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CHATTANOOGA -- Zach Cook struck out five -- including the last two batters -- in three innings of relief to pick up a save and help Covington to its first-ever state championship Thursday with a 7-4 victory over Marshall County in the TSSAA Class AA Baseball Tournament at Historic Engel Stadium.

Cook, who struck out 12 in the tournament opener against the Tigers, gave up a single to the first batter he faced, then retired seven straight hitters.

Drew Parr pitched four strong inning to improve to 9-2. Parr allowed four hits, walked five and struck out three.

The Covington hurler pitched in trouble for much of his time on the hill. The Tigers loaded the bases in the first and second innings, but did not score. Marshall County scored one run in the third after having the first two runners reach base. The Tigers loaded the bases again in the fourth, but scored just two.

Covington got on the board first with a run in the second inning. Brandon Shelton led off the inning with a single and scored on Dabney Maxwell's double.

Marshall County answered with one in the third to tie the game.

Jeffery Terrell's sacrifice fly scored Ashley Morgan, who led off the inning with a walk.

The Tigers took the lead 3-1 in the fourth inning.

Josh Beatty had a two-run single to plate Chance Anderson and Morgan.

The Chargers would score three in the bottom of the fourth to take a 4-3 lead.

Gene Coltrane singled home William Allen Wooten, who led off the frame with a single. Two batters later, Maxwell picked up his second double of the game, which tied the state tournament record, to score Shelton, who reached on an error. Zach Cook scored on Jon Ashford's single.

Covington tacked on another run in the fifth when Cook grounded out at first with the bases loaded, scoring Wooten.

The Chargers continued to tally in the sixth with

Wooten drove in a run with a single. Jeremy Kellum then scored on a wild pitch.

Marshall County's comeback fell short, plating only one run in the seventh inning when Ryan Derryberry doubled home Terrell, who had singled.

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| Marshall County | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 2 |
| Covington | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | x | 7 | 11 | 1 |

Ryan Walker, Tyler Tillman (4) and Chance Anderson; Drew Parr, Zach Cook (5) and Drew Glass. WP -- Parr, 9-2. LP -- Walker, 2-2. Sv -- Cook, 2. Records: Marshall County 31-4; Covington 3-17.