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HIGH SCHOOL COVERAGE

IHSAA BASEBALL STATE FINALS

Class 4A State Championship Game

Final | Fishers 4, Indianapolis Cathedral 3

■ Final Records: Fishers (29-7), Indianapolis Cathedral (23-9-1)

■ Fishers claims school's first baseball state championship

■ Fishers' Matt Wolff named L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award recipient

Saturday, June 16

Class A State Championship

Final | Daleville 4, University 2 (9 innings)

■ Final Records: Daleville (22-9), University (28-7)

■ Daleville claims second baseball title in three seasons

■ University CF Ryan Williams receives L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award

Class 2A State Championship

Final | Boone Grove 5, Southridge 4

■ Final Records: Boone Grove (22-5), Southridge (25-7)

■ Wolves hang on to claim school's first state title in any sport

■ Southridge DH Justin Lammers earned L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award

Class 3A State Championship

Final | Andean 6, Silver Creek 1

■ Final Records: Andean (31-6), Silver Creek (26-4)

■ Top-ranked Andean claims sixth baseball crown

■ Silver Creek's Sammy Barnett named L.V. Phillips Mental Attitude Award

RailCats swept by Explorers in 8-1 loss

Gary begins a three-game series vs. Cleburne on Tuesday at 7:10 p.m.

Gary, Ind. — Six runs in the first two innings and a one-run, complete game performance from Sioux City's Luis Mateo was too much for Gary on Father's Day at U.S. Steel Yard as the RailCats were swept by the Explorers after losing 8-1 in the series finale. Gary was outscored 19-3, went 1-for-27 with runners in scoring position and never led in the three-game series. Sioux City (23-7) took the opening lead for the third straight game with four runs in the top of the first. Back-to-back RBI doubles from Nate Samson and Jay Baum gave the Explorers an early 2-0 advantage. Two batters later, Dexture McCall doubled the X's lead with a two-run double to right. Gary (15-13) quickly responded with their only run in the bottom of the first. Alex Crosby led off the frame with a double down the right field line for the 200th hit of his career before Andy De Jesus advanced him to third with a groundout to first. Mitch Glasser followed De Jesus with an RBI groundout to the left side of the infield, scoring Crosby. The Explorers scored two more runs in the second to go up 6-1. Jordan Edgerton increased the Sioux City lead to 5-1 with a solo home run halfway up the left field foul pole. Michael Lang then drew a walk before Nate Samson flipped an opposite-field single to right, giving the X's runners on the corners. Baum followed with a sacrifice fly to center, bringing in Lang from third. Sioux City added another run in the fifth on a sacrifice fly from McCall to go up 7-1. The RBI for McCall was the last of his three on the day and the fifth of the series for the first baseman. David Kerian delivered the final run of the afternoon with a pinch-hit, solo home run to left-center in the seventh, giving the X's their biggest lead of the entire series. Jeff McKenzie (2-1) was charged with the loss in his first career start vs. Sioux City. The southpaw went seven innings, allowing a career-high-tying eight runs on a season-high 14 hits, two walks and two strikeouts. Keaton Steele retired six of the eight batters he faced, one via a strikeout, in two scoreless innings out of the bullpen. Mateo (4-2) allowed just one run on seven hits, walked none and struck out five in his first Independent Professional Baseball complete game.

TinCaps Sweep Loons to End First Half

FORT WAYNE, Ind. – The TinCaps pounded out 14 hits Sunday afternoon as they defeated the Great Lakes Loons (Los Angeles Dodgers), 7-4, at Parkview Field on Father's Day. With the win, Fort Wayne completed a three-game sweep over the Loons to finish 32-37 in the first half of the season.

Six TinCaps recorded multi-hit games including a 2-for-3 performance from **Luis Campusano** who chipped in two RBIs and scored three runs. Campusano was at first base (rather than catcher or DH) for just the second time this season.

Great Lakes (24-44) scored early in the top of the first inning with a double and an RBI infield single. However, Fort Wayne responded in the bottom of the frame. With two outs, right fielder **Tirso Ornelas** singled, followed by an RBI double from Campusano, an RBI single from second baseman **Justin Lopez**, and an RBI single from shortstop **Gabriel Arias** to put the TinCaps in front, 3-1.

In the third, the Loons got a run back in the top half before Fort Wayne added to its lead in the bottom. With Campusano at third and Lopez at second, Arias hit a fly ball deep enough to left field to advance Campusano home and Lopez to third to put the TinCaps ahead, 4-2. Catcher **Juan Fernandez** followed with an RBI single to left field to score Lopez and give Fort Wayne a 5-2 advantage.

The Loons bounced back with an RBI single from Mitchell Hansen in the fourth and an RBI single from Eric Peterson in the fifth to slim the margin at 5-4.

The TinCaps answered again with a pair of runs in the bottom of the fifth. After a lead-off double, Campusano drove in Ornelas with a line-drive single to left field. A single from Arias sent Campusano from first to third where he scored on a wild pitch with Fernandez at the plate to put Fort Wayne in front for good, 7-4.

Relievers **Ben Sheckler** and **Evan Miller** combined to toss 4 1/3 innings, allowing just three hits, no runs, and striking out seven.

Cubs swept by Lansing with 8-4 loss Sunday

South Bend's first half record finishes at 34-35

Lansing, MI: On a hot and muggy day in downtown Lansing, the South Bend Cubs fell victim for the third straight day to the Lansing Lugnuts. In a 3-game sweep ending with a 8-4 loss on Sunday afternoon, the Cubs finish the first half of the Midwest League season with a record of 34-35.

