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The Red Boiling Springs Lady Bulldogs got the right combination of timely hitting and outstanding pitching to win their first game of the season in a very exciting game as they defeated Community High School by a score of 3-2.

Community High School jumped out in front of the Lady Bulldogs in the top of the third inning by a score of 2-0 only to see the bats come alive for the Lady Bulldogs in the bottom of the third. Lady Bulldog pitcher Sherena Swoner led off the inning with a walk followed by a sacrifice bunt by Kalisha Lynch and Conner Murphy coaxed a walked off the Community pitcher and that brought Katie Greanead to the plate with a chance to do some damage and damaged she done by slapping a double to left center field scoring both Swoner and Murphy tying the game at 2 runs each. The time limit would expire with the game tied at 2 runs each forcing International rules to come into play. With Sherena Swoner pitching keeping the Community girls at bay the Lady Bulldogs would have their chance to win the game with Conner Murphy on second base and one out Katie Greanead bunted Murphy to third while reaching first on the play herself. The Lady Bulldogs needed to only score Murphy from third base and victory would belong to the Lady Bulldogs. Up to the plate stepped Taylor Coffelt with a chance to be the hero and with the Lady Bulldog fans sitting on the edge of their seats hoping that Taylor would come thru and when she laid down another perfect bunt Conner Murphy came racing home with the winning run giving the Lady Bulldogs a much needed win 3-2 over Community High School. Timely hitting and good pitching along with great defense usually brings victory and the Lady Bulldogs walked off the field with victory in hand. The Lady Bulldogs have broken the ice.

## RBS AT GORDONSVILLE INVITATIONAL

The Gordonsville Invitational is bringing out the best in the Red Boiling Springs High School Softball team as they have played great defense and had timely hitting plus great pitching from Sherena Swoner. That would continue against Huntland High School as once again this game would go into extra innings before Huntland would sneak across a run to win this thriller 2-1.

Red Boiling Springs scored their only run in the bottom of the third when McKenzie Hix reached on an error and Swoner bunted to send Hix to second where she scored on a booming double by Kalish Lynch to tie this contest at 1 run each.

With Lady Bulldog pitcher Sherena Swoner on her game as she wound up striking out 7 batters while keeping Huntland at bay this game also went into extra innings but this time it would be the Huntland girls celebrating a 2-1 victory. The Lady Bulldogs once again got great pitching and played good defense but could not get the big hit at the right time. We have said it time and time again that timly hitting along with great defense and good pitching will win a lot of games and that proved to be the case this time as the Lady Bulldogs could not get the hit at the right time.

Sherena Swoner pitched well enough to win but the Lady Bulldogs just came up one run short. With the Gordonsville Invitational sporting one of the best collection of High School Softball teams around in class A ball the team from Middlesboro Ky. might just be the class of this tournament and you have to look no further than their game against Red Boiling Springs to prove this point.

A 5-2 victory over the Lady Bulldogs started with Middlesboro scoring 4 runs in the top of the first inning and had help from the Lady Bulldog defense who contributed 2 errors in the inning helping Middlesboro score their 4 runs. Middlesboro would add their final run in the top of the

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## fifth inning.

Sherena Swoner continued to pitch well but when the defense falters it really hurts the Lady Bulldogs. There was one big moment in this game and that was when Conner Murphy managed to draw a walk and up to the plate stepped Lady Bulldog power hitter Katie Greanead who promptly blasted a long home run over the left centerfield fence for a 2-run home run. The Lady Bulldogs celebrated the blast with Katie as she crossed home plate but these 2 runs would be the only runs of the game for Red Boiling Springs.

With the Lady Bulldogs facing good pitching and the bats were in controlled most of the game the Lady Bulldogs did show some good signs of coming out of their slump and when the bats come around then these girls will start to win some games.

The Lady Bulldogs would lose their final game of the day to Overton high school out of Nashville before the rains came to halt the rest of the tournament. The Lady Bulldogs are back in action on Monday night March 26th to take on Smith County before Traveling to Trousdale County on Tuesday night.

## TCHS WINS OVER RBSHS 10-0 IN SOFTBALL ACTION

Last Monday night the Red Boiling Springs Lady Bulldog Softball team took on the Trousdale County Lady Yellow Jackets in High School softball action and the Lady Bulldogs suffered a 10-0 defeat by a very much improved Trousdale County team.

In years gone by Trousdale County has been down in softball and were the underdog in almost every game they played. That's all over now as the Yellow Jackets have one of the most improved teams in the state as evidenced by their defeat of the Lady Bulldogs with such ease that it took Lady Bulldog fans by surprise.

Lady Bulldog pitcher Sherena Swoner pitched well enough to make this game a contest but the Lady Bulldog defense was charged with 6 errors and many of those 10 runs were unearned. When you make these kinds of mistakes you are not going to win many ballgames.

Trousdale County pitching was very hard on the bats of the Lady Bulldogs allowing only 3 hits for the entire game. Taylor Coffelt along with Conner Murphy and Sherena Swoner were responsible for the hits for Red Boiling Springs. The Yellow Jackets had 8 hits for the game to support their 10 runs.

Red Boiling Springs now must turn right around and welcome the Lady Tigerettes from Watertown to the Dog Pound on Tuesday night and Watertown brings much the reputation like Trousdale County. The Lady Bulldogs need to get the bats to come alive if they expect to compete against Watertown.