

CC rips Portage in semis

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
skowalski@oe.com

Redford Catholic Central senior Bob Malek threw a four-hitter over six innings Friday in a Division I baseball semifinal, but he was trouble for Portage Central before taking the mound.

Malek, CC's leadoff hitter, hit the third pitch of the game over the 400-foot sign in center field for a home run, getting things started in a 12-1 victory at Nichols Field in Battle Creek.

BASEBALL

"That was nice to get in the flow, get my nerves out," Malek said. "I hit a curve ball that (Central starting pitcher Corey Scott) hung."

Malek scored two more runs, reaching base three times with walks, and had two RBI, including one on a sacrifice fly. But Central's state finalist in 1997 will remember him just as much for his command on the mound.

Central's only run came in the third on an RBI double by Nick Anderson, which followed a walk. Malek walked three and had two RBI, including one on a sacrifice fly. But Central's state finalist in 1997 will remember him just as much for his command on the mound.

Malek was starting because the Shamrocks' ace, Anthony Tomey, needed another day of rest after pitching seven innings Tuesday's 10-2 quarterfinal win over Brighton. Sophomore Charlie Heeger pitched the seventh, allowing no hits and walking one.

Tomey, a 23rd-round pick of the Cleveland Indians with a 10-1 record, would be well rested for the championship game on Saturday against Troy, which beat Saline, 5-2.

Ironically, Malek said he didn't feel up to par on the mound. "I didn't have my stuff, nothing on my fastball," said Malek, who usually roams center field. "I wasn't popping the ball like normal. The fielders did a great job for me. I figured if we can keep Anthony rested for (the championship game) we'd be in good shape."

The Shamrocks scored two runs in the second, third, fourth and fifth innings and three in the sixth off Scott, Central's ace who allowed 10 hits, nine walks and struck out two in 6 1/3 innings.

Tomey and Dave Lusky, who bat in the heart of CC's lineup, and No. 9 hitter Mario D'Herrin had two hits each.

D'Herrin scored three runs and drove in two. Casey Rogowski, with one hit, had two RBI, along with Tomey and Malek. Lusky drove in one run.

"That's a real tough lineup, one through nine, but particularly one through six," Royer said.

Central had scored in double figures in 14 games and is a fast-ball hitting team, according to



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM JAWLEK

The winners: Anthony Tomey of Farmington Hills (facing) embraces teammate Dave Lusky after CC's victory.

coach Royer. The Mustangs would have rather seen Malek instead of Tomey because both are fastball pitchers and Malek doesn't throw nearly as hard as Tomey.

But they also knew Malek, a Michigan State signee who is undefeated in seven starts, is no slouch.

"We got to hand it to him, he was tough, very tough, and he hit the corners," Royer said. "That's been our strength, hitting fastball pitchers. Curve ballers hurt us. And that's definitely the hardest Scott's been hit all year."

The Shamrocks took a 37-1

record into the final, including a 5-0 mark in state-tournament games. CC hit like this but didn't pitch and play defense as well in a 10-9 loss to Saline in last year's state semifinal game.

"We reminded them we had leads last year and gave them away," CC coach John Salter said. "Portage Central is very fundamentally sound and likes to run and bunt, but we took them out of that. We hoped for an early lead instead of having to battle every inning."

CC scored eight runs in the seventh to beat Brighton in a quarterfinal contest.

Concealed 2nd in tourney

BASEBALL

Concealed Security's 12-year-old baseball team was in the championship game of its invitation on Sunday at Stopping Stone Park in Farmington.

Concealed finished the tournament with a 5-1 record, the only loss coming in the title game to the Ann Arbor Braves, 3-2.

The Braves are the same team Concealed had beaten the day before in an earlier round, 7-2.

Losing pitcher Steve Karcheske gave up six hits, walked five and struck out eight in 6 1/3 innings. Ryan Slay (Garden City) and Scott Szyrka each went 2-for-3 to lead the Concealed attack.

Concealed earned a berth in the final with a 10-7 win over Marysville (Ohio) in a game played earlier Sunday.

Eric Drieselmann (Garden City) was the winning pitcher, scattering nine hits and fanning four in 6 1/3 innings. He has a 7-1 record. Shay got the final two outs, striking out both batters.

Jeff Richard went 2-for-3 with three RBI and Matt Rodeghier

(Farmington Hills) 2-for-4. Andrew Stafford was 2-3.

In the win over Ann Arbor on Saturday, Joey Palovic earned the win, allowing two runs on five hits with two strikeouts and one walk over five innings. Shay earned the save in two innings of work, striking out three.

Four players had two hits: Eric Vojtkofsky (Wayne), Szyrka, Alan Hagedorn (Westland) and Shay.

On Friday, Concealed got the best of the Columbus Merchants, 5-3, as Hagedorn threw a one-hitter in six innings to move his record to 4-2.

Shay earned a save, striking out the side in the seventh.

Concealed won a pair of games on Thursday, 11-5 over the Detroit Braves and 10-2 over the Marysville Mitte.

Drieselmann was the winning pitcher in the game against the Braves, pitching three innings in relief. He allowed no runs on two

hits with two strikeouts. Szyrka and Shay each had two hits. Szyrka had four RBI and Shay three.

In the win against the Marysville Mitte, Lance Lakowicz was 2-2 with three RBI. Szyrka led with three hits and an RBI and Richard and Shay had two hits each.

Concealed had a 5-1 record to move its overall mark to 45-10.

Concealed returned to Little Caesars League play on Monday and lost to NFWB, 6-5, in eight innings. Concealed recovered the next night and beat the Royal Oak Diamond Dogs, 8-4, to improve to 18-1 in league play.

Richard was the winning pitcher against the Diamond Dogs, improving his record to 4-0 with a five-hitter and seven strikeouts.

