to give credit to this young guys. Most played 3 very tough basketball games this past week, drove to Pendleton County and gave their best with little preparation and found themselves in the game with a chance to retake the lead in the 7th inning. I feel this team realizes their potential moving forward."

The Tucker County Baseball team will return to action Friday April 23rd at home against Petersburg at 5pm. The Mt. Lions will then travel to Philip-Barbour on Monday April 26th for another 5pm contest. For a complete schedule and more info go to TuckerCountySports.Com.