

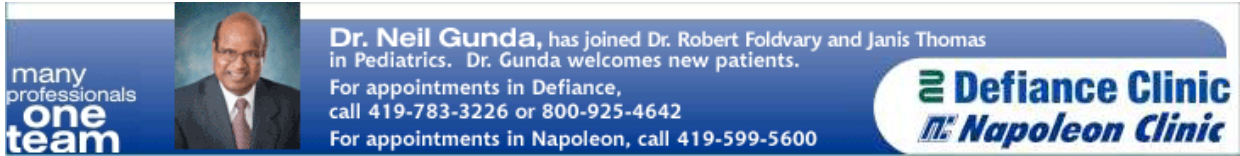
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## 'Dogs roll by Start to close out season

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TOLEDO -- Defiance closed out the 2010-11 season on a good note with a 12-2 victory over Toledo Start on Friday.

"We put four on the board in the first and really came out and stung the ball," said DHS skipper Tom Held. "We then continued that into the second and third innings.

"I think it showed the character of our team to come out and play like they did even though we're out of the tournament. It shows they want to play the game."

Rob Ziegler went the distance allowing just two runs on two hits while striking out three.

Anthony Kidston had a huge day at the plate with two singles, a double and five RBIs. for the Bulldogs while seniors Ryan Cordray, Cody Barratt and Gabe Vittorio hit doubles in their last game with the Blue and White. Junior Joe Gentile also had a double for DHS, which finished the season with a 21-4 record.

"There were a lot of positives this season," said Held. "In the last 13 years this was the lowest ERA we posted as a pitching staff at 1.14. That's the best in my 13 years here at Defiance so that was a positive."

Despite an early exit from the postseason at sectionals, the Bulldogs continued their league domination with their fifth straight WBL title and won 20 or more games for the 13th consecutive season.

"Then I'm proud of the seniors for continuing our league streak," added Held. "It was a real positive to win the league and it was disappointing to not make it out of the sectional though. It was a real strong sectional and you're seeing how strong our sectional was with Napoleon and Bryan playing for the district championship and obviously one of them will be at regionals."

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Records: Defiance 21-4.

Winning pitcher: Rob Zeigler (5 innings, 2 runs, 2 hits, 3 strikeouts, 1 walk).

Losing pitcher: Kominick (32/3 innings, 11 runs, 7 hits, 1 strikeout, 4 walks). Other: Bradner.

Leading hitters: (Defiance, 9 hits) - Ryan Cordray double; Joe Gentile double; Anthony Kidston 2 singles, double, 5 RBIs; Cody Barratt double; Gabe Vittorio double. (Toledo Start, 2 hits) - Ramirez 2 doubles.

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