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Eagleville's Chris Jutofsky can't get a handle on the ball as Middle Tennessee Christian School's Jake Siler slides safely into second base after driving in the first run of the game in the Cougars' 6-1 victory Tuesday in Eagleville.

Cougars get even with Eagleville

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EAGLEVILLE — Middle Tennessee Christian School did two things Tuesday.

First, it split its two-game series with Eagleville with a 6-1 win on the road. Second, it earned a tiebreaker in District 9-A with the Eagles by outscoring them 9-8 in the series.

"We talked about evening the series," said MTCS coach Brandon Bassham, whose squad lost to Eagleville 7-3 Monday. "(Eagleville) made a lot of plays (Monday). We thought if we played our game we'd be OK."

The Cougars (4-4, 1-1 in District 9-A) got solid pitching from Taylor Beckham (1-0), who struck out eight and surrendered three

hits in a complete-game win.

"I was able to locate my off-speed pitches," Beckham said. "They played good defense behind me."

Eagleville (4-6, 1-1) went down in order during five of seven innings. It put together consecutive singles by Chris Jutkofsky and Tony Adams during the second inning, but Beckham ended the threat by striking out G.J. Strunk.

The Eagles' lone run came in the sixth inning when they were already trailing 5-0. John David Proctor, who went 1-for-3, drove in Eagleville's only run with an RBI single to center field, scoring James Blackwell, who reached on a fielder's choice.

"You can't win like that," Eagleville coach Scott Courtney said of going down in order five times.

MTCS broke open a close game in the fourth inning with four runs. Andrew Coats, who went 1-for-2 with a walk, delivered the big blow with a bases-loaded RBI triple, scoring Stewart Welter, Michael Colvin and Logan Siler.

Ethan Patterson also scored in the inning.

"They did a great job," Bassham said.

Caleb Summar, who reached on an error in the seventh inning, scored the Cougars' final run when Houston Sandlin threw the ball into left field in an attempt to get Summar out at third base.

"(Monday night) I thought we showed a lot of heart and guts," Courtney said. "I think we thought we won the World Series, and we just won a district game."