

## Wildcats second at tournament

By JAMES JORDAN  
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The Lexington High School baseball team lost a 12-inning marathon game Sunday in the finals of the International Paper Classic in Georgetown.  
In the finals Lexington overcame a 5-0 deficit in the second inning before tying the game in the fifth. Riverside scored twice in the top of the 12th to take a 7-5 win.  
Lexington coach Tommy Williams said he was "real proud of the effort the guys gave."  
"We were all tired, and we got behind in the second inning. It would have been easy to have given up, but we battled back. I was real proud of that," Williams said.  
Stephen Williams started the game for Lexington. Pete Stuppiello pitched five scoreless innings of relief, and then Will Cheatham came in for five

innings. He did not give up a run until the 12th.  
"He just ran out of gas," Williams said.  
He said the two pitchers showed a lot of promise. It was the first varsity level game for either of them.  
Outfielders Allan Goff and Kris Clark were named to the all-tournament team.  
The Wildcats are now 5-1, and the games they have won have been won on smart base running and producing runs as opposed to relying on the big hit or a home-run.  
"I think this is indicative of how we are going to be," Williams said.  
The Wildcats were in a position to win in the ninth inning, but a squeeze bunt did not work.

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A GOOD START - The Lexington High School baseball team got off to a good start with a second place finish in the Georgetown tournament.

## Lady Wildcats start with bang

### Lady Wildcats Fastpitch Invitational

All games at Pine Grove Softball Complex

**Friday:**  
5 p.m. - Field 1 - Hillcrest vs. Irmo; Field 2 - Dorman vs. Brookland-Cayce; Field 3 - Dutch Fork vs. Liberty; Field 4 - White Knoll vs. Spring Valley; Field 5 - South Aiken vs. Chapin.

7 p.m. - Field 1 - Spring Valley vs. Alexander Central; Field 2 - Airport vs. Hillcrest; Field 3 - Liberty vs. Dorman; Field 4 - North Davidson vs. South Aiken; Field 5 - North Augusta vs. Ridge View.

9 p.m. - Field 1 Chapin vs. White Knoll; Field 2 - Lexington vs. Ridge View; Field 3 - Irmo vs. North Augusta; Field 4 - Dutch Fork vs. Airport; Field 5 - Brookland-Cayce vs. North Davidson.

**Saturday:**  
9 a.m. - Field 1 - White Knoll vs. South Aiken; Field 2 - Alexander Central vs. Lexington; Field 3 - Irmo vs. Dutch Fork; Field 4 - Spring Valley vs. Chapin.

11 a.m. - Field 1 - Alexander Central vs. Hillcrest; Field 2 - North Davidson vs. Dorman; Field 3 - Liberty vs. Lexington; Field 4 - Ridge View vs. Airport; Field 5 - North Augusta vs. Brookland-Cayce.

Single elimination tournament begins at 2 p.m. Games will continue throughout the day with finals set at 8:30 p.m.

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If the first week of the season is any indication, the Lexington High School softball may be headed for an excellent season.  
Lexington coach Scott Jumper said it was too early to tell, but in three games last week the team outscored its opposition by a whopping 44-1 margin.  
On Thursday the team opened at home with a 8-1 win over Ridgeview. On Friday the team embarrassed Aiken 19-0 and 17-0 in a double header.  
"We started our season later than a lot of people did. We were anxious to get out there and play. We are glad to finally get our season started," he said.  
He credited his team with playing well, but cautioned, "it is still too early to make any kind of judgement on how this team will be."

The team had home games scheduled Monday against North Augusta, and Tuesday against Orangeburg-Wilkinson, before traveling to South Aiken on Wednesday.

This weekend the team will host the Lady Wildcat Fastpitch Invitational Tournament at the Pine Grove Softball Complex. It is the fifth annual tournament.

Lexington usually invites some good teams, and the Lady Wildcats have won just two of the tournaments. They have been in the finals every year except the first year.

The years the team has lost in the finals, it has went on to win the state championship. Both times it lost, it lost in the finals to Spring Valley.

Jumper said the tournament will give him the chance to let a lot of players get some quality playing time. It also allows the team to play some teams it would not normally get to play against.



ROUNDIN' THIRD - Tashay Jones-Black had a big opening week.

