

Bees, Pats win championships

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Like the song says two out of three ain't bad

Northeast dropped a nine-inning decision in the Class A title game Saturday but that defeat couldn't darken the brightest day Anne Arundel County scholastic athletics has ever seen, as Old Mill and Brooklyn Park culminated great seasons by claiming state baseball championships.

Old Mill played possibly its sloppiest game of the year at Dundalk Community College, but none of the Patriots' previous wins was a sweet as the 4-3 one over

Kenwood in the Class AA final

Brooklyn Park no-hit for nearly five innings by Sparrows Point pitcher Willie Hughes got a pair of run-scoring doubles from Jack Turek in a come-from-behind, eighth inning 4-2 victory in the Class B contest at Catonsville.

When Northeast scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning to tie its Class A battle with Charles W Woodward, it appeared that the Eagles would gut out a win.

But it was Woodward that chipped away for a run in the bottom of the ninth inning and a 4-3 victory, denying Northeast its first state championship since 1975, and

the county the sweep it wanted so badly.

Old Mill and Brooklyn Park teams that established themselves as the county's best in mid-April, were winning state baseball crowns for the first time. It's been 16 years since Brooklyn Park took a state team sports title. For Old Mill it was its first state crown in a sport other than track and field.

Mel Montgomery's Old Mill club felt the pressure of the state finals, as did Kenwood, as the two Class AA clubs bobbed their way through their game.

Gary Diagostino, who pitched a four-hitter overcame muggy weather and a succession of errors, balks, passed balls,

and questionable umpiring decisions, to will the Patriots to state honors.

A passed ball helped Kenwood score its first run, but the Patriots went ahead with two runs in the bottom of the first inning and the little lefthander was in control the rest of the way.

His best inning was the seventh. Diagostino struck out the first and third batters, and got the second to ground out as he finally capped Old Mill's best season ever.

Typical of the day's events were the circumstances surrounding Old Mill's eventual winning run. The fourth Patriot score came in the fourth inning on a bases-loaded walk to Mike Owens, who had replaced Sonny Dean when the first baseman was ejected.

Dean had the big hit for Old Mill in the first inning, after the Bluebirds took advantage of Patriot blunders to grab a 1-0 lead. Kenwood's first batter, Mark Resh, struck out, but reached on a passed ball. He scored when Mark Hettnerman's single to left was booted by Buddy Cahill.

In the Old Mill first, Tyrone Queen singled and Ed Wojciechowski walked, before Dean's two-run double to right-centerfield. The Patriots made it 3-1 in the third, when Craig Dorsey scored an unearned run on a single by Pete Delphire.

Kenwood got an unearned run in the fourth inning, but Old Mill returned the lead to two runs in the same frame on successive walks to Dorsey and Owens, the latter with the bases loaded.

The Bluebirds scratched for another tainted tally in the fifth, but Diagostino, who fanned eight and walked one, bore down and improved his final record to 12-1, Old Mill's to a glittering 20-2.

"It wasn't very artistic. With all of the pressure, our kids were a little tight. We wanted to show people how good we are, and I was upset that we couldn't do that. But we got tough when we had to. I feel very happy for our kids," said Montgomery, who needed just two years to take Old Mill to the top.

Brooklyn Park also got tough when it had to. Going into the top of the sixth inning, the Bees trailed Sparrows Point, 2-0. Hughes, the Pointers' ace pitcher, had

allowed just three baserunners in the first five innings, two on walks and the other on a single by Rusty Cadden in the fifth.

Brian Raska, a junior who bats ninth for the Bees, walked to open the sixth, and stole second. Turek a clutch hitter, ripped a double down the rightfield line that the first baseman touched.

Turek stopped at third on Craig Stump's line single to left. The Bees tied it when first baseman Gary Gribble fumbled a grounder by his counterpart, Ned Carey. Turek was running with the pitch, and scored easily as Gribble's only play was the putout of Carey.

Raska got things going again in the eighth, with a bunt single. A sacrifice by Tim Kryszak advanced Raska, who raced in with the winning run when Turek stroked another double, this time to the fence in right-center.

When Carey drove in Turek with a double to almost the same spot, the Bees began celebrating. Pitcher Dean Albany was in a strong groove, after some early-inning problems.

"When Turek got the tying run in the sixth, that gave us momentum, and we felt we were going to win. Albany retired the last eight batters he faced, and none of them hit a ball out of the infield," said Tim McMullen, Brooklyn Park's ninth-year coach.

Albany gave up three singles in the first inning, as Sparrows Point went on top on a hit by Hughes. Albany escaped a bases-loaded jam without any further damage, but the Pointers increased their lead in the fourth, as Dave Kron sent an RBI single to center.

But the Bees, with Raska and Turek leading the way, finally solved Hughes.

Brooklyn Park, which finished 18-4, has gotten clutch hitting all season, and no one has more key hits than Turek.

"Good athletes like to perform in difficult moments. Jack Turek likes to bat in key situations. He's the best clutch hitter I've ever coached," said McMullen.

Northeast spotted Woodward three runs in the second inning, before battling back in the top of the sixth. But the rally only put off the inevitable, however, as John Sood, the designated hitter who had been retired by Catfish Smith four straight times, singled in the winning run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Smith, who had pitched a no-hitter in the semifinals, was less than overpowering and struggled the whole way.

The Northeast pitcher nearly got out of a bases-loaded, no-out squeeze in the second, getting two outs on fielder's choice force plays at the plate. But Ken Berryman laced a two-run single past Eagle third baseman Tom Gable, and the third Woodward run scored on an error by Jeff Marsh, the second baseman.

Steve Bevacqua limited Northeast to two singles in the first five innings. Marsh led off the sixth with a booming double up the left-center alley, and scored on a bad-hop single by catcher Dave Myers.

Gable tripled to right, scoring Myers, and came in with the tying run when Mike D'Antonio flied to right. Northeast had runners in scoring position the next two innings, but the Eagles couldn't push another run across.

"When we came back in the sixth, I thought we were in real good shape. Everyone was disappointed when we couldn't get another run, especially our seniors, but I'm very proud of the way we played. We had a good season, it's just a shame we couldn't end it with a win," said Northeast coach Harry Lentz.

Who, what, when

Orioles

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Bumbry	cf	6 0 4 5	Miller	cf	5 1 2 1
Dauer	2b	6 0 1 1	Thon	2b	5 0 0 0
Singleton	rf	4 1 1 0	Carew	2b	4 1 0 0
Graham	1b	1 0 0 0	Thompson	1b	2 2 2 1
Murray	1b	5 1 2 1	Lansford	1b	2 0 2 2
PKelly	if	3 2 0 0	TCruz	3b	0 1 0 0
Roenick	if	0 0 0 0	Clark	if	4 1 1 3
Crowley	dh	1 2 0 0	Harlow	if	3 1 1 0
DeChes	2b	2 2 0 1	Patek	ss	4 1 1 1
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Dempsey	c	1 3 0 1	Ciburn	c	1 0 0 0
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California 201 200-03-8

E-D: The *Eagles* ended at 15-7

California 1 LOB - Baltimore 8

Murray KGarcia Miller

Thompson Patek 1B Park (1) SB

PKelly Lansford SF-Lansford

IP H R ER BB SO

Baltimore Stone 3 6 5 5 2 2

Stewart W-25 6 3 3 3 6 4

California Aase 11-3 4 3 3 3 0

Knapp L-1-3 3-3 0 4 4 1

Clear 1 4 6 6 4 1

Barr 3-3 3 0 0 0 0

Stone pitched to two batters in fourth

HBP-by Knapp (Demsey) T-3 39

A-34, 13

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