Chris Russin earned the save, allowing one hit with no walks and no strikeouts.

Shay was 3-for-4, including two doubles and a triple, and two RBI. Andrew Stafford was 2-4 with an RBI and double. Mark

Eagles bomb in state semifinal

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER
skowalski@oe.com

Having 10 seniors certainly gave Redford Thurston's baseball team an experience advantage against most teams.

Having all of them at graduation ceremonies the night before Friday's Division II semifinal may have been a disadvantage, but coach Emil Majeski wasn't using it as an excuse.

The Eagles played sluggishly from the start, allowing eight first-inning runs and losing 11-0 to Sturgis in a game shortened to five innings because of the 10-run homer in Battle Creek off Kazmierczak.

Majeski, retiring after 34 sea-

sons as coach, planned to have the team spend the night before in Battle Creek because of the 10:30 a.m. starting time Friday.

Graduation ceremonies pushed their departure back to 8:45 p.m., and the Eagles arrived at their hotel about two hours later.

Thurston ace Jared Kazmierczak, making his second start in four days, lasted only one third of an inning, allowing seven runs on four hits and two walks. The Eagles, who played near flawless defense in the first five state tournament games, committed two first-inning errors, and Sturgis cracked a pair of home runs off Kazmierczak.

"Normally, we make the plays," Majeski said. "We didn't and they made all the plays, hit the ball well, deserved to win."

"I have done the job all year and we had a great run. We didn't play well today, and we played a team that was on top of its game. They played like we played against Notre Dame (in a 7-3 quarterfinal win)."

Nate Lung, one of three left-handed hitters in Sturgis' lineup, hit a three-run homer for a 5-0 lead before any outs were made in the first.

After a walk, the No. 8 hitter, Mario Maravolo, added a two-run homer for a 7-0 lead, sending leftie Justin Lance in to pitch.

\$100 OFF COUPON
ADMIT ONE

The Original **Country Peddler Show**
11th ANNUAL

Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds - Ann Arbor, MI
June 25th, 26th and 27th

75 ARTISTS FROM 2 STATES

Come and choose from the finest hand-crafted Folk Art Reproductions, Country Furniture, Floral Arrangements, Pottery, Culinary Delights, plus much more!

FRI. 4P-9P • SAT. 9A-5P • SUN. 11A-4P
Daily: \$4.00 Adults / Children (2-12): \$2.00
2nd Day Free Admission with donation to benefit local humane society. Show stamped hand.

Directions: From I-94 - Take Exit I-75. Go south onto Ann Arbor-Saline Road. Follow to stop and take a left, go approx. 1/2 mile to Fairgrounds at left.

FREE PARKING!
Bring your homemade Country Dessert and recipe with paid admission. Judging begins at 2:30 pm.

Sunday only WIN \$100 CASH
Terms may vary at individual show no discounts apply
For more info: AMERICAN REPRODUCTIONS, INC. P.O. Box 100, Ft. Myers, FL 33902 (941) 479-5005
E-Mail us at: ctypeddler@earthlink.net
Visit our websites: www.countrypeddlershow.com • www.speddlia.com/crafts

UNBELIEVABLE DEALS!
4 NEW TIRES!

\$70 \$80

NAME BRAND SPECIALS PERFORMANCE RADIALS

\$40 \$35

FISK STRIPS FISK EDITION FISK TWINZ FISK CLASSIC

\$30 \$50

TRUCK, VAN & RV CUSTOM WHEELS

\$40

MICHELIN YOKOHAMA GOODYEAR

\$50 \$45 \$45

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

\$40 \$90

FREE EXTERIOR DESIGN BOOKS

Do It Yourself and Save VINYL SIDING

\$29.95 per sq.

ALUMINUM COIL STOCK

\$38.95 24"x50 ft. White 50 or more roll \$35.95

SEAMLESS GUTTERS

75¢ 10 Colors in Stock Now .027 Gauge

ALUMINUM SIDING

\$59.95 8550 DELUXE QUALITY

SOLID VINYL WINDOWS

\$79.95 From Tilt In Easy Clearing

VINYL SOFFIT

\$39.95 White M.I.T.

CLIO 11500 E. 11th Rd. (716) 754-1730
DETROIT E. 12th St. & E. 12th St. (313) 851-2002
WATERFORD 4400 Flamingo (248) 874-1300
MT. CLEMENS 7100 E. 11th Rd. (588) 248-1300
LIVONIA 24440 E. 11th St. (248) 773-8581
INKSTER 3000 E. 11th St. (734) 725-0400
WYANDOTTE 3400 E. 11th St. (313) 284-7171
TOLEDO 1267 E. 11th St. (419) 535-1100

Quantities Limited - One Sq. = 100 Sq. Ft.

Mon.-Fri. 7:30-6:30 • Sat. 8:00-2:00 • Closed Sun.

AMERICA'S LARGEST INDEPENDENT TIRE CO. **DISCOUNT**

ASK ABOUT OUR "New Reproduction" CERTIFICATE

DEARBORN 22101 Ch. Rd. 274-1257
NEW BATHING 2000 E. 11th St. 849-0205
FARMINGTON HILLS 30700 W. 13th St. 347-1501
LIVONIA 1801 E. 11th St. 615-1210

42900 GRAND OAK AVE. 365-2450
PORT HURON 4301 E. 11th St. 861-2200

FREE Roadside Assistance
STERLING HEIGHTS 8200 VAN RD. 878-9780
22040 E. 11th St. 849-0205
3435 ROSEBERRY RD. 860-8661
WATERFORD 4201 HURON RD. 861-2200

*STATE OR LOCAL TAXES AND, WHERE REQUIRED OR CHARGED, STATE ENVIRONMENTAL OR DISPOSAL FEES ARE EXTRA.