

# DCI defeats Hines Park to stay alive

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Travel agents will have to wait awhile before booking the right Livonia Collegiate Baseball League party to Johnston, Pa. for the All-American Amateur Baseball Association tournament.

Decision Consultants, Inc., facing a must-win situation, kept their hopes alive by downing first-place Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury, 4-2, in a LCLBL showdown Wednesday at Ford Field.

Hines Park remains in first place with a 17-2-1 record, while DCI crept closer to the league lead and a possible berth in next month's 20-and-under national tournament at 15-4-1.

The two teams meet four more times, including a double-header beginning at noon Sunday at Ford Field followed by another twinbill beginning at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, July 21, also at Ford Field.

"We have four more games with them (Hines Park) and if we win the rest we can control our own destiny," DCI manager Mike George said. "This was really do-or-die for us and it was

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a great win because we had three starters (Greg Ryan, Ryan Kelley and Darrell Rocho) all out of the lineup."

Hines Park coach Gary Pierce, meanwhile, is trying to avoid a repeat of 1996 when Hines Park went on an early-season tear, only to hold off DCI by one game in the final regular season standings.

DCI then carried its late-season momentum into the playoffs, winning the trip to Johnston.

"It was a big game for both of us, but the good thing is we're still two (games) up," Pierce said. "All we have to do is split with them (DCI), and of course worry about Caesars (the LCLBL third team)."

After two scoreless innings, Hines Park put two runs on the scoreboard in the top of the third inning.

Brothers Joe and Brian Kalczynski each walked and scored on Scott Barrett's two-run double.

Poised to put another run on the board, Hines Park's Steve

Hornsberger was called out by the home plate umpire for tagging up too early from third.

The call incensed Pierce, who was eventually ejected for arguing the call.

"There's not really anything I can say about that," the Hines Park manager said. "We just didn't get the timely hit when we needed it."

DCI evened the count at 3-3 in the bottom of the inning when Joel Fabris and Eric Marcotte raced home on Chris DeShutler's two-run double.

DCI then chased Hines Park starter Mark Fleming in the sixth when Jason Rice double, Pete Quinn singled and both scored on E.J. Roman's double.

"I thought Fleming pitched well, but he got the ball up and their eighth and ninth hitters got on a little too much," Pierce said.

Hines Park threatened in the bottom of the sixth, loading the bases, but reliever Luke Bonner,

coming on for starter Joel Hillebrand with two outs and a 1-0 count, retired Brian Kalczynski, who was a bit overzealous swinging at the first pitch, on an infield grounder for the final out.

Hillebrand worked the first 5 2/3 innings before tiring. He allowed three hits, six walks and fanned four. Bonner pitched to three batters, retiring two before giving way in the seventh to Mitch Jabczynski and Fabris, the latter gaining the save by getting the final out.

"That was a big out when Luke got Kalczynski," George said. "He (Kalczynski) is a great player and anytime you get him out it's a big bonus."

George wasn't hesitant about using his bullpen.

Bonner, who has been playing for Class A Birmingham Lynch and is now headed for the Ontario League, can make the potential trip to Johnston because he made his minimum required LCLBL appearance.

# Monterey paces victory

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Dagunno gave the Barons an early lead with a two-run homer, and Todd Miller's bases-loaded double was the key hit in an eight-run fourth.

Garet Burch (Farmington/CC) went 3-for-3 with two RBIs. Wilk had two hits (double/triple) and one RBI. Burch also scored two runs.

Tom Marx (Farmington Hills/Brother Rice) started for the Bulls, and the Barons also faced Dearborn Divine Child pitcher Ryan Anderson in a 9-8 win Wednesday over the Ann Arbor Braves.

"It helped, the fact we had a rain delay in the fourth inning," Miller said, regarding the Tuesday game. "It was 2-2 at the time. They took Tommy out because his arm tightened up. If he had pitched the whole game, it would not have been 12-2."

"At this time of year, it's who has the most energy left in their arms. (The Bulls) were just a little short of pitching. We've been able to spread it out pretty well, and our kids have a lot left."

On Wednesday, the Barons rallied to score four runs with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning and defeat the Braves at Eastern Michigan University.

That made Karney the winning pitcher. He worked the last

three innings, holding the Braves to two hits, two runs and one walk.

Anderson wasn't the losing pitcher, going just four innings and allowing two runs on five hits.

In the seventh, South Farmington scored its first run on Ryan McGrath's (CC) single. The Barons stayed alive when Andrzejewski's fly ball was dropped in the outfield, allowing another run to score.

Karney, who was 3-for-4 with four RBIs, followed with a two-run single to win the game for South Farmington.

David Viane (Farmington Hills/CC) was 2-for-4 with one RBI, and Andrzejewski also hit a two-run triple earlier in the game.

"It was a game of perseverance," Miller said. "We played sub par as far as intensity and execution in the field. But we just hung in there."

"As our kids like to say, it was Baroball, meaning to win ugly. We try to stay close, catch the other team off guard and take advantage. That's what happened; the left fielder dropped the ball, and it opened the door for us."

"We had four errors and a couple mental errors. We were fortunate to get away with the victory."

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