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Turtle won by 2-0 after one inning and would go on to win that one Kingfisher in the first game 5-0. Although these first two wins would have been enough, Turtle needed one more to meet the good measure.

An RBI by Peter brought in Cole Smith in the third inning. Kingfisher pulled twice in the top of the fifth, allowing another Turtle run. In the sixth inning, Turtle junior Keenan Taylor and freshman Shemar Hughes were walked before Thomas was hit by a pitch to lead the bats. A sacrifice fly resulted in a run by Cole Smith. Another Taylor hit over on a fielder's choice. Carter brought in Hughes with an RBI, and junior Luke Thomas struck home again opportunely to tie to a dramatic moment in the Kingfisher comeback and the second inning.

Up 5-0 in the seventh, Turtle scored two more in their final inning of the first game. Singles from Garrett, Warren Taylor and Taylor knocked the bats. An RBI from Ballard and a run by the Johnsons gave Turtle the 9-0 lead.

Kingfisher scored more runs with their first at bat in the second game than they did in the entire first game. The Yellowjackets' lead of seven resulted in a home run on the left field wall for a 1-0 win. Kingfisher was unable to get another hit for the rest of the game.

Turtle followed up that effort with a two-run blast that brought in Ballard for a 2-1 Turtle lead at the end of the first.

Turtle was also responsible for the Tigers' score with an RBI double in the bottom of the third. Garrett got on base as well in the inning, bringing in Smith. The score was 4-1 until the bottom of the sixth when Peter struck for the final run of the Regional Tournament. Now Regional Champ, Turtle needs only participation in the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association to determine when and where Turtle will play. The tournament is set to begin Thursday in Mustang, but with some regions still playing for a left in the air, the final location will check the Turtle Times baseball page for info.



Austin Garrett is pictured making a throw to second base during a 5-0 win over the Kingfisher Yellowjackets in the Regional Championship.



Cole Smith (22) gets a hit Monday in a Regional Championship game hosted by Turtle. The Tigers defeated the Kingfisher Yellowjackets 9-0.



The 2015 Turtle Tigers defeated the Kingfisher Yellowjackets twice Monday in the Regional Tournament. Turtle earned a berth into the State Tournament, the defending State Champions, ranked sixth, will be one of the eight teams to make it into the State Tournament, currently scheduled for Thursday in Mustang. Specific times were not announced as of press time. Check www.turtletimes.com for game times.



Turtle senior first baseman Wyatt Johnson (17) gets under a fly ball Monday at the Turtle Tigers defeated the Kingfisher Yellowjackets 9-0, check 9-8, and won again 5-1.

Lady Tigers represent Tuttle at state track meet



Illustration by Greg Dyer

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Tuttle High School's girls track team finished its season Tuesday on a high note, with several top eight finishes.

Creek Brad Ballard and the team, held at Moore High School and which ended Tuesday evening, was a great one to a busy season for the relatively young team. With only two senior leaders — Lauren Kelly and Tyler Spear — the team scored strong, in the process accomplishing everything Ballard and his team set out to do: the coach said.

"I was very proud of all of them," Ballard said. "They worked hard, they stayed competitive and they did a great job."

Tuttle's 100-meter Spear, Kelly, Sharnae Martin and Alayah Anderson placed in the top eight, as did Martin in the 400-meter race. Taylor Moran was fifth and Makenna Parker took sixth in the 100-meter hurdles, while Anderson brought in seventh in the 300-meter hurdles. Maddie Owee was in the top 10 in the 800-meter race. Maddie Owee was in the top 10 in the 100-meter race, the coach said.

Several TSD women qualified for state competitions in addition to the 4 x 100 team, including the 4 x 200 team of Spear, Parker, Kelly and Martin, a 400-meter Taylor, Parker, Alayah Patten and Martin, and Abby Rutherford, Tiffany Vinton, Kelly and Patten, who comprise the 4 x 400 team.

Individually, Patten, Moran and Anderson qualified in the 100-meter hurdle event, and Anderson and Patten were 300-meter hurdle qualifiers. Martin also qualified in the 400-meter run and Owee-Owee, Ballard said.

Most team members also play in other sports, so they would remain busy between now and next track season, when Ballard said he expected even better things from them. In the meantime, the group was celebrating its success.

"This is just a great group of girls — not just athletes, but people in general," Ballard said. "They represented their school, their families and their town really well."