1998 CLASS AA STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

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Josh Bailey, John Corn (1) and Jason Brotherton; Dylan Evans, Matthew Coffman () and Keith Cowdon. WP – Corn. LP – Evans. 2B – Unicoi County, Scott Shealy, Frankie Edwards, John Corn; Jackson South Side, Jeff Wyatt, Matthew Coffman. 3B – Jackson South Side, Freddie Moore; HR – Unicoi County, Jonathan Johnson. Records – Unicoi County 29-5; Jackson South Side 23-9.

TULLAHOMA, Tenn. – Jonathan Johnson hit a bases-loaded home run as part of a sixrun fourth inning to power four-time state champion Unicoi County to a 16-12 victory over Jackson South Side on Thursday in the TSSAA Class AA Baseball Tournament losers' bracket semifinal game.

The victory advances Unicoi (29-5) into Thursday night's championship game against David Lipscomb.

Unicoi County took advantage of six South Side errors in the fourth and Johnson slammed his 50th career home run and Josh Bailey followed with a double. Jackson South Side tallied six runs in the bottom of the seventh and left two on base before Unicoi County got the final out. Freddie Moore had a two-run triple in the seventh that pulled the Hawks to 16-11.

Keith Cowden and Matthew Coffman had three hits apiece for South Side, which ended its season with a 23-9 record.