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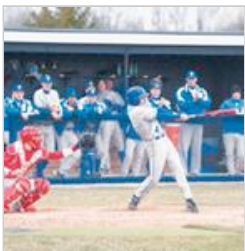
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## Defiance rallies past Eastwood

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Kevin Eis  
April 3, 2011





NAPOLEON -- Joe Gentile stroked a one-out single in the bottom of the seventh inning, scoring Ryan Cordray and Zach Jimenez while propelling Defiance to a 3-2 come-from-behind victory over Eastwood in blustery weather conditions.

With the win, DHS improved its undefeated record to 3-0 on the young season.

"That's a credit to our team," commented DHS mentor Tom Held. "We faced one of the best pitchers we will face all year. We had 10 runners on base (throughout the game), and we got the hit when we needed it."

Kurt Belau picked up the win for the Bulldogs on the hill, allowing just two runs on three hits. The DHS hurler was also good for eight strikeouts while giving just one free pass.

"We got a quality outing out of Kurt Belau today," lauded Held. "He pitched a very good game against a very good team."

Also scheduled to face Napoleon in what was supposed to be a twinbill, the game was postponed due to the threat of inclement weather.

DHS will now host Paulding on Monday at Booster Field with the first pitch slated for 4:30 p.m.

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Records: Defiance 3-0, Eastwood 1-3.

Winning pitcher: Kurt Belau (7 innings, 2 runs, 3 hits, 8 strikeouts, 1 walk).

Losing pitcher: Vesty (7 innings, 3 runs, 4 hits, 10 strikeouts, 7 walks).

Leading hitters: (Eastwood, 3 hits) - Coffield double; Hayward 2 doubles. (Defiance, 4 hits).

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