

Showcase showdown

Surging Yellow Jackets pickup 3 wins

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OXFORD — Oxford won all three of its games in the Northeast Alabama Baseball Showcase on Saturday, beating Sparkman 8-7, Huntsville 11-1 and Cleveland 14-1.

The Yellow Jackets moved to 10-4 overall, 10-1 after an 0-3 start.

In the day's opener against Sparkman, catcher T.R. Jones went 3-for-3 with a home run and two doubles and two RBIs. Second baseman Cain Hollingsworth and third baseman Jackson Stephens had two hits and two RBIs apiece, and Hollingsworth hit his third home run of the season.

Against Huntsville, Jones went 3-for-4 with two RBIs, and Hollingsworth and shortstop Tanner Gardner each had two hits. Freshman designated hitter Trent Simpson hit a home run.

Stephens pitched a six-inning complete game with five strikeouts.

In the finale against Cleveland, outfielders Mathew Goodson and Taylor Sparks each home a home run. Stephens and Gardner had two hits, as did reserves Joe McGuire and Bobby McCain. Sophomore Stephen Muncher added a triple.

Senior Taylor Minton got the win with three strikeouts in four innings.

Oxford finished 4-1 in the Showcase, which featured 19 teams over seven venues in two days.