



SOUTH FLORIDA
SunSentinel



Wexler shutout propels Park Vista past Tohopekalgia in 7A regional quarter



Park Vista's Hunter Bruce, left, and Cody Wexler. (Alex Kushel, Contributor)



By **ALEX KUSHEL** | Sun Sentinel Correspondent

PUBLISHED: April 24, 2026 at 11:57 PM EDT



LAKE WORTH — Park Vista senior pitcher Cody Wexler tossed a shutout, junior right fielder Hunter Bruce had a go-ahead RBI triple in the sixth inning, and the host Cobras defeated Tohopekaliga 2-0 in a 7A regional baseball quarterfinal on Friday night.

Park Vista (18-5), which has won 12 of their last 13 games, will host Jupiter in a three-game series in the regional semifinal beginning on May 1.

Wexler previously recorded a shutout in the district championship victory against Boca Raton. The right-hander delivered again in the opening round of the playoffs as he allowed five hits and two walks while recording six strikeouts.

Wexler, who recently lost one of his closest friends after a motorcycle accident, has persevered with support from his teammates.



"It means a lot to me and what I have went through with my friend," Wexler said. "I am doing my job throwing strikes and trying to keep hitters off balance. I have people out there that can help me. I have trust in my defense. The double play in the second was big for me."

Wexler (7-0) has allowed just three earned runs this season.

"Cody has been phenomenal," Park Vista coach Larry Greenstein said. "He is a quality kid, a great teammate and just gives 110 percent. The kids believe in him. They love it when he is out there and he works fast. He had some close calls tonight and the defense picked him up."

Tohopekaliga (12-9) had the bases loaded with one out in the second inning. Wexler induced a groundball to second as the Cobras defense turned a double play to escape the jam.



The Tigers failed to capitalize with runners at second and third with two outs in the fourth. Wexler recorded the final out of the inning after a lineout to senior center fielder Caleb Smith.

The Tigers had a two-out double in the fifth. Wexler, however, retired the side on a groundout to second to keep the game scoreless.

Senior second baseman Michael Maynes drew a leadoff walk in the bottom of the sixth. Senior first baseman Owen Dever had a sacrifice bunt to advance Maynes into scoring position. After the second out was recorded, Bruce drilled his triple down the right field line into the corner to score Maynes to break a scoreless tie.

"It's very exciting," Bruce said. "I am just happy to come through for my guys. I know how much everybody wants it. I was happy to keep the season going for the seniors."

