

# Warriors whip district foes; regional next

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There was little or no drama to this week's Division I state baseball district at West Bloomfield High School.

All three lopsided games ended via the mercy rule, with Birmingham Brother Rice sweeping West Bloomfield and - in Tuesday's final - Southfield to win the championship.

The Warriors took care of the host Lakers 13-0 on Monday before pounding the Blue Jays 15-0 in a four-inning contest. They advance to the state regional this Saturday, also at West Bloomfield.

Southfield reached the district final by whipping city rival Southfield-Lathrup 25-9 on Monday.

It still wasn't without some nervousness for the Warriors (32-3) and their coach, Bob Riker. The team lost 1-0 to Dearborn Divine Child in the Catholic League championship at Comerica Park, and then had to wait a few extra days because rain and wet field conditions canceled Saturday's games, when the district state was originally to have been played.

"The waiting kind of got to us," Riker said. "You have to get out on the field and play. So you don't know how they're going to respond with that long layoff, and yesterday (against the Lakers) they

responded real well early in the game, and they continued with that strong intensity and strong effort throughout the whole game. And it carried over to today."

Motivation to play hard against West Bloomfield (18-10) might have been partially due to the Lakers defeating Rice in the districts twice during the past three years. In the district opener Monday, the Warriors scored seven runs in the first two innings of West Bloomfield's Kevin Lamb, and that was plenty for winning pitcher Mike Kirschenheiter.

"They knocked us out two of the last three years in the districts," Riker said. "So to beat them, and the way we beat them, coming into today, as a coach you're always worried about let downs."

"But the kids came out and were very business like, very intense, and the intensity level was stepped up for the entire game. As a coach, that's all you can ask for."

A nine-run first inning enabled Rice to coast to the win over Southfield. A line-drive triple to left-center by Cody Nolen scored the first two runs of the frame, followed by an RBI single by Max Kolmignig (2 hits).

Helped by six Blue Jay walks in the inning, the Warriors also scored runs on a wild pitch, double steal,

throwing error and a two-run single by starting and winning pitcher Matt Peirce.

Southfield head coach Hank Moulder said poor team defense continued to be a problem for the Blue Jays, 11-10.

"I guarantee you they (Brother Rice) will beat most teams," Moulder said. "But I'm very disappointed in the way we came out. You usually want to put yourself in position to make it a ballgame, and we didn't do that today."

On the plus side was freshman outfielder Brian Jackson, who made a sensational sliding catch of a drive by Paul Shoemaker down the left-field line in the second. But to typify the kind of day it was for Southfield, it was a sacrifice fly to up the Warriors' lead to 11-0.

Tim Kalczynski and Steve Antonioti each collected two hits for Rice. The lone Southfield hit was by senior Shomari Moss in the second.

## Striking early

Monday was a much better day for the Blue Jays, who took advantage of sloppy play by Lathrup (12-17).

A three-run double off the right-center fence by Keefe Hunter and a subsequent inside-the-park home run by

Bryan Houston (three hits) sparked the Blue Jays' eight-run first. Houston's blast traveled over the center-fielder's head, bringing home teammates Chris Berlinger (three hits, three RBI) and Marcus Anderson.

The Chargers did pull to within 14-9 in the third with a six-run rally. But Southfield bounced right back with seven in the top of the fourth, for a 21-9 lead. After Bryan Houston singled home one run, and Moss plated two more with a hit, the Blue Jays had a 25-9 lead, enough to invoke the 15-runs-at-any-time mercy rule. (The other mercy rule is a 10-run lead after five innings.)

"We can hit with anybody," said Moulder after Monday's win. "But for us, it comes down to pitching and defense."

Lathrup head coach Darren Mosley said defensive lapses hurt his team.

"One thing we have to work on is being focused and knowing what to do with the ball when it's hit to you," Mosley said. "I don't care who they are. You can't give teams six or seven outs an inning. You'll never win any baseball games like that."

The Chargers did get two hits and three RBI by senior Joel Marshall. "It's been consistent all year," Mosley said. "He works real hard on and off the field."

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# Rice's Christian wins 4th individual state title

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In the boys state tennis tournaments, eight players from Birmingham Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills Lahser and Andover and Beverly Hills-Detroit Country Day high schools earned state crowns.

Rice senior Matt Christian capped his amazing prep career by winning his fourth individual state title.

The No. 1-seeded Christian defeated Brady Crosby of Livonia Stevenson, 6-4, 6-2, to win the prestigious No. 1 singles flight in the Division I state tournament.

Christian won the No. 1 flight crown last year, and won the No. 2 flight title as a sophomore and No. 3 as a freshman.

Christian's teammate Patrick Troy won the No. 4 flight championship with a tough three-set triumph over Detroit Catholic

Central's Kevin Bender, 6-7, 6-2, 7-6 (4).

In Division II competition, Lahser had a pair of state championship doubles teams.

The No. 2 flight tandem of Steve Gorga and Ryan Schultz rallied to defeat Dale Kim and Alex Vera of Midland Dow in three sets, 6-7 (4), 6-1, 6-0. At No. 4 doubles, the Knight duo of Alex Gansos and Bohan Patel defeated Randy Ip and Zubin Modi of Okemos, 7-6 (1), 6-3.

At the Division III tournament, Bloomfield Hills Andover's Isaac Kalo and Detroit Country Day's Vivek Behara lived up to their top-seeding billings by winning state titles.

Kalo topped Detroit Country Day's Arvind Nagarajan at No. 2 flight in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 (4). Behara won the No. 4 flight crown with a straight-set triumph over Robert Waterson of Petoskey, 6-1, 6-4.

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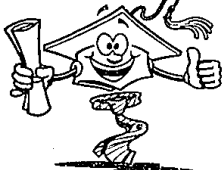
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