

Rams Take First Playoff Tilt 2-1

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The Rams of Newton County and the Blue Devils of Elbert County, each sporting their sub-region baseball crown, crammed all the run-scoring of their first game of the current playoffs in their final at bats Tuesday afternoon on Legion Field in Covington. The NCHS nine edged the visitors by a score of 2-1.

A hair-raising finish in the seventh frame brought the first game advantage to Coach Ronald Bradley's team. After the Rams scored two runs in their sixth frame bat, the Blue Devils came back with one run scored via an error and a double. The runner then moved to third but soon was cut down at the plate by Shortstop Terry Smith's peg to Catcher Tim Hopkins on a ground ball.

It was Billy Shepherd, Terry Smith and Reuben Whisnante who paved the way for the Rams to score their two markers. Shepherd beat out a grounder to the infield. Smith then tripled over the right fielder's head. Whisnante grounded to the Elberton Shortstop and Smith scored on the play as Whisnante beat the throw to first.

Each team managed only three hits in the game. The second game of the three-game series was to have been played Wednesday (yesterday) at Elberton. If a third tilt is needed, it will be played Thursday (today).

Elberton	000	000	1-1	3	3
Newton	000	000	2-2	3	2

Higginbotham, Hewell (6) and Guest. Bledsoe and Hopkins.

Ram Pitchers In 4AA Playoffs



TWO RAM PITCHERS are shown in the picture above. Tony White (left) and Doug Bledsoe (right) have hurled for the NCHS nine for the past two seasons. They are currently chunking for Coach Ronald Bradley's team in the overall Region 4AA playoffs against the Elberton Blue Devils.