As the first half came down the stretch the past couple of weeks, the Cubs played their best baseball of the 2018 season, but suffered a setback this weekend in Lansing. After taking four out of five games on the last road trip at West Michigan, South Bend now lost the final five out of six of the half.

Sunday began much like Saturday night with the Lugnuts piling on runs early to drain the energy out of the Cubs offense. Eight combined runs in the first four innings gave Lansing a commanding 8-3 lead.

South Bend fought back early starting in the top of the 3rd with Roberto Caro's first home run of the 2018 season. Caro hit a deep line drive over the right field wall, clearing the entire ballpark and winding up hitting the buildings across the street.

Then, in the top of the 4th, South Bend had an opportunity with the bases loaded. However on the day Lansing turned four double-plays on the Cubs and in the inning halted their rally with one of them. South Bend managed just two runs out of the 4th frame.

The last run of the game went to the Cubs in the top of the 8th. On a two hit day, Michael Cruz singled a grounder up the middle to score Jared Young. South Bend cut the lead to four, but a scoreless 9th inning thrown by Claudio Custodio sealed the game.

Taking the loss for South Bend was starter Brendan King. The Midwest League All-Star gave up five runs on seven hits, while striking out three batters. The final two pitchers of the night, Ben Hecht and Brian Glowicki, combined for four innings of scoreless ball. They gave up just three hits combined.

That's led to us getting more contact early." The Oilmen committed three errors, causing four of the five Crestwood runs to be unearned in Game 2. In addition, a mental mistake by the Oilmen defense led to the lone earned run. "All of our pitchers did an outstanding job," Enright said. "I don't want our quality pitching to get overshadowed by us not playing defense behind them, especially when we have a staff day like we did in Chicago Heights and in the second game today. Our guys are battling to get better on the mound and they've achieved that, but they have to go out there and get five or six outs in an inning. That's one thing we don't want to have happen moving into next week." NWI climbed above .500 for the first time this season with the doubleheader sweep. "That gives us one less thing to think about," Enright said. "It wasn't a big weight on our shoulders, but you hear guys talk about it. When you're 3-8, there is that little bit of added pressure. In the past, we haven't been in that spot too often. To be over .500 helps us put that out of sight and out of mind." The Oilmen are off on Monday before returning to the diamond on Tuesday at 5 p.m. at Hap Bruno Field. The game can be seen on the Oilmen Broadcasting Network with Brandon Vickrey and Dan Harty on the call.

Oilmen Sweep Doubleheader from Panthers, Extend Winning Streak to Five

Whiting, Ind. – June 17, 2018 – The deep hole that the Northwest Indiana Oilmen put themselves in with a slow start to the season is starting to become a distant memory. The Oilmen extended their winning streak to five on Sunday afternoon at Oil City Stadium, whitewashing the Crestwood Panthers 8-0 in Game 1 before pulling out a 6-5 win in walk-off fashion in the second game. The Oilmen (9-8) showed their resiliency to achieve the Game 2 win. They trailed 3-1 in the bottom of the fifth of a seven-inning game when a **Tyler Kenjic** (Purdue Northwest / Hobart, Ind.) home run moved the team a step closer. The Panthers (1-13) got that run right back in the top of the sixth, but the Oilmen responded with two to tie it on a **Nate Montgomery** (Tusculum / Geneva, Ill.) home run in the bottom of the sixth. That two-run blow was Montgomery's league-leading fourth home run of the season, moving him into sole possession of second in franchise history for home runs in a single season (Tyler Sroczynski, 2016, 7). Montgomery was the offensive star of Game 2 with three hits and scored the winning run. Crestwood grabbed the lead in a see-saw affair in the top of the seventh, but the Oilmen got two back in memorable fashion in the bottom of the frame as a throwing error on a ground ball to short plated a pair and ended the contest. The Oilmen were down to their final strike before eking out the victory. "The thing that we've finally figured out about our team is that we don't like to lose," Oilmen manager Adam Enright said. "Earlier in the season when we were losing games, I was still trying to figure out whether or not these guys are really competitive and want to win. It was hard to read them early because everyone was trying to figure out how things go in the summer, but this week has proven that our guys have pride and want to win. That's what this week says about our team." The first game was a much cleaner victory for the Oilmen, who saw **Christian Howell** (Trinity Christian / Aurora, Ill.) improve to 3-0 with five shutout innings of two-hit ball and **George Sherman** (Dominican / Skokie, Ill.) do the rest with two scoreless frames. After the Oilmen had single tallies in each of the first two innings, a four-run fourth helped put the game away. **Eric Yachinich** (Minnesota Duluth / Ashland, Wis.) and **Tom Kelley** (Miami Ohio / Orland Park, Ill.) had two hits apiece in the opener. A significant theme of the week for the Oilmen is the improvement of the pitching staff. Four hurlers combined to allow just one earned run over the seven innings in Sunday's second game, with **Connor Spear** (UW Whitewater / Highland, Ind.) earning the win, his first decision of the season. "We're pitching to a more central part of the strike zone early in counts," Enright said. "We're understanding that our fastball at the bottom of the knee cap down the middle is going to be more effective than a fastball that you try to spot on the black that is mid-thigh or belt-high. If we're having trouble missing off the corner, then we can work down toward the middle of the plate