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“Hits are not going to beat us, walks are going to beat us,” Lawrence coach Adam Green said. “(Homan) is doing what he’s taught to do there. We can’t panic. It’s the first inning, he’s filling the strike zone up. That’s what we want.”

Homan settled in after the first inning and allowed only a hit and a walk across the next four innings.

“I was happy with how he settled down,” Green said. “He is a kid who is going to give up some hits, but if he can command a

breaking ball and he can command a second pitch, that’s how he’s going to have success for us.”

The Lions didn’t get a hit in the bottom of the first and only got a runner on base with Gavin Taylor being hit by a pitch. The Titans picked up a fourth hit to start the top of the second inning, but the Lions retired the next three batters in order.

Lawrence took the lead in the bottom of the second and held it the rest of the way. After a leadoff pop out, third baseman Jonah Stutler singled for the first Lawrence hit of the game. The Lions got two walks, and Stutler ran home on a passed ball during the latter plate appearance.

Center fielder Jaxon Becker doubled with two outs and drove in two runs, giving Lawrence a 3-2 lead, but he was picked off at second after taking his foot off the base.

“JB got us going with that double,” Green said. “I was real happy with him, and that got us going. That got the momentum in our dugout, and that’s where we kind of relaxed. That’s where we need to be from the first pitch.”

Homan gave up a walk in the top of the third, but the Lions converted a 1-6-3 double play to end the half inning. Taylor started the third with a double, and after stealing third, Taylor scored on an error. Two fielder’s choices

ended the third inning with the Lions taking a 4-2 lead.

Lawrence retired the side in order in the fourth and added another three runs. Catcher Will Grimes singled to start the bottom of the fourth, and after stealing second and third, Grimes ran home on the throw to third. Becker got on base with a single and first baseman Hudson Hardesty walked, and both scored on a passed ball before the third out.

Homan pitched for the final time in the fifth, throwing only six pitches and retiring the side in order with a strikeout. He finished with two strikeouts against the four hits and two walks allowed.

Stutler walked in the first plate appearance of the bottom of the fifth, and he scored on a groundout two at-bats later.

Harrison Cobb came in to pitch in the sixth inning and walked two batters before the Lions got the third two out. After an out in the first at-bat of the bottom of the sixth, Hardesty walked and right fielder Brady Wollesen got on base after being hit by a pitch. Stutler walked with two outs to load the bases, and Hardesty scored on a passed ball in the following at-bat.

Gavin Puza pinch hit in the sixth with the bases loaded and brought in two runners with a single. A flyout ended the sixth before the Lions could get a

10-run lead. Cobb and the Lions quickly retired the side in the top of the sixth to win the game. Cobb started with a strikeout in four pitches, and the defense finished with a flyout and a groundout for the final two outs of the game.

Green said the Lions still have a number of arms he wants to see get on the mound, and the Lions will have another weekend to see the pitching depth as well as get the team’s bats ready for Sunflower League games.

Lawrence will face another team from outside Kansas on Thursday as the Lions host Park Hill South High School at 4:30 p.m.

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It can also serve as a boon for bookmakers. A record \$3.3 billion is expected to be wagered legally on the men’s tournament, according to the American Gaming Association.

While hard numbers on the amount of wagering done Thursday were unavailable, BetMGM

spokesman John Ewing noted the tournament — which he said generates about as much action as the Super Bowl — is one of the uncommon instances where bettors put their money where their hearts are.

Though the top seeds have performed well in recent years, a lot of the action during the opening weekend goes elsewhere as fans try to cash in on potential Cinderellas.

“In March Madness, underdogs and upsets are

such a popular theme and part of our culture that even though favorites have done so well lately, we still see underdogs taking a majority of bets in many games,” Ewing said.

That was certainly the case on Thursday night when 16th-seeded Siena opened a double-digit lead over top-seeded Duke. Wagers on the Saints pulling off the stunner spiked at halftime, meaning the house did pretty well

when the Blue Devils rallied.

While Duke survived and advanced, its struggles did not go unnoticed. The Blue Devils opened the tournament as the betting favorites to win it all.

That wasn’t the case Friday morning, when Arizona replaced Duke as the top choice among futures bettors at BetMGM,

followed by Michigan, with the Blue Devils falling to third.

Ewing said the dip was more about support for the Wildcats than it was a knock on Duke. He added there have been wagers of \$50,000 on Arizona and Houston to win it all, with another bettor putting \$100,000 on Purdue to reach the Final Four.

Betting interest in the women’s tournament continues to increase, which Ewing attributed to part of the ripple effect of Caitlin Clark bringing more eyes to the sport. The ability to watch every game has also helped.

“I think people are just realizing it’s just as much fun as the men’s tournament,” Ewing said.

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THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED: You are hereby notified that on March 10, 2026, a Petition for Probate of Will and Issuance of Letters Testamentary was filed in this Court, by Wayne E. Smith, the Executor named in the "Last Will and Testament of Jerilyn Ann Phillips deceased, requesting the Will filed with the Petition be admitted to probate and record; Petitioner be named Executor, without bond, David J. Brown, Attorney at Law, be appointed as Agent for the Executor, and that Letters Testamentary issue.

You are required to file your written defenses to the Petition on or before April 14, 2026, at 2 p.m., in the District Court, Douglas County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

All creditors of the Decedent are notified to exhibit their demands against the Estate within the latter of four months from the date of first publication of notice under K.S.A. 59-2236 and amendments thereto, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonably ascertainable, 30 days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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