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Christian Smith had a big spring break for Edgewood, slapping base hits and doing an admirable job on the mound.

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The Edgewood baseball team won 3 of 4 games in Florida over Spring Break in a two day visit playing double headers both days. Those victories followed a clean sweep of 4 straight games in the Monroe Tournament.

The Wildcats defeated Gulf Breeze High School 3-2, with Hunter Elliot throwing a complete game and striking out 3. Jackson Tate led the Wildcats offense with a pair of hits.

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The Wildcats dropped the next game to Gulf Breeze 6-3 as they faced a Division One signee on the mound. Christian Smith, Taylor Hawthorne, Hunter Glenn, and Keith Johnson hit safely for the Wildcats.

Edgewood swept Escambia County High School in a double header the following day. The Wildcats took the first game 8-1 behind a strong pitching performance by Tate, who went the distance and fanned 8 batters. Smith went 4 for 4 at the plate and Kolton Atchley added a pair of hits and a couple of runs batted in.

The Wildcats slipped past Escambia in the second game 4-3. Smith was the winning pitcher in relief. Smith also had another good day at the plate with a couple of hits. W.B. Hill and Heath Young also had multiple hits.

The Wildcats now stand at 27-3 in 2014.

"We played very well over the break and even though we had our winning streak snapped at 22 games, the trip was very productive and we came home in good shape," Edgewood coach Bobby Carr said.

Carr said the Florida trip is always worthwhile because the Wildcats get in some extra games and always face tough competition. "Every year we come back and play well after the trip. We have played thirty games by the end of spring break and that's a lot of games. But I think that is one reason we are prepared for the real season as I call it, which are region games and the playoffs."

Edgewood softball continues to rack up victories

The Edgewood Academy softball team breezed through the recent Monroe Round Robin Tournament by winning all four games played. The Lady Wildcats defeated Autauga Academy 9-5 after the lead changed hands a half dozen times. Kaylie Courson put Edgewood ahead for good with an RBI in the third inning. Kelsey Hartley recorded the win on the mound.

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The Lady Wildcats offense was too much for Morgan Academy in a 12-2 rout in the second game.

With seven runs in the first three innings, the Lady Wildcats left no doubt about the eventual outcome. Hannahlee Harris got the job done as the winning pitcher.

Hartley was strong at the plate and on the mound in game three leading the Lady Wildcats to a 7-0 victory over Monroe. Hartley slapped a home run and fanned 8 batters in 5 innings of work. Kara Wilson also helped set the tone of the game with an RBI, in the first inning followed by a successful effort of stealing home in the second inning.

A big early lead was a prelude to the Lady Wildcats thumping of Escambia Academy in game four, 17-0.

"Our success at the Monroe Tournament was a full team effort. As hitters, we have been focusing a lot on pitch selection and implementing our small-ball game when needed. Our pitchers have worked hard on getting ahead in the count, and the defense played solid behind them," Fawn Sims, Edgewood coach said.

Edgewood now stands at 21-6 for the season.