Danville Post 325 plays in F-District tournament

Post 325 third basemen Elijah Byrd runs out of the batter's box in Post 325's win over Post 3 on Saturday.

American Legion team wins Saturday to advance to championship game Sunday

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Danville Post 325 came away with a 7-2 win against Roanoke Post 3 to take Game 1 of the American Legion F-District Tournament.

Post 325 starting pitcher and ace Jaxon Lloyd dominated with the help of Danville's defense. Lloyd struck out 13 in 6 2/3 innings, giving up nine hits and two runs while throwing 102 pitches. Will Eaton pitched the last out to seal the win, throwing just three pitches.

Danville's Elijah Byrd came in clutch for Post 325 in the bottom fifth. With the bases loaded with one out, Byrd worked a walk, forcing in Henry Hurt and giving Danville a 3-2 lead.

Hurt led off the inning on an infield single, beating out the throw at first. Against a 1-1 count during Joey Duffer's at-bat with the bases loaded, Grant Elliott scored on a passed ball that rolled to the backstop to add an insurance run for Post 325.

Lloyd scored from third on Duffer's groundout to put Danville up 5-2.

Post 325 found itself in another bases-loaded situation in the bottom of the sixth. Elliott, who was down in a 0-2 count with one out, took four straight balls, sending home Comer for a 6-2 lead. Hurt scored on a fielder's choice, which went down as the second out, during the following at-bat.

In the bottom of the third, Post 325's Bryson Brady tied the game at 1 on his RBI groundout to second base. Brady's groundout scored Nathan Comer, who led off the inning with a walk.

Byrd doubled to the center-field gap and scored Lloyd from first, tying the game at 2 in the bottom of the fourth.

Post 325 was set to play for American Legion F-District Championship on Sunday afternoon in a double-elimination format.