

Trojans fall in district final

Livonia Clarenceville couldn't sustain any momentum from freshman Tim Hatch's no-hitter in the Class C district baseball semifinals against Lutheran Westland.

The host Trojans won the opener 6-1 as Hatch (1-1) struck out six and walked only two.

In the final, Southfield Christian (18-2) ended Clarenceville's run with a 5-0 triumph as junior Ryan Helms tossed a one-hitter.

Clarenceville finished 7-14-1. Hatch's no-hitter was the first since Kevin Bazzi did it in 1991.

Offensively, Bob Wyss led Clarenceville by going 3-for-3 with a double and one RBI. Rob Ashton and Jack Stallings each added two hits.

Mat Baltz, the losing pitcher, gave up eight hits, five walks and three earned runs over seven innings.

Ashton was the losing pitcher in the final. He allowed six hits, five walks and three earned runs over 5 1/3 innings.

Leadoff man Bryan DeCaire had the lone Clarenceville hit, which opened the first inning.

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Semifinals: Westland John Glenn vs. Adin 10 a.m.; Livonia Stevenson vs. Trenton, noon.

Championship Final: Approximately 2 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Portland vs. Lansing Waverly regional champion.)

at SOUTHWEST ANDERSON

Semifinals: Redford Catholic Central vs. Taylor Kennedy, 9:30 a.m.; Detroit Southwestern vs. Grosse Pointe South, 12:30 p.m.

Championship Final: Approximately 3:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Carleton Airport vs. Hazel Park regional champion.)

at ROYAL OAK MEMORIAL PARK

Semifinals: North Farmington vs. Birmingham Bishler, 9:30 a.m.; Waterford Most vs. Rochester Adams, noon.

Championship Final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Lake Fenton vs. Davison regional champion.)

CLASS B

at CARLETON AIRPORT

Semifinals: Redford Thurston vs. Melvin Dale, 10 a.m.; Center vs. Chelsea, 12:30 p.m.

Championship Final: 4 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Royal Oak Memorial vs. Madison Heights Griggs Foley regional champion.)

CLASS C

at DEARBORN HTS. FAIRLANE

Semifinals: Marine City Cardinal Mooney vs. Bloomfield Hills Redford, 10 a.m.; Center Line St. Clement vs. Redford St. Agatha, noon.

Championship Final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Fenton vs. Genesee regional champion.)

STATE TOURNAMENT REGIONAL SOFTBALL DRAWS (all Saturday, June 8)

CLASS A

at DEARBORN HTS. FAIRLANE

Semifinals: Marine City Cardinal Mooney vs. Bloomfield Hills Redford, 10 a.m.; Center Line St. Clement vs. Redford St. Agatha, noon.

Championship Final: Approximately 2:30 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Fenton vs. Genesee regional champion.)

CLASS B

at DEARBORN HTS. FAIRLANE

Semifinals: Redford St. Agatha vs. Center Line St. Clement, 10 a.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Marine Cardinal Mooney, 12:30 p.m.

Championship Final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Fenton vs. Genesee regional champion.)

CLASS C

at DEARBORN HTS. FAIRLANE

Semifinals: Redford St. Agatha vs. Center Line St. Clement, 10 a.m.; Plymouth Christian Academy vs. Marine Cardinal Mooney, 12:30 p.m.

Championship Final: Approximately 3 p.m. (Winner advances to the state quarterfinals Tuesday, June 11 at Fenton vs. Genesee regional champion.)

Salem coach needs surgery

Plymouth Salem baseball coach Dale Rumberger is facing surgery to remove one of his kidneys in the near future.

"My doctor said he knew it was serious when I told him I couldn't make the baseball game," Rumberger said May 28 after Salem defeated Livonia Churchill 10-2 without its coach in attendance.

Rumberger was hospitalized for two days with excruciating pain, but got out of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in hopes of coaching his team that day.

"By the time I got home," Rumberger said, "I was too pooped."

Salem's highly regarded coach had been living in pain recently but was hospitalized when it intensified. He originally thought it might be kidney stones.

"The doctor told me the other day, 'I've got good news - you don't have any kidney stones.'"

But your kidney has to come out.

(Physicians take note: this was just Rumberger's way of making light of a serious situation.)

As the pain increased, Rumberger had begun making plans for others to coach Salem's team in his absence.

He called up JV coach Joe Bonnett to run the team along with assistant Mike Sanecker.

"It was coaching by committee," Rumberger joked. "I even got (former) coach John Gravin to come out of retirement."

After examination ruled out kidney stones, it was discovered Rumberger is suffering from a congenital kidney defect.

"After all these years," he said, "it's caught up with me. After two days in the hospital I got them to let me go. I wanted to coach the game but after I got home the pain was so bad I just couldn't do it."

"My other kidney is fine. It's kind of like a birth defect."

The way it was explained to Rumberger, the tube that drains the kidney is under sized and is causing the organ to bloat.

"I'm taking more pills right now than they make," Rumberger said.

