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CYO with a 9-1 record.

Girls achieve goal

The softball team has compiled a 31-1 record in the last two years, and the players dedicated themselves to winning the title after being eliminated in the second round a year ago.

The Saints achieved their goal Sunday with a 20-5 rout of Mount Clemens St. Mary's in five innings.

The roster includes two sets of twins: Erin and Kelly Fitzgerald, Ali and Ari Ault. Other players are Flavia Palazeti, Shanee McGrath, Kelly Moug, Beth Ann Nowak, Paige Even, Ashley Schumacher, Katie Gioia, Katie Weisa, Colleen Kalczynski and Nina Crow. All but the Aults, Weisa and Kalczynski are eighth-graders.

Sorrows is coached by Jack Falvo. The assistants are Jim Palazeti, Joe Nowak and Mary Lou Nowak.

"It's been a riot," Falvo said of the season. "The girls wanted to gain respect for their athletic ability. The boys have been very successful the last two years, and the girls wanted to achieve a certain level of recognition."

Alli Ault was the ace pitcher all season and threw a four-hitter in the final, striking out five and walking three.

Erin Fitzgerald broke open a close game (8-5) with a grand slam. She, Palazeti and Moug were 4-for-4. Palazeti had three triples in the game and Moug a bases-loaded triple to give Sorrows a 15-5 lead.

Ari Ault made two running catches on line drives at second base to get the Saints out of two innings, Falvo said, and Moug played flawless defense at shortstop.

McGrath is the leadoff batter and is effective at working the walk, Falvo said, and Nowak is the most well-rounded offensive player on the team.

The girls also defeated St. Fabian in the semifinals, 17-8. The Aults and Palazeti were 3-for-4 with three RBI apiece. Ari Ault also speared a line drive that kept St. Fabian from tying the score when Sorrows was ahead 8-5.

The Saints defeated Southfield St. Michael 14-7 and Wyandotte St. Stanislaus 16-1 in the first two rounds of the playoffs. In the

latter game, Even hit a ball that rolled to the school for a solo homer at Sorrows.

"I've never seen a girl hit a ball that hard," Falvo said. "Even on a roll, for a kid to hit the school, it was a tremendous poke."

Sorrows, which also won the CYO softball title in 1989, won the West Suburban Division championship with a 10-0 record and was 20-0 overall this year.

"In the championship game, the coaches just got out of the way," Falvo said. "The girls were really focused and dedicated to the goal of winning the championship."

"We didn't have to do anything during the game except applaud them. They just went out and played. I can't compliment them enough for accepting the responsibility for themselves."

Walter's Appliance extends winning streak

Walter's Appliances made it four straight Sunday in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League with a double-header sweep of Wendy's, 13-4 and 10-6, at Ford Field.

Mike Brusseau (Redford Catholic Central) led Walter's 15-hit attack in the opener, going 4-for-4 with a pair of runs batted in. Walter's is 5-3 on the year.

Jeff Schaffer (Livonia Franklin/Wayne State) added four RBI. Dan Taylor and Craig Petersen, both of Madonna, along with Matt Cogwell (Livonia Steven-

son/Central Michigan) added two hits apiece.

Taylor and Cogwell each knocked in two runs.

Winning pitcher Mike Zielenki hurled a complete game. He scattered seven hits and three walks, while fanning eight. In the nightcap, Stevenson product Brad Morgan, bound for North Carolina State, earned his first LCLB win. Eric Butler (Madonna) came on in the seventh to earn the save.

Schaffer, sporting a .464 average, was Walter's offensive outpour by going 3-for-4 with four RBI. He

had eight RBI on the day and leads Walter's with 15 for the season.

Shawn Pensak (Madonna) went 2-for-3 with four runs scored. Petersen, hitting .429 on the year, added two hits and three RBI.

Brandon Herrin led Wendy's with two hits and three runs scored.

On Friday, Walter's hammered Little Caesars in a game at Ford Field, 10-5.

Jamie Oliver, with relief help from Butler in the seventh, was the winning pitcher.

Walter's out-hit Caesars, 13-7, as Petersen led the way with three hits, including a double, and three runs scored.

Schaffer went 2-for-2, including a solo homer in the second inning. He knocked in four runs and scored three times.

Pensak and Zielenki each added two hits. Zielenki had a bases-loaded triple off Caesars starter and loser Jesse Gerwatowski (Franklin/WSU) in the fourth inning.

DeAndre Jamison collected two hits and scored twice for Caesars.

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The Warriors mustered a pair of unearned runs in the first inning and added another run in the second inning on an RBI single by senior Joe Werner, who also was on the last state championship team.

Mott tallied in the third inning

on a two-out single by center fielder John Sobotka and later in the sixth on a two-out double by Paul Hrycz.

Rice enjoyed many scoring opportunities early in the game but had three runners thrown out on

the base paths.

It almost came back to hurt the Warriors late in the game, but winning pitcher Marty Weymouth — the third returning member of the '92 team — retained the slim advantage by retiring the Mariners in order in the final inning.

"We were aggressive early," Brother Rice coach Ron Kalczynski said. "We made a couple of mistakes, and I'll take the blame for that."

"It was an uphill battle for us, but you have to give Marty credit. He was in control all the way in that last inning."

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Adams needs late rally to win softball playoff

By CHRIS MAYER STAFF WRITER

Rochester Adams was on the verge of having its softball season come to an end Tuesday, one win shy of an elusive trip to Battle Creek.

The Highlanders trailed 6-3 entering the bottom of the seventh inning and upstart Grosse Pointe South — unranked and sporting a sub-.500 record — was three outs away from a Class A quarterfinal victory.

Instead, 10th-ranked Adams rallied for three runs off firing left-hander Maureen Ryan before senior shortstop Kim Savich capped an incredible four-run inning with a bases-loaded RBI single to give the Highlanders a 7-6 win at Warren Woods-Tower High School.

"Cinderella is going to show up at the big dance," said Adams coach Fran Scislowicz, whose team will face top-ranked Jenison on Friday in the semifinals. "Grosse Pointe South was a Cinderella team, but we stole their allippers and we're going to the dance."

Adams (35-6) and Jenison (35-2) play at 6 p.m. at Bailey Park in Battle Creek. The Class A final is set for 6 p.m. Saturday.

The Wildcats, who defeated Milford 6-2 in another Tuesday quarterfinal, won the 1992 Class A championship and have captured four titles since 1987.

"Obviously, Jenison has a strong tradition of being in the final four and this is our first time there," Scislowicz said. "We have to play a clean game and be mentally tough. We'll have to get them to hit the ball, and we'll have to make the plays."

Adams gave little indication it would stage a rally off Ryan and the Blue Devils (16-21) in the seventh. The Highlanders stranded 10 runners over the first six innings, and South scored a run in the top of the seventh for a seemingly comfortable three-run lead.

"We had a lot of runners on before and I thought we could get something going," said Adams pitcher Jamie Pevinski, who gave up nine hits but was 4-for-5 with two RBI.

It never came. With Becky Wagner at third and Pevinski at second, freshman third baseman Ashley Stevens fouled off three pitches before drawing a walk to load the bases.

Savich then hit a sharp grounder to first baseman Ann Halpin, but Wagner easily came home with the winning run.

"I was actually thinking I've been waiting all my life for this chance, and I knew I had to hit the ball hard and get it in play," Savich said.

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