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lanning on a wild pitch to take an 11-9 lead.

Entsminger struck out cleanup hitter Aaron Ollila and blanked the hard-hitting Eagles over the next two innings to pick up the victory.

"Kevin Entsminger was fortunate to be able to hold them in," Salter sighed. "And he got some key hits to get some rallies going."

The Canton native entered the game as a pinch-hitter for Matt Loridan to start the fourth inning after Hartland had drilled seven straight two-out hits to score six runs and take a 9-4 lead.

"Our kids wouldn't quit," Salter said. "We got key hits when we had to. Hartland is a good team. We were fortunate to get big hits."

Entsminger grounded a single to right that triggered a five-run Shamrock rally and tied the score at 9-9. Brian Williams and sophomore Ryan Rogowski both doubled; John Hill walked and Charlie Haeger doubled two runs home.

Haeger was sacrificed to third and he scored on starting pitcher Adam Kline's groundout to short.

"Even after they scored six runs, the way we were hitting early, I figured we'd get more runs," Salter said. "I did it was just a matter of holding them in."

Entsminger singled with one out in the sixth (and was called out later for failing to retouch second base on a flyout to left by Williams) and doubled to right center to open the seventh. Williams sacrificed him to third and Rogowski, who had four hits, grounded a single to right that brought Entsminger in with the winning run.



STAFF PHOTO BY TOM JAMMET

Shamrocks in finals again: Catholic Central players celebrate after they came from behind to defeat Hartland, 12-11, Friday in a Division I semifinal baseball game.

Leadoff hitter and losing pitcher Michael Cieszkowski singled up the middle with one out in the bottom of the seventh. He was running on a pitch Chapin Corriall had hit to right — and was doubled off when Rogowski caught the ball and fired to first to end the game.

"We got a great break when that kid was stealing on the last out," Salter said.

Haeger, who bailed CC out to win the title game last year as a sophomore and also bailed the Shamrocks in the quarters, didn't have his bucket with him Friday.

Kline wasn't fooling anybody, either. He was roughed up for seven hits and seven runs while

Haeger was hammered for six hits in 1½ innings and Wadowski pitched to two batters and got one of them out.

CC got to Hartland starter Heath Craven for 11 hits and nine runs before he was removed in favor of Cieszkowski while the Shamrocks were retaliating in the fourth. He pitched scoreless relief until the sixth.

Rogowski singled leading off, stole second and went to third on a catcher throwing error and scored on a one-out sacrifice fly by Haeger, cutting the deficit to 11-10. Wadowski walked, Kline singled to left and Dave Tovey tied the score with a single to center.

The Shamrocks started like

they were going to make a sham of the Division I semifinal.

Craven wasn't able to blow the ball by the hitters and hadn't yet established his offspeed stuff.

So the score was 3-0 at half dozen pitches into the game. Williams creamed a double down the left-field line, Rogowski beat out a bunt for a single and Hill bloomed a single to right center that brought in the game's first run. A run scored on Wadowski's groundout to short while another came in on a double by Kline.

The Eagles weren't intimidated and tied the score, 3-3. Then the game went from baseball to tennis — until Entsminger and CC held serve at the end to set up a rematch with DeLaSalle.

Marlins

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got herself back together and pitched a fine game."

After Schneider's two-out single in the sixth, Falvo sent a pinch-runner on an attempted steal.

The throw beat her but she managed to knock the ball out of the glove and scurried up in an attempt to get to third.

But center fielder Lauren Pederson was lurking in the background, picked up the loose ball and ran over to tag the Mercy runner out.

Dana Falvo beat out a dribbler in front of the plate for a single to start the seventh. She was bunted to second after which shortstop Williams made one of several great plays she made in the game.

Erin Carson drilled a grounder

in the hole to short. Williams ranged far to her right, scooped and shot a nice strike to first to get Carson.

Although Falvo took third on the play, Oligard struck out the next batter to end the game.

Portage Northern has an excellent slap offense," Falvo said. "They are very well drilled.

That shortstop made a great play in the seventh. That saved the game for them.

"She made the play, then threw her out. It was an excellent, excellent play."

"But we dug ourselves a hole and, by the time we started to recover, there were three outs to go."

In the game and in the season.

One hit decided the game. Northern got it; Mercy didn't.

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ALL-CONFERENCE SOFTBALL TEAM

Front: Lauren Newell, senior, Plymouth; Canton; Marisa Myers, senior, Farmington; Meghan Mitak, sophomore, Ligonier Churchill; Catcher: Maria D'Agnostino, senior, Walled Lake Western.

Outfielders: Tricia Krause, senior, Farmington; Jon Abby Masser, junior, Walled Lake John Glenn; Pauline McKernan, senior, Plymouth; Dawn Allen, senior, Plymouth Salem.

Left: Lauren Miller, sophomore, Walled Lake Western; Kelly Jakot, sophomore, Plymouth Salem.

Center: Jonelle Brown, Megan Couiss, sophomore, Walled Lake Western.

Right: Meghan O'Rear, senior, Farmington; Leah Czajka, junior, Walled Lake Western.

Substitutes: Kristin Kish, junior, Farmington; Anna Henssley, Sallie Kuratko, Katelyn Stahley; Franklin; Tara Muchow, Jeanette Bertrand, Amy Sanders, Rachel Kornicki; Hartland: Kim Schmid, Jennifer Czajka, Leah Czajka, Leah Czajka, Jennifer Czajka; Hikiko Kawamura, Karlie Wooderson, Marisa Brady, Katie Doyle; W.L. Western: Nicole Tuck, Jenny Kozerski.

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Farmington.

Catcher: Jasmine King, junior, North Farmington.

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