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CHATTANOOGA -- Nash Powell did it all for University School of Jackson Wednesday in the winner's bracket final of the TSSAA Class A Baseball Tournament.

Powell pitched into the 10th inning and drove in the winning run in the 12th inning to lead the Bruins past Franklin Road Academy 7-6.

The game was the longest tournament game in TSSAA history. USJ (35-5) advances to Thursday's 5 p.m. championship game here. FRA (30-2) will play Rockwood at 10 a.m. Thursday at Cleveland State. The winner of that game will play in the championship series.

J.R. Dunn was hit by a pitch by Travis Horschel (2-2) to lead off the 12th inning. Eric Brandon, Tuesday's winning pitcher, relieved Horschel and got the next two outs before Powell singled up the middle, his fourth hit of the game. The four hits tied the state tournament record, last accomplished in 1997.

Powell pitched 10 innings, allowed eight hits, six runs -- five earned, walked five and struck out three. John Gorman improved to 10-0 with two scoreless innings of relief.

The Bruins rallied with three runs in the fifth inning to take a 5-4 lead. Tommy Sikes drove in a run with a single and Powell followed with a two-run double to center.

FRA tied the game in the bottom of the sixth when Brandon doubled to left-center to score Chris Guerra, who had singled.

Both teams scored in the 10th inning to extend the game.

Bucky Gulley, pinch-running for Sikes, scored on a wild pitch after the Bruins had loaded the bases with two outs.

The Big Blue scored in their half of the inning when Whit Dulin, running for Josh Brown, scored on a grounder to third by Jason McKee. The USJ third baseman threw late to the plate.

Horschel, who relieved Kendall Gregory in the third inning, picked up the loss. The FRA reliever threw 8-1/3 innings, allowed nine hits, five runs (two earned), walked four and struck out six.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	R	H	E
University School of Jackson	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	7	15	2
Franklin Road Academy	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	8	1

Nash Powell, John Gorman (10) and Roger Cook; Kendall Gregory, Travis Horschel (3), Eric Brandon (12) and Josh Brown. WP -- Gorman, 10-0. LP -- Horschel, 2-2. Records: University School of Jackson 35-4; Franklin Road Academy 30-2.