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ABOVE: Brunswick's Brenden McGann climbs the fence in an effort to rob a Montgomery County Little League-Upper home run in Thursday's District 2 Tournament game in Brunswick. **BELOW:** Brunswick's Brayden Mobley, left, tags out Reeve Johnson at home plate.

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

UPPER GOES DEEP

Montgomery County team's homers send Brunswick to elimination game

■ **District 2 Tournament:** Montgomery County-Upper 15, Brunswick 5 (5 innings)

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BRUNSWICK — For two innings, Brunswick's 10-12 Little League all-star team thought it would be able to hang with Montgomery County Little League-Upper in Thursday's winners bracket final of the District 2 Tournament, but three home runs by MCLL-Upper changed all that.

Jaden Cuevas belted two home runs, good enough for three RBIs. Teammate Dylan Holahan had a three-run blast.

Those three clouts set up what wound up being a run-rule game, with MCLL-Upper defeating Brunswick 15-5 (five in-

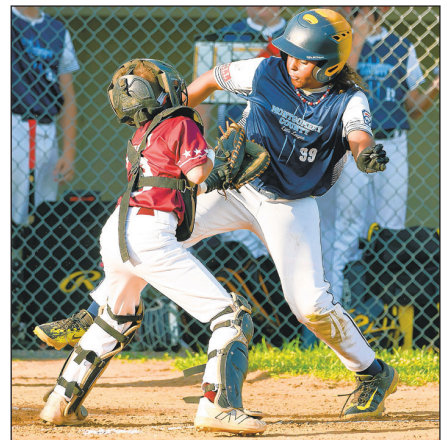
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nings) and forcing Brunswick to host an elimination-round game at 6 p.m. Friday against MCLL-Lower.

"I mean, Upper Montgomery is a really good team," Brunswick manager Cory Rhodes said. "They are a fundamentally sound team, both offensively and

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Upper goes deep

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defensively."

Brunswick is the lone Frederick County team remaining in the double-elimination tournament. It must defeat MCLL-Lower to earn a rematch at MCLL-Upper on Saturday.

Brunswick would then need to win again Saturday, forcing an extra game to determine the district champion on Sunday.

A two-run single by James Kraus in the top of the first inning gave Brunswick its only lead of the game. Cuevas erased that lead with the first of his two homers, a two-run shot over the fence in right-center field in the

bottom of the first.

Neither team scored in the second, but in the third, it was all MCLL-Upper.

Holahan cut loose a three-run blast over the fence in straightaway center. Cuevas followed, taking an 0-1 count over the fence in right.

The two homers were part of a four-run third. Things were in motion for MCLL-Upper's win.

MCLL-Upper added six more runs in the fourth, then brought an early end to the game with three runs in the fifth. MCLL-Upper finished with 13 hits.

Brunswick had its chances and scored three runs in

the fourth, but it was held to five hits against two MCLL-Upper pitchers. Reeve Johnson was MCLL-Upper's starter, striking out three over two innings. Ben Murphy got the win in relief with seven strikeouts.

"We got behind in the count a couple of times and their hitters made good swings," Rhodes said. "That's something that we've to get better at. It was still a good all-around game. I think the game was closer than the score indicated."

Jack Rhodes led Brunswick with two hits. Coop Daugherty had a double.

Johnson had three hits for MCLL-Upper.