

Tigers Split Doubleheader, Game 3 Cancelled

Madison, FL – *Game 1* (4-10), *Game 2* (1-0, 13 innings)

The Tigers opened their season against North Florida with a scheduled 3 game series. In game 1 the Tigers could not avoid big hits as the Sentinels capitalized on 2 home runs and a 3 run double. Andrew could not overcome the deficit. The Tigers had the lead in the fourth inning, 3-2, but big hits did them in. The Tigers mounted a 3 run rally with 2 outs in the second inning as Schley Eldridge picked up 2 RBIs on a lined shot that landed in front of the left fielder. Joe Sutton plated Eldridge 2 pitches later to give the Tigers their only lead of the game. Ric Bishop and Merit Hicks added 2 hits apiece.

In game two it took nearly three hours before either team could score a run. Eldridge came through again with an RBI single that scored Carson Tate from first base. Tate had been bunted to second base by Terry Nash after leading off the thirteenth with a single through the right side. In the eighth inning Tate kept the Tigers hopes alive as he took a relay from centerfielder Jay Barefield and gunned a strike to catcher Joe Sutton to squash the Sentinels only scoring opportunity of the game. Catcher Joe Sutton added two hits and a stolen base for the only other offensive highlight the Andrew offense could offer.

The Tigers head back to Florida on Tuesday to take on the Okaloosa-Walton Raiders. The game is slated for a 4:00 PM start.