NFWB, Concealed battle on diamond

North Farmington-West Bloomfield's Willie Mays Division baseball team (ages 10-under) won the Memorial Classic held in Warren over Memorial Day weekend with a 10-5 win over Redford Concealed Security in the final.

Jon Noble was the winning pitcher, scattering six hits with six strikeouts. Josh Fienberg and Chris Clark each went 2-for-3 to pace the NFWB hitting attack.

Concealed won the rematch, 8-0, turning a remarkable three double plays on Friday in a Little Caesars Division game played at Capitol Park in Redford Township.

Concealed finished the Memorial tournament 3-2, with both losses coming to NFWB.

Concealed, coached by Livonian Lou Pirronello with assistants Bob Murray (Redford) and Vic Monterey (Farmington), opened the tourney with a 7-6 win over the St. Clair Shores Indians.

Kyle Miller of Farmington was the winning pitcher, fanning seven with one hit and no walks in 2 1/3 innings of relief. Shaun Murray of Redford earned the save with two innings of relief, striking out four.

Mike Monterey of Farmington and Miller each went 2-for-3 with an RBI.

Concealed came back with a 10-2 win over the Brandon Braves as winning pitcher Brian Dutton struck out four and walked none in four innings.

Phillip Mabey of Livonia contributed in one inning of pitching while Miller went 2-for-3 again and Monterey scored three runs with two RBIs.

Greg Hocking of Farmington was 2-for-2, including a triple, with two RBIs.

NFWB handed Concealed its first loss in the next game, 6-2, before the Security earned a right to play in the championship game with 12-3 victory over the Indians.

Monterey was the winning pitcher, throwing a five hitter with two walks and six strikeouts. He also contributed offensively, going 3-for-3 with three RBIs.

Dutton was 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBIs. Miller also had a triple.

In Friday's win over NFWB, Concealed jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first inning and scored three more in the fifth.

Chris Wrigley of Redford and Murray drove in one run each with a double and triple respectively back-to-back in the first inning.

Anthony Volpe of Farmington drove in a run with a double.

Miller was 2-for-2 to lead the charge, and Monterey had an RBI double in the fifth.

The win raised Concealed's record to 7-2 overall, 4-0 in the Little Caesars Division.

The rest of the Concealed roster includes Robert Frazer of Detroit, Mark Pirronello and Marc Mercier of Livonia and Dan Kapla of Royal Oak.

ALL-WLAA BASEBALL

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Pitchers: Tom Weller, senior, Northville; Jack Mathison, senior, Walled Lake Central; Catcher: Ryan Rumberger, junior, Plymouth Salem.

First baseman: John Wilson, junior, Walled Lake Western.

Infielders: Mike Forney, senior, Northville; Andy Evans, senior, WL Central; C.J. Ghannam, junior, Farmington Harrison.

Outfielders: Mark Dietrich, junior, Livonia Stevenson; Eric Bowman, senior, Kyle Hitchcock, senior, Northville.

All large: Steve Crepeau, junior, WL Central.

ALL DIVISION-LAKES

Pitchers: Jeff Trost, junior, North Farmington; Nick Latta, senior, Farmington.

Catcher: Chuck Archambault, junior, Farmington.

First baseman: Rob Wing, senior, WL Central.

Infielders: Tony Dettino, junior, Stevenson; Bill Handman, junior, WL Central; Tim Reeves, sophomore, Westland John Glenn.

Outfielders: Robert Roth, senior, North Farmington; Ryan Andziewski, senior, Salem; Trevor Denny, senior, John Glenn.

All large: Eric Pierce, senior, North Farmington.

ALL DIVISION-WESTERN

Pitchers: Matt Sullivan, senior, Harrison; Kevin Crane, junior, WL Western.

Catcher: Aaron Lawson, junior, Harrison.

First baseman: Tim Miller, senior, Franklin.

Infielders: John Wright, senior, Plymouth Canton; Mark Sanders, senior, Northville; Scott Hayes, junior, WL Western.

Outfielders: Adam Smerecki, junior, Harrison; Jason Brewer, junior, WL Western; Jason Schrod, senior, Franklin.

All large: Nick Gendard, junior, WL Western.

HONORABLE MENTION-LAKES

Walled Lake Central: Tim Whiting, Rob Newsum.

North Farmington: Aaron Stephan, Dave Gosselin, Chad Feldman.

Plymouth Salem: Dan Heltzmann, Kirk Craggs, Dave Barker.

Farmington: Paul Mitchell, Wes Cornwell, Dan McLaughlin, Brian Murray.

Livonia Stevenson: Todd Smith, Eric Curt, Kevin Raycraft, Eric Yunasz.

Westland John Glenn: Sean Heard, Dan Calks, Steve Walter.

HONORABLE MENTION-WESTERN

Northville: James Belanger, Chris Schiffer, Jeff Saving.

Walled Lake Western: Cody Thornton, Dave Tyler.

Plymouth Canton: Anthony Pastor, Matt Richards, Jason Bricker.

Farmington Harrison: Mike Fisher, Chris Puzsoli.

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