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and David Justice contributed an RBI single.

"Neither team hit the ball real well, but that's a credit to both pitchers," Harrison coach John Herrington said. "Stanton and Luttman did a great job."

"It's hard to tell how good our fielding is, because Drew struck out 12 of the 15 he faced. But it was a good start to the year. Farmington is a real solid team."

Harrison won its third straight WLAA championship on the same field last May by defeating Farmington, 8-0.

The game Monday could be a preview of this year's final, which would be the third time in five years the schools have played for the WLAA title.

"I hope so," Herrington said. "I keep telling (Falcons coach) Pate (Pinn) I hope both of us make it for Farmington's sake and play in the final. That would be great for baseball in the city."

Warriors defeat Raiders

North Farmington had some big hits Monday in its baseball season opener, but host Walley Lake Western had more and won the game, 11-4.

The Raiders had seven hits, including a pair of doubles by Justin Prinstein, who also scored a run. Eric Odmark hit a solo homer; Mike Hegstrom was 2-for-4 with two RBIs, and Mike Rosenberg added an RBI single.

Prinstein pitched the first four innings and gave up seven runs on eight hits but no walks. Odmark worked the last two innings.

John Sowders was the winning pitcher. Dave Zeitlin was 3-for-4, drove in four runs and scored four runs for Western.

"We just made a few too many mental mistakes," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "(The Warriors) really played a good ballgame. They had 13 hits."



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High-five: Farmington's Andy Brown is greeted by teammate Preston Picard after scoring a run Monday in a game at Harrison, which won 5-4.

CC edges defending state champs, 1-0

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A Monday afternoon baseball matchup featured the 1999 and 2001 Division 1 state championship teams facing off against each other.

When the dust settled, pitching dominated; only one total run was scored, and the Redford-Detroit Catholic Central players walked off the field smiling.

CC's Todd Tindle scored the game's only run on an error, and added two hits as the Shamrocks edged the Grasse Pointe South Blue Devils in a non-league road game, 1-0. With the win, CC is off to a 7-0 start to the season.

Mike Monterey pitched a strong game, going 6.1 innings of shutout baseball, scattering four hits and striking out two. Senior Ryan Rogowski got the final two outs to record the save, stranding a runner on third in the process.

Coech John Salter said the pitching overall has exceeded his expectations, and it shows this team's ability to rise to the occasion.

"We've been showing more maturity," Salter said. "We have some kids who didn't pitch a whole lot last year who are coming in and doing well."

Rogowski entered the game with one out and a runner on

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second base in the bottom of the seventh, and was able to pitch out of the jam. He struck out the final batter of the game, sending the Shamrocks to their biggest win of the young season.

Monterey pitched an efficient game despite only striking out two batters. South hit into 10 groundball outs, a different sign of Monterey's effectiveness on the mound.

"Mike keeps the ball down very well," Salter said. "We got a break on an error that scored our only run."

Tindle scored on an overthrow of third base to give CC its only run of the game. Monterey's sacrifice bunt got Tindle to second, leading up to the run.

"We play them every year, and it is usually a close game," Salter said. "It was a game the kids got up for. Winning a close game like that against a good team definitely does add to your confidence level."

Saturday the team has its first showdown with rival Birmingham Brother Rice, who is off to a strong start to the season. The Warriors are 4-0 in Catholic League play, and are considered the co-favorites in the league along with CC.

Crusaders crumble in late innings as Pilots rally to win

Eric Lightle clubbed two home runs. Chris Woodruff had one, too. And Madonna University built a 9-4 lead through six innings Tuesday in its non-league baseball game against Bethel College at Livonia's Ford Field.

The Pilots trimmed the deficit to 9-6 after seven, then demolished it with a seven-run eighth inning as they eventually topped Madonna, 16-11.

The loss left Madonna at 14-18 overall. Bethel is 17-11.

Lightle (from Livonia Churchill) finished with two homers, giving him four for the season, and four runs batted in. Woodruff (Livonia/Redford Catholic Central) had three hits, including his homer, and three RBIs; Sterling Minter had three hits and an RBI; and Devin Cole (Garden City) had two hits and an RBI.

Bethel shredded eight Madonna pitchers for 20 hits, with Nick Treadway, Eric Stultz and Jeremy Riffle getting four apiece.

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Treadway had four RBI and Stultz three, while Brad Bruntyn finished with three hits and two RBIs and Greg Kloosterman had two hits and two RBIs.

Cole was the losing pitcher, allowing six runs (four earned) on five hits in just 1/3 of an inning. Marcel Guavara tossed three innings of scoreless relief to get the pitching win for the Pilots.

Aquinas 2-7, Madonna 3-1: The Crusaders managed to get a split with Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference rival Aquinas College Saturday at Livonia's Ford Field.

In the opener, the Crusaders scored three times in the fifth inning, two coming home on a double by Chris Woodruff and another on a single Eric Lightle. Corey Farnier and Adam Kline (CC) combined to make those runs stand up.

Farnier started and got the win, allowing two runs on just one hit and two walks over six innings, striking out two. Kline surrendered two hits but no runs in his one inning of relief to earn the save, his fifth of the season. Farnier is 1-4. Brandon Bailey took the loss for Aquinas.

Woodruff, Matt Rigley (Redford Union) and Devin Cole each had two hits for Madonna.

The second game wasn't as close. Aquinas, which pushed its record to 21-7 overall (7-8 in the WHAC), scored the game's first seven runs as the Saints' Paul Gillett and Dustin Gless stopped Madonna on six hits. Rigley and Cole had two hits apiece. Cole knocking in the Crusaders only run.

Gillett got the pitching win, improving to 5-0. He allowed no runs on three hits and no walks, striking out five over six innings. Mark Cole (Farmington/CC) took the loss; he surrendered five earned runs on nine hits and three walks over 5 1/3 innings.

Madonna is 7-8 in the WHAC.

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