

Bluefield State (32-15) eliminated persistent Edward Waters (34-20) 12-7 in a seesaw Game 9 tussle of the Black College Baseball World Series presented by Tyson Foods at Riverwalk Park – home of the of the Class AA Montgomery Biscuits – Friday to advance to the BCBWS finals Saturday against top-seeded Talladega at 2 p.m. (CDT).

BSU relief pitcher Braeden Major (7-2) got the advantage of a come-from-behind victory as he arrived in the second inning and then faltered in the seventh inning but got run support to enable him to earn the victory with 5 1/3 frames of work.

Korbin Bostic provided the key blow early for Bluefield State with a grand slam (his third homer of the year and the first grand slam in nine games in this tourney) to help erase a 4-0 edge by the Tigers and push BSU into its first lead of the night at 5-4 in the third inning.

Edward Waters built its initial 4-0 heading behind some timely hitting and then had a key delivery of a three-run, inside-the-park homer (his fifth in '24) by Torry Jones to put the Tigers back ahead 7-6 in the seventh.

Then BSU rallied for five runs in the bottom of the seventh to retake the edge at 11-7. Bostic provided the main firepower for the Big Blue with his four-bagger while the Nos. 3-5 hitters in the lineup combined for six hits and six RBI.

Losing pitcher Jeremyah Martinez (0-1) of EWU was the victim of the five-run rally by BSU in the seventh. Hugo Schoening led the charge for the Tigers at the plate with three hits while Jones topped his crew with the three RBI.

Bluefield and No. 1 seed Talladega meet in a newly-scheduled time of 10 a.m. (CDT) Saturday in a winner-take-all title skirmish.