Falcons edge Cougars

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Garden City's season-long
Achilles' heel was its inability to
get big hits at the right time.
The Cougars got those hits
Saturday against host Farmington and held the Falcons to just
five hits of their even.
But errors, passed balls, stolen
bases and other problems
allowed the Falcons to earn an 8"win in a Division I regional
semifinal game.
"We didn't play defense,"
Cougars coach Steve Herman
said. "We gave up runs and it
cost us today. They hit the ball
well. Thep were up for the game;
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The Falcons were up for the game and up to face Justin Ockerman, who took the loss in his final high school game.

"But we'd faced (Redford Catholic Central's) Charlie

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Haeger during the week, and we hit him pretty well," Falcons coach Pete Finn said. "That gave (Farmington) confidence going into the game."

Farmington rocked Ockerman for seven runs in his 35 innings, although only two of the runs were earned — a first-inning RBI double by Tony Luttman that scored Preston Fleard and a sole homer by Chris Chesney in the third inning.

Ockerman (5-5) gave up just four hits and four walks while striking out three. But he also had two wild pitches and didn't get any help with four passed balls and a couple of stolen bases.

Marco DiMichele relieved Ock-

Marco DiMichele relieved Ock-erman in the fourth and picked off a runner to get out of an ugly

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fourth inning for Garden City. He held the Falcons to one hit, where the week, and we resty well." Falcons Finn said. "That gave ton) confidence going me." for nocked Ockerman mass in his 3% innings, monly two of the runs and — a first-inning le by Tony Luttman I Preston Picard and an 1 Preston Picard and an inning.

It came in the top of the seventh and four walks while with four walks while with four walks while with three. But the also the factors an 8-6 lead.

It proved to be a big run as Dan Graham hit a solo homer—his second of the game — to cut the fourth and picked are to get out of an ught walked and went to third on a hit-and with the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked are to get to get out of an ught the fourth and picked are to get out of an ught walked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the fourth and picked and went to third on a hit-and the game for the Felcons had the fourth and the fourth an

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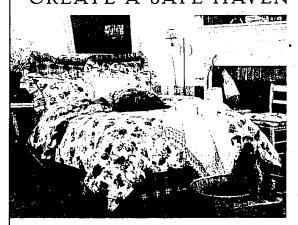
It's a safe call: Farmington's Brian Bosler was first called out, then safe when the umpire realized catcher Matt Gordon dropped the ball (visible above Bosler's arm).



Key play: Farmington's Nick Hippler puts down an RBI squeeze bunt that scored Bob Houchins with the eighth run in an 8-7 regional victory over Garden City.

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