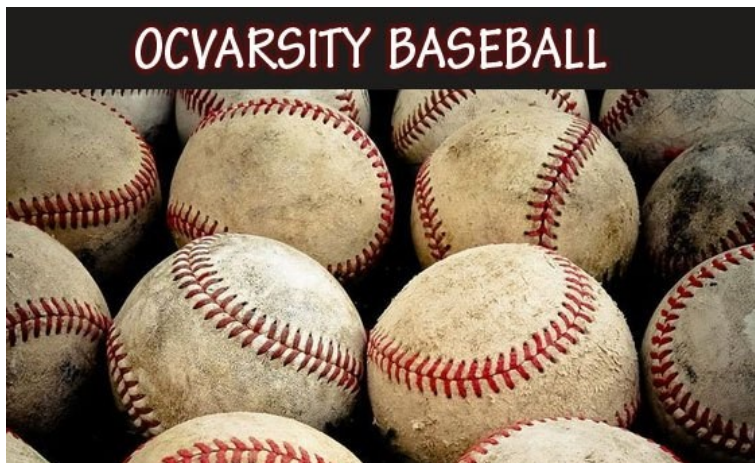


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SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO >> Crean Lutheran's baseball team has done its part to set up another end-of-the-season showdown with Sage Hill for the Academy League title.

Crean Lutheran and St. Margaret's traded runs in the first two innings before the Saints got ahead in the third and pulled away in the fifth to defeat the Tartans, 9-3, on Thursday at San Juan Sports Park.

"We always take every game separately," Crean Lutheran coach Jake Haney said. "Super proud of the way that we carried practice and our approach at practice into the game. We had a lot of good swings, a lot of loud outs."

The Saints (21-3, 10-0) remained undefeated in league with league games remaining against Sage Hill on May 9 and 11. Crean Lutheran has lost five straight to the Lightning, a stretch that includes the teams' last four league meetings and last season's CIF-SS Division 6 championship game.