

# Consecutive HRs lead Friendship

## Defeat Halls to set up Goodpasture rematch

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**MEMPHIS** — Jackson Sledge and Zack Gardner broke open a close game with consecutive homers in the fifth inning, lifting Friendship to an 8-1 win over Halls in the Class A baseball tournament.

The Commanders (37-5) were clinging to a 2-1 lead when Sledge hit a three-run homer on a 3-2 count with two outs. Gardner followed with a solo shot, stretching Friendship's lead to 6-1.

Brent Boyd (4-0), a sophomore with a sidearm delivery, earned the win in relief of Cody Searcey.

Halls led 1-0 with the bases loaded and no outs when Boyd entered the game in the third. He quickly got out of the jam.

Friendship earned a rematch with Goodpasture (34-8) at noon today at Bolton. The Commanders beat the Cougars 7-2 on Tuesday.

Friendship, which has set a school record for wins, is one win from its first trip to the final. But the defending champ stands in the way. Goodpasture has to win twice to advance to tomorrow's

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