

# CC dumps undefeated Taylor C.

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Staff writer

Redford Catholic Central opened its own little shop of horrors Saturday afternoon, smothering No. 1-ranked Taylor Center in the Class A regional baseball final at Plymouth Colony 7-3.

CC annexed the Rams' unbeaten streak at 29 after getting a scare from Canton in the semifinals earlier in the day at adjoining Salem, High, 7-4.

It was CC's day all the way. The Shamrocks' defense was superb, gobbling up everything in sight.

"That's been our weakness all season, not handling the ground balls, the fly balls . . . at times we've been the last ball all over the place," said Taylor coach John Salter, whose team will take a 25-9 record into the state semifinals at 8 a.m. Friday against Milford at Lansing's Municipal Field. (Milford beat Grand Haven, 12-4, to win the Lansing Waverly regional crown.)

Pitchers Leo Hutchinson and Keith Boykz each tossed complete games to enable CC to make a bid for its third state title. CC has won the coveted Class A title twice (1979 and 1987).

HUTCHINSON, a senior left-hander now sporting a 15-2 record, got off to a rocky start against Canton, serving up a first-inning grand slam to Canton first baseman Mike Culver.

But Hutchinson finished strong, retiring 13 of the final 14 batters he faced. He allowed just three hits and four walks, while striking out seven.

And if Hutchinson's uncharacteristic start was spooky, Canton ace Mike Sulkin's brief stint was nightmarish.

The usually reliable senior right-hander unraveled in the top of the first, allowing five runs in just one-third of an inning.

Of the six batters he faced, Sulak hit one and walked four.

Chris Johnston, the CC lead-off man, scored on a wild pitch. Chris Tomasi strolled home when Tom Hill walked with the bases loaded. Mark Blumhagen ground out an RBI double. Pironello came through with a soft single through a drawn-in infield, scoring more runs. Kevin Wheeler brought Hill home with a successful suicide squeeze bunt, accounting for the fifth run.

BUT CANTON got right back in it as Hutchinson also had trouble finding the plate in the bottom of the first.

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## Safe is Schaeffer

John Schaeffer of Harrison slides safely into home plate in the second inning Saturday. He scored on a passed ball to make the score 2-0 for the Hawks, and opposing pitcher

Troy Wilcox made an error when he missed the throw from his catcher. Harrison finished the season 20-6 after dropping the Class B regional contest 7-4 at Allen Park.

Sulak, who entered the game with a 1989 record of 5-1 to go along with six state tournament wins over the past three years, never had his day.

"Mike's been so steady for us," said Canton coach Fred Crissey. "But he hit the first batter and walked the next and then he started talking to himself. I didn't care about him throwing 90 mph. I just wanted him to throw strikes. He never had a game like this. I had to take him out."

CC ADDED another run in the fourth. Pironello allowed a single to Paul Principe, but the fielders by shortstop, Derek Humphries, and third baseman Geoff Allen (with the bases loaded) pushed him home.

In the seventh, pinch hitter Brett Welling lined a single to left, scoring Hill with CC's final run.

"I thought we played over the start, but you can't make seven errors," said Crissey, whose team bowed out at 22-9. "You just can't play defense like that. That's been our downfall, but we're not down on heart. These guys never gave up on themselves."

"Strangely, defense and hunting have been our forte over the years, but this year we set a negative record defensively with our infield."

Meanwhile, CC's defense sparkled, as Pete Elezovic, the first baseman, and Pironello, the right fielder, each made timely diving catches.

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"Give them credit," Crissey said. "CC played great defense from the fifth inning on. There are a lot of great athletes from the Catholic League. They made all the plays. They deserved it, so can't be disappointed."

TAYLOR CENTER brought its glittering 29-0 record into the final after edging Trenton in the other semifinal, 3-2.

The Rams got away with a series of shabby defensive plays to oust Trenton, but couldn't overcome the same miscreants against CC.

Firebaler Bill Kostich, a left-hander drafted by the Major League Atlanta Braves, and Dutch Boykz, a senior, started the game earlier in the week, worked five innings against Trenton. He is available to work four more in the championship final.

But Taylor Center manager Tom Blumhagen started right-hander Davey Jones, who was roughed up, a-la Sulak, in the bottom of the first as the Shamrocks scored three times.

Battling cleanup, Elezovic delivered a timely single, scoring Sulak from second and Pironello all the way from first after Taylor Center right fielder Thad Finley let the ball squirt past him trying to make a diving grab.

Hill then followed with a double, scoring Elezovic.

Kostich came on in the third inning and reigned CC in order, but in

the fourth he was the victim of three unearned runs.

WALKS TO Matt Fennelly and when he coupled with a pair of hits, the Rams' lead grew to 6-0. Kostich, who started the game in center field, threw only two innings before giving way to Todd Boike in the fifth inning.

The Rams finally got on the board in the sixth on an RBI triple by Bryan Keatley. They added two more in the top of the seventh and threatened to score more before CC second baseman Mark Clary knocked a shot down in the hole, throwing out Boike for the second out.

Boyz then struck out Dan Woldt to end the game, finishing with five hits. He struck out four and walked only two in squaring his record at 5-5.

Boyz, who missed part of the semifinal game against Canton because he was taking an ACT exam, was in command the entire way.

"He did a nice job," Salter said. "He threw strikes and we made the plays with runners on. We caught the ball and they (Taylor Center) had some defensive problems. When you get at this level, you can't make those mistakes."

Salter's counterpart, Blumhagen, painfully recounted all of his team's mistakes.

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### FINAL STANDINGS

Lakes Division: 1. Plymouth Salem and Farmington, 3-0-1 each; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 2-0-2. 4. Western Division: 1. Plymouth Canton, 4-0-2; Livonia Churchill and Northville, 3-1-1 each; 4. Livonia Franklin and Walled Lake Western, 1-3-1 each; 6. Farmington Harrison, 0-2-1. Overall conference records: 1. Plymouth Salem, 8-0-2; 2. Plymouth Canton, 8-0-3; 3. Farmington Harrison, 7-1-1; 4. Livonia Stevenson, 5-2-3; 5. Northville, 5-3-2; 6. Livonia Churchill, 5-2-1; 7. Walled Lake Central, 1-6-1; 11. Farmington Harrison, 2-0-2. Western Lakes playoff champion: Plymouth Canton.

## South opens with win

Three pitchers combined for a one-hitter last week as the South Farmington Mickey Manley baseball team began its season with a 10-2 victory over Allen Park.

Les Luark was the starter and winner in the game played Tuesday at Farmington. He went 3 1/2 innings and allowed only the Allen Park hit. Luark walked six, hit two and fanned four.

South Farmington competes in the Little Caesars Travel League's Man's Division.

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Attest: J. Kingley Cotton, 440 W. Long Lake Road, Suite 300, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan 48306. Telephone: (313) 274-1600. Dated: June 12, 1989.

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