

REGIONALS

REGIONAL BASEBALL PARADES

(all Saturday, June 12)

DIVISION I

at BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham: Birmingham vs. Birmingham, 10 a.m.; West Lake, 12:30 p.m.

Championship: Approximately 3 p.m.

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DIVISION V

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DIVISION IX

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DIVISION X

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DIVISION XI

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DIVISION XXI

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Good pitching key to Hawks winning district

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Good pitching usually carries the day in the state baseball tournament, and Farmington Harrison had plenty of it Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm.

Seniors right-handers Zach Burton and Joe Ghanann were nothing less than outstanding, throwing a pair of one-hit shutouts to lead the Hawks to a Division II district title.

Burton pitched the championship game, a 2-0 win over Detroit Country Day. Ghanann just missed a no-hitter in the opener as Harrison bombed Royal Oak Dondoro in a five-inning mercy, 14-0.

"I thought it was two of our better games," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "In one, we had a lot of hitting and good defense, and the other was a great high school baseball game with two good pitchers battling it out."

Country Day junior David Barkholtz allowed just three Harrison hits, but two of them were RBI singles by Blake Ashley and Mike Head.

Burton (6-4) gave up a leadoff

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single to Jason Probert to start the game and didn't allow another hit, walking only two batters and hitting one after that.

He retired 11 batters in a row at one point, a streak that followed a leadoff walk in the third inning and extended through two outs in the sixth.

"This means so much to me, because I've had a bit of a rough season," said Burton, who has won his last two starts, including a win over Livonia Stevenson in the Western Lakes Activities Association final.

"I can't wait for the regional; I'm definitely getting in a groove. The games I lost were really close, so I wasn't losing my confidence. With this game and the Stevenson game, my confidence is soaring right now."

Burton struck out seven and Barkholtz (7-2) six; the latter also walked five.

Harrison's Kevin McVay walked in the fourth inning, advanced on a passed ball and scored the first run on Ashley's hit.

In the next inning, Bob Austin

walked, stole second and reached home plate on Head's single.

Dave Pesci had the only other hit for Harrison (23-5), which plays Harper Woods Notre Dame at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the regional at Mount Clemens Clintondale.

"I thought we just played outstanding, especially defensively," Herrington said. "The middle infield of Andy Gutierrez and Bob Austin (eight assists at shortstop) had outstanding games and, of course, the pitching was great."

"We knew we weren't going to score many runs off Barkholtz. We didn't hurt him much; we only had three hits, but it was enough. He's probably as good a pitcher as we'll see in this tournament."

"We knew we had to play good defense, and we got key hits with two outs. That was a lot of pressure on (Ashley and Head) and they came through."

Country Day finished with a 23-11 record and had its third-winningest season in Frank Orlando's 18 years as coach.

"We played a lot of great baseball the last half of the year, and I'm excited about the future of

these kids," Orlando said. "We had only one senior starting, so we're a young team, and we'll be back next year."

"David Barkholtz pitched a great ballgame. It was a one- or two-play game; otherwise, it was a great pitching duel."

"You have to give credit to Harrison. They played good baseball. They didn't make any errors, and Zach Burton kept us off balance and did a great job."

In the other regional game, Madison Heights Lamphreys plays Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook at 10 a.m. The final starts a half hour after the end of the second game.

"I think we're playing as well as we can play, and I think we have a good chance," Herrington said. "We've got those two pitchers, and Head and (Tim) Deist are good relief men. We just have to be able to hit the good pitching."

Harrison defeated Cranbrook earlier in the season, 6-2, but the Braves are coming off an upset of Orchard Lake St. Mary's in the district.

"The kids have a great attitude, and they're really excited

about this," Herrington said. "We just have to go out and play the best we can and see what happens."

HARRISON 14, DONDORO 0: Ghanann was one out away from pitching a no-hitter when Dondoro's Tony Deluca hit a two-out single in the fifth inning Saturday.

Ghanann, who struck out eight and didn't walk anybody, retired the next batter on a groundout to end the first-round game in the Seaholm district.

"Joe was as good as he's been all year," Herrington said. "The ball was breaking down, and Dondoro couldn't handle him at all."

The Hawks had 12 hits, including two apiece by Brian Nelson, Head (triple), Pesci and Gutierrez, who had two doubles. Austin scored three runs.

COUNTRY DAY 10, OAK PARK 0: Winning pitcher Matt Collins struck out 16 of the 21 batters he faced in the other district semifinal game Saturday.

He allowed just one hit and three walks. The Country Day defense had to make just one play the entire game.

Seah Gallagher and Adam Gosselin hit home runs; Barkholtz drove in a run with a triple, doubled and scored two runs.

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Falcons have final say vs. Raiders

Farmington rallied behind the strong pitching of Melissa Mytty and the timely hitting of Julie Rotenheiser, Kristin Brown and Angie Luttman to edge North Farmington in a Division I district semifinal softball game Saturday at Plymouth Canton, 3-2.

It was the first time the Falcons (12-18) had defeated the Raiders in four meetings this season.

The Falcons led from the third inning on, when they scored twice. Rotenheiser started the rally with a single; Krause followed with another base hit, setting the stage for Luttman. The senior outfielder responded by slugging a two-run double.

Farmington added a single run in the third. Heather Martin walked but was forced at second on a failed sacrifice bunt by Kim

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Livingstone. A strikeout left the Falcons with a runner on and two out, but Rotenheiser doubled and Brown singled to score the run.

North (18-12) scored twice in the sixth on a single by Staci Russell, a double by Lauren Quellette, an infield error and a single by Chrissy King.

Quellette had two of five hits off Mytty, who did not walk a batter and struck out nine.

Brown, Krause and Rotenheiser had two hits each. The loss went to North's Kristina Colombo; the sophomore allowed three runs on eight hits and a walk, striking out three.

Farmington, which followed this win with an upset of Plymouth Canton in the district

final, meets regional host Brighton on Saturday. Mytty figures to be pitching again.

"When she's on the mound, we're a pretty decent team," Farmington coach Jerry Osborne said. "Don't get me wrong — Jessica Brown did a fantastic job for us as the No. 1 pitcher. She threw strikes every game, was very consistent and averaged less than three walks a game."

"She did just what a coach wants, and that's to throw strikes."

Still, it will take their best effort to get past a tough Brighton team (32-8).

"Brighton is a great squad," said Osborne. "We're just going to try and play David again."

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