He said it also a good chance for the team to get several games in over a short period of time, kind of a warm up for the eventual playoffs.

Brookland Cayce and White Knoll have been added to the field this year.

The tournament begins with round robin play on Friday night at Pine Grove. There are 15 games scheduled on the five fields.

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Round Robin play will continue Saturday morning with games beginning at 9 a.m.

In the afternoon there will be a single elimination tournament, leading up to the championship game Saturday night.

In the games last week, Lexington got off to a fast start in the first game against Ridgeview. Tashay Jones-Black, in the

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## B-C's Sutton scores 100th career goal

By WILLIAM GETTYS  
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The Brookland-Cayce girls' soccer team scored two impressive wins last week, defeating cross-town rival Airport 12-0 and edging Class AA power Chapin 2-0.

Senior Alexis Sutton scored three goals in the victory over the Eagles, giving her 100 career goals. Sutton became the first player to reach the century mark in goals scored for the Bears.

B-C's victory over second-ranked Chapin was an important early-season victory.

"We were pretty excited, because we knew we would get a tough game," B-C coach Chris Nichols said. "It was a very physical game."

Michael Lindsay Sonefeld drove a free kick into the box just 10 minutes into the game. The shot ricocheted off a defender and into the net for an early 1-0 lead.

The fourth-ranked Bears held on to that tenuous lead until Sutton scored the clincher with 20 minutes remaining. Chelsea Casto chipped a ball into the box, where Sutton put the finishing touch on it.

"They stuck a player on Alexis all night, and that girl followed her everywhere she went. She was just bumping her and trying to keep her from doing anything with the ball," Nichols said. "But she kept her composure, and it finally paid off. It was really a nice goal. That



Alexis Sutton

gave us some breathing room."

Nichols was also pleased with the play of his defense, which shut down the speedy Chapin attackers.

"Our defense just played really well and stepped up big," he said. "The defense will need to step up again this Friday, as the Bears travel to Eastside for a rematch of last year's Class AAA state championship game."

Eastside defeated B-C 4-1 for the title. "We had a chance to see them in the Viking Cup, and they're a very strong team," Nichols said of Eastside. "We know it's going to be a tough match, but with a little bit more experience now, we hope we can overcome that."

## Lexington soccer teams stumble out of the gate

By WILLIAM GETTYS  
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The Lexington boys' soccer team lost its Region 3-AAAA opener on the road Friday, dropping a tough 2-0 decision at Aiken.

After opening the season with wins over Dreher and Richland Northeast, the Wildcats couldn't find the back of the net against Aiken.

Scoring goals was one of biggest concerns for Lexington coach David Kleinfelder heading into the season.

"We had a couple of chances, and we hit them just wide. We really didn't test their goalkeeper much," Kleinfelder said. "We've got to do a better job of putting shots on frame to make the goalkeeper try to beat us. If you don't put the ball on goal, they could just play without a keeper."

Neither team created many chances, but Aiken was able to convert on one opportunity in each half.

"I felt like they outplayed us,

## Timberwolves see hope in 0-3 soccer start

By WILLIAM GETTYS  
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White Knoll is improving in every game, but experiencing the usual difficulties of a first-year program.

The Timberwolves are 0-3, but coach Brendan Cafferty has seen many bright spots in his young team.

"We've faced really tough competition so far, but I feel like we're getting better every game," he said. "Our defense is starting to come together, we just need offense to get rolling."

White Knoll opened the season with a 6-2

loss at Edisto with senior John Stockton and junior Hunter Crews scoring the first two goals in the program's history. The Timberwolves have been shut out in the past two matches, however, falling to Camden 2-0 and to Ben Lippin 5-0.

"Both Edisto and Ben Lippin are very good teams in their regions, and Camden is a very skilled team," Cafferty said. "As a first-year program, I think we're coming along well."

Stockton, White Knoll's most experienced player, is the team's captain and leader. Stockton, who played varsity for Lexington last season, has been strong in the central mid-

field.

"We're such a young team that most of these guys have never played at the varsity level before," Cafferty said. "That something John can bring to the team."

The Timberwolves have also gotten strong play from sophomore midfielders Chris Futral and Jay Goodwin, and sophomore sweeper Darren Murrah.

"They've all done a great job. We're just so young," Cafferty said. "Usually, they would be

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