

Tualatin Wins County Tournament

Tualatin's Senior National team went against the odds by winning the County Championship earning them a trip to the State championships in Corvallis.

They started by having to win a play-in game against Canby 8-1 to get into the tournament, seeding in the seventh slot out of 8 teams. Tualatin got off to a quick start against the second seeded Putnam posting two runs in each of the first two innings while holding Putnam scoreless. Max McPherson had a key hit in the second inning to score two runs with two outs. "It was important we score every inning to keep the pressure on and Max had a big hit" coach McPherson said. "You could feel the wind go out of their sails when the ball went into right center." Tyler Redifer, Doug Skinner and Vatche Nachaccian held Putnam to 2 runs on three hits while beating Putnam 13-2. Ryan Hansen, Vince Hendricks and Josh Watson, Devon Gillard and Skinner led the offensive attack with 2-3 outings each.

In the second game Tualatin faced North Marion the three seed and were in for a Dog fight. Tualatin struck first in the second inning with Josh Watson drawing a lead-off walk and Alex Williams providing a key hit to score Watson giving Tualatin a 1-0 lead. After three innings it was tied 1-1 and North Marion was on the attack posting two runs in the top of the forth to go up 3-1 but Tualatin answered with two runs of their own with Redifer and Nachaccian scoring on base hits making it 3-3. In the 5th N.Marion scored 2 runs and Tualatin answered with one of their own when Stahlberg reached base and McPherson drove Stahlberg in making 5-4 after 5 innings played. N.Marion was unable to get anything going in the top of the 6th and Tualatin saw an opportunity to strike. Devon Gillard led off the inning with a key base hit and Tualatin was off to the races bringing 9 hitters to the plate scoring 3 runs taking the lead for good 7-5.

In the Championship game Tualatin faced a familiar rival they had seen before and hadn't beaten in West Linn but that didn't appear to be a factor. Tualatin came out with bats blazing scoring the first six runs in the game and by the time the dust had settled it was 6-0 in favor of Tualatin going into the bottom of the 4th. W.Linn scored two in the bottom of the inning to make it 6-2 but Tualatin keep the pressure on putting another one across in the 6th and tighten down the defense allowing only 2 more runs to finish off W.Linn 7-4 for the county championship. CJ Dahm made a key play in the 7th tagging a runner going to third base for the third out ending W.Linn bases loaded come back threat. "We hadn't beaten them but we hadn't played well in any of the games" said Chase White. "We knew we could beat them if we played our game" Tualatin catcher Max McPherson said. Tualatin's offense was anchored by Max McPherson & Ryan Hansen going 2-3 each while every player posted at least one hit in the game.



Tualatin is coached by Ted Skinner, Krikor Nachaccian, Zach McPherson, Scott Redifer, Bob White, Dave Hendricks and managed by Scott McPherson.

Tualatin will start the State Championship this Thursday at Williams Field in Corvallis @ 4:00.