

LITTLE LEAGUE

Mobley delivers Fogle winner for Brunswick

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When Brayden Mobley looked up as he rounded first base, he was surprised.

He sought the game-winning hit with the bases loaded, but he popped up the first pitch he saw. In his mind, it was a sure out.

So, when he saw his Brunswick Railroaders Little League Nationals teammates streaming out of the dugout, arms up in celebration, it took a moment to sink in. The ball had fallen in behind a drawn-in infield, and he wasn't out.

He had just won the game.

Mobley rounded the bases to meet his team along the third base line, and

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Staff photo by Alexander Dacy

The Brunswick Nationals Little League team poses after winning the Dave Fogle Memorial Tournament on Monday at Robert B. Staley Memorial Stadium.

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he soon found himself at the bottom of a jubilant dogpile. His walk-off single capped Brunswick's rally and 7-6 win over the Montgomery County Little League-Lower Astros Monday evening to win the 2025 Dave Fogle Memorial Tournament at Danny Miller Field at Robert B. Staley Memorial Stadium.

"It was crazy," Mobley said.

As he stepped to the plate with the game tied and one out in the bottom of the sixth, Mobley envisioned hitting his first walk-off.

But he imagined a well-struck ball, one that would leave no doubt.

"The pitch I was looking for was a fastball middle-in to drive it out in the outfield," Mobley said.

Instead, it was a pitch away that clipped the end of his bat. But Montgomery's infield was playing up to cut down a run at the plate, and Mobley's bloop settled at the edge of the infield dirt and outfield grass just out of the third baseman's reach.

"Brayden's been on top all year, lays bunts down, gets critical hits for us," Nationals manager Jonathan

Purks said.

But the rally started with the bottom of the order.

Monday's contest marked one of the first times this season that part of the lineup has consistently put the bat on the ball, Purks said, with several collecting their first hits of the season.

Just before Mobley batted, 11-hole hitter Jesse McMonagle stood in the batter's box facing a new pitcher with the tying run 60 feet from scoring. Though he fell behind in the count, 1-2, McMonagle stayed in the at-bat and drew a walk to bring home the tying run.

"He's had that challenge of swinging the bat all year long," Purks said. "Thankfully, he worked it and worked it, and I know the pressure was there, but he worked through it and set us up for what we needed."

Those final few batters also had a major hand

in helping Brunswick rally from a 5-0 deficit in the third inning, brought on by numerous errors.

The Nationals took advantage of three Astros miscues with two outs in the bottom of the third to plate three runs. Drew Brutcher and Nate Belcher then smacked back-to-back RBI doubles in the fourth to bring Brunswick within one run.

Though the Nationals got the tying run to third base in that frame, as well as the fifth, they couldn't bring it home.

But Mobley made sure to seal the deal in the sixth, sending Brunswick to the Gregg Quedewelt Memorial Tournament of Champions, which begins Saturday in Thurmont. The Nationals will face the Four County Little League Orioles.

"Just wanting to walk it off to get the game over with, no extra innings," Mobley said.

The BRLL Nationals' roster includes Mobley, McMonagle, Brutcher, Belcher, Brenden McGann, Brody McLane, Brantley Mobley, Max Racosky, Jesse Purks, Brady Tanner and Reed Putnam.



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