



Members of the Bob Horlacher 9-10 softball team congratulate the Canal Delaware team on its 3-2 victory in Old Forge Wednesday afternoon.

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Sarah Traver, left, Josie Frisco, Danielle Krispin, and Sydney Faux, all of Tunkhannock, cheer on the Bob Horlacher 9-10 softball team.

Bob Horlacher's ride has heartbreaking end

It was a great ride for the Bob Horlacher 9-10 year old softball team but a heartbreaking 3-2 defeat to Canal of Delaware in the Eastern Regional Tournament on Wednesday was a bit hard to take. Canal's Jules Kolek got a piece of a pitch thrown by Horlacher reliever Hope Jones and, with two outs in the bottom of the sixth inning, drove home Mallory Weir and Kelsey Higgins with the tying and winning runs in a game played in Old Forge.

Jones' pitch to Kolek was on the outside part of the plate and Kolek flicked the bat through the strike zone. The ball arced over first baseman Sarah Kuderka and fell in front of right fielder Erin Dunn just inches inside the right field fence. The perfectly-placed hit easily brought in the runners from second and third. Jones retired four of the first five batters she faced via strikeouts, pitching carefully around

clean-up batter Weir. Higgins was down to her team's final strike but forced a 14-pitch attack against Jones before earning a walk. Jones had 22 strikeouts in 12 1/3 innings on the mound. Horlacher's Faith Jones had two hits, giving her seven for the tournament. Horlacher was scheduled to play in the tournament's third-place game Thursday afternoon.



Bob Horlacher players cheer for their teammates from the dugout.



Bob Horlacher fans cheer on their team from the outfield bleachers.



Bob Horlacher's Sarah Kuderka looks back at first base after being called out at second base against Canal Delaware.



Bob Horlacher catcher Faith Jones catches a talling fast ball.



Bob Horlacher first base runner Cassidy Shirtz, center, watches the pitch as Canal's Bella Hagen stands ready for a play.