



Power at the plate: Casey Rogowski is met at home plate by his CC teammates after hitting a grand slam during an eight-run seventh inning Tuesday in a 10-2 victory.

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semifinal on Saturday at Southgate Anderson, which is good, because it's the only game that didn't get postponed by rain. "It would have been a shame to have something interrupt this pitchers' duel between Toney and Dearborn's Ryan Golem, both recently selected in the Major League draft.

Toney was the winning pitcher and hit the winning homer in the eighth as CC beat Dearborn, 6-2, to advance to the regional final, played on Monday. The Shamrocks won the rain-delayed final against Monroe, 17-3.

Monroe earned its way into the final with an 11-1 win over Livonia Churchill, a game postponed in the third inning Saturday by rain.

Golem, a 28th-round draft pick by the Detroit Tigers, took a 1-0 lead into the sixth, allowing only two hits and striking out nine to that point.

CC senior Bob Malek led off the sixth with a homer on the first pitch, and Rogowski followed with a double, eventually scoring on a wild pitch for a 2-1 lead.

Dearborn tied the game at 2-2 on an RBI single in the sixth, which ended with two runners stranded on base.

Toney, a 23rd-round selection by the Cleveland Indians, pitched out of trouble again in the seventh, striking out the final batter to leave a Dearborn runner stranded at third and force extra innings with a 2-2 tie.

## Concealed to entertain elite teams

Concealed Security's 12-under baseball team is as ready as it can be for a five-team tournament it hosts Thursday through Sunday at Farmington's Stepping Stone Field.

Concealed on Tuesday ran its record in the Little Caesars Pee Wee Reese Division to 17-0 with a 9-2 victory over South Farmington at Stepping Stone. The Dodgers are 40-8 overall.

Winning pitcher Ryan Shay struck out 14, pitching a no-hitter with nine walks.

He also was 3-for-4 at the plate with a pair of doubles and one RBI. Scott Szyrka was 3-for-3 with three RBI and Eric Wojtkofsky was 3-for-4 with one RBI.

On Monday, Concealed beat the Michigan Thunder, 20-4. The winning pitcher was Joey Patlewicz, who had a five-inning shutout. Andrew Stafford and Mark Pironello pitched the last two innings.

Stafford was 4-for-6 (three doubles and a triple) with four RBI. Shay was 3-for-3, hitting a single, double and triple. Lance Latkiewicz was 3-for-5 with two doubles and three RBI. Richard was 3-for-5 with two RBI.

The five-team tourney includes the Ann Arbor Braves, Detroit Braves, Marysville (Ohio) Mites and Columbus Merchants.

There will be a round-robin tournament followed by a seeded single-elimination tournament. Teams will play a minimum of six games. "These are some of the best teams in Michigan and Ohio," Concealed coach Lou Pironello said.

# Thurston tops Notre Dame

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## BASEBALL

This is turning into some kind of retirement party for Redford Thurston baseball coach Emil Majeski.

The Eagles beat Harper Woods Notre Dame, 7-3, in a Division II quarterfinal game Tuesday behind the five-hit pitching of ace Jared Kazmierczak, home runs by Pete Zigouras and Joe Madigan and flawless fielding. Kazmierczak had a perfect game through 4 1/2 innings. He struck out five and walked none.

It's the first Final Four appearance for Thurston since 1984 when the Eagles won their only state title in Majeski's 34 seasons. The Eagles advanced to the quarterfinals in 1996 and last year, only to lose.

Thurston (26-3) will meet

Sturgis in a semifinal game at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Battle Creek's Bailey Park.

"I'm happy for the team," Majeski said. "This is a great bunch of guys. I've been there, but I'm happy to see them get the chance. The kids came ready to play and played with confidence."

Zigouras, walked intentionally twice by Notre Dame coach Angelo Gust, hit a two-run homer over the fence in the top of the first inning.

"I was waiting for an outside fastball, and he gave me a curve belt high," Zigouras said. "I was fooled but kept my hands back and was fortunate to hit it out."

The Eagles built their lead to 6-0 in the fifth with an RBI sin-

gle by Kazmierczak and a three-run homer by Madigan.

Russ Chmiel led off with a single and was sacrificed to second by Josh Boven. Kazmierczak's single brought home Chmiel for a 3-0 lead, and a walk to Zigouras put runners on first and second for Madigan.

Madigan was the final batter faced by Notre Dame starter Paul Geriaca, who allowed six hits and two walks in 4 1/2 innings. Chris Hilton broke up Kazmierczak's perfect game with a single in the fifth.

Tim Baywal followed with a single, and Joe Dudek blasted a two-run double to cut the deficit to 6-2. A solo homer by Ruben Gay in the sixth accounted for Notre Dame's last run.

The Eagles added an insurance run in the seventh on Corey Guibord's RBI single.

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the plate. Notre Dame proceeded to score four runs on two wild pitches, a walk and a hit batsman to make the score 8-0.

Ghannam got the first two batters in the fifth to ground out to shortstop Bob Austin, but the Irish added two more runs on two hits and three walks after that.

"Nothing seemed to go right," Herrington said. "Notre Dame is a good team; there's no question about that. They're very solid, but we played one of our poorer games."

"In the state tournament, if you don't get the pitching, you're going to be gone, and that's what

happened to us."

Tim Doig, who took over for Ghannam and finished the game, issued a bases-loaded walk to the first batter, Ruben Gay, before striking out three of the last five Notre Dame hitters.

The Hawks had five hits off Sand, who held Harrison hitless until the fourth inning when the Hawks scored their only run.

Brian Nelson walked, advanced on an error by Saad and scored on Dave Pesci's single.

With one out in the fifth, Harrison loaded the bases with consecutive hits by Blake Ashley (double), Lou Hadley and Blake Boesky but failed to score again.

Pesci had two hits as did Notre Dame's Eric Adams. Sand (who struck out three, walked two and hit one batter) and Hilton.

"We hit nine ground-ball outs, mostly to the shortstop, and one was a double play," Herrington said. "We weren't striking out; we were hitting the ball but not with much authority."

"Sand was throwing a slider, and we were hitting the ball on top. We were hitting a lot of ground balls (as a result)."

"When you get so many runs behind, you play it differently, too. You don't try to bunt or steal or do some of the things you might try to do in a closer ballgame."

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