Spartans sack Raiders, Rocks for 1st

The Plymouth Salem baseball team came unraveled in the fifth anning of its district final against Livonia Stevenson on Saturday hs the Spartans went on to a 14-

9 win.
The victory puts the Spartans (20-9) against host Brighton (34-

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5) in the Division I regional emifinal at 10 a.m. Saturday.
Following a dramatic, 8-7,
ast-inning win over Plymouth Canton earlier in the day, host Salem started quickly, scoring four first-inning runs.



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Stevenson, however, evened the score in its half of the first by utilizing speed on the bases and well-placed hitting. "We had to hit to win," said

"We had to hit to win," said Stevenson coach Harv Weingar-den, whose team has won 13 of its last 15 games, "And we did." Weingarden said his squad is playing some of its best baseball of the season. "Right now we are," he added. "We've been playing well, but his is the best wa've alanced all

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this is the best we've played all
season."
Salom (16-17) was thwarted
from winning its sixth district
title in the 1990s.
"We didn't pitch well today,"
Salom coach Dale Rumberger
said. "That, and we made some
uncharacteristic errors that cost
us. We had plenty of opportunities, but we just didn't capitalize
on them."

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The decisive fifth inning, in which Salem allowed eight runs on six Stevenson hits, turned an offensive battle between the two teams into a lopsided victory for the Spartens.

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Brad Buckler allowed three

runs on mine hits and one walk to earn the win for Stevenson. He got relief help from Roy Rabe, who worked the final two

who worked the final two innings.
Steve Gordon, who came in during the third inning for starter Chris Trott, took the loss. Gordon allowed six runs on five hits and two walks. He struck

out three.

Nick Eicher was 4-for-4 with a home run and a double to lead the Rocks, and Joe Rizzi went 3-for-4 with a three-run homer.

The uncompromising heat and length of the game, caused by the umpire's small strike zone, and the strike to the strike

the umpire's small strike zone, made for a long day for both

"That just made the game like it was," Rumberger said. Some teams like to just sit there and take, take, take, take, but I don't like to walk a lot. We're here to play baneball.
"We've played gamea this year in an hour and 20 minutes."
The final game began at 1:45 p.m. but didn't end until 5:30 p.m. but didn't end until 5:30 p.m.

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The Sparions respirated the semifinal by unloading for 16 hits to climinate error one North Farmington.
Campbell and Steve Anderson went 3 for4- and combined for flue RBI, Rabo, the winning pitcher, helped his own cause with a solo homer,
Stevenson jumped out to an 8-4 load after two innings.

after two innings.

"They just played fantastic, North coch in Horn'tz add. They lit the ball extremely well, and it was like it had eyes. And then, when they hil it to us, we couldn't field it.
"We thought that effer getting to Rabe in the first we were doing well but, darn it, if they didn't come back and score five runs on us. I think if we would have shut them down that inning we'd

score five runs on us. I think if we would have shut them down that inning we'd have hed them own that inning we'd have hed them. Robe pitched five Innings, allowing at corned runs on a full think the Speerg finished up.

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Shamrocks breeze to tournament win

What started as a five-team Division I baseball district at Detroit Cathelic Contral on Saturday turned into a two-team format. Two Detroit Public School

team format.
Two Detroit Public School
League teams pulled out
before the tournament began,
and a third, failed to show.
Not long after the first pitch
against CC was thrown,
Detroit Gooley, probably
wished it stayed home, too.
CC, the No. 1 ranked team
in Division I, beat Cooley, 20j, in what was billed as the
championship game, only
because there weren't any
other games to be played. The
game was called after five
innings due to the 10-run
mercy rule.
Senior Mark Cole went 3
for-3 with two RBI and sophomore Charlie Haeger was 2for-2, including a doubte, with
two RBI.
Winning pitcher Bob Malek.

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struck out seven of the nine batters he retired, allowing no hits and one walk in three

innings. Sophomore Charlie Haeger struck out five in two innings

struck out five in two innings of relief.

The Shamrocks had just as easy a time in Tuesday's Operation Friendship game, beating PSL champion Mum. Senior More Senior Casey Rogowski and junior Matt Loridus each hit grand slam home runs in the first inning when the Shamrocks jumped to a 18-0 lead. The game ended after four innings due to the mere yule.

The game ended after four innings due to the mercy rule. Winning pitcher Anthony Tomoy allowed no hits and walked one with seven strikeouts in three innings.

The Shamrocks are now 32-

The Shumocks' district championship sends them to the regional to play Dearborn and its ace pitcher, Justin Golem, a recent major league

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draft pick, Saturday morning at Southgate Anderson.

The winner of that game plays the winner of the game between Livenia Churchill and Monroe.

CONCEALED SECURITY WINS BIG

CONCEALED SECURITY WINS BID Concealed Security ran its Little Ceasurs Amsteur Baseball Federa-tion Poe Wee Reeso record to 130 and 30-8 overall with a 24-4 victory Tuesday over the Wayne Bandits. Winning pitcher Jeff Richard (3-0) pitched a one-hitter with five strike-ouse over four Innings.

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Offensively, Matt Rodeghler col-lected three hits to go along with four RBI. Lence Latklewicz and Alon Hugedon (Westland) each contribut-ad three hits and three RBI, while Joe Patleyic also ned three hits with

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On Monday, Concepted defeated the WACO Wolves, 8-1, as pitcher Ryan Shay ran his record to 7-0. In seven linnings, Shay struck out 13 and allowed just four hits and two welks.

two walks.

He also helped his own cause, going 2-for-3 with two RBI. Patievic also had two hits.

On Sunday, Concealed whipped the Michigan Indians, 12-2, as Chris Russin hurled a two hitter while francism due. ning five. Mark Pirronello (Livonia), Rodeghi

Mark Pirronallo (Livonia), Rodegnie or and Patievic collected two hits each for the 12-year-old squad. On Saturday, Concealed swept a twinbill, first beating the Michigan Rattlers, 16-1, and Dearborn Heighta

Rattlers. 16-1, and Dearborn Heights Ashinghts, 13-0.
Winning pitcher in Eric Drieselman (6-1) struck out three and allowed just three hits in the opener. Offensively, Andrew Statford had two hits and four RBI, while Hagedon hit safely twice. Against the Rattelers, pitcher Eric Vojotkofsky ran his record is 30 by tossing a no-hitter over six Innings. He struck out seven. Chris Russin led Concealed with a pair of hits.

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