



High school highlights: Deihl pitches Pine-Richland baseball past Butler in blowout

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Pine-Richland baseball scored eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to record a 12-2 mercy rule victory against Butler in a Class 6A Section 1 baseball opener that featured two ranked teams.

Pine-Richland (6-1, 2-0) entered the season ranked No. 2, while Butler (2-3, 0-1) was ranked No. 5.

Keegan Deihl pitched a complete game for the Rams, allowing only two hits and striking out five. Tanner Cunningham drove in four runs for the Rams, while Avery Brown had two hits, including a home run.

Other baseball games

- Evan Holewinski threw a five-hit shutout and hit a two-run homer in the first inning to lead Bethel Park (3-3, 1-0) to a 3-0 win at Upper St. Clair (3-2, 0-1) in a Class 5A Section 2 opener.

- Canon-McMillan (3-1, 1-0) rallied from a 3-0 deficit to defeat Mt. Lebanon (0-5, 0-1), 9-4, in a Class 6A Section 2 game played at Canon-McMillan. Nick Hilbert and Andrew Kocan both had three RBIs for the Big Macs, while Tyson Mead earned his first victory on the mound.
- Benji Astbury and Luke Goodworth each had two hits, including a double, and drove in a run to lead Mars (4-2, 1-0) to a 2-1 road victory against West Allegheny (3-1, 0-1) in a Class 5A Section 3 opener. Nolan Scott pitched a complete game for the Planets, allowing two hits and striking out five.
- Miguel Hugas pitched a three-hit shutout, striking out seven, to lead Shaler (5-1, 1-0) to a 4-0 win against visiting Moon (2-2, 0-1) in a Class 5A Section 3 opener. Hugas also had three hits, including a double, and scored three runs. Alex Venezia accounted for the other run with a solo homer.
- Ryan Opfer tossed a five-hit shutout, striking out seven, as Chartiers-Houston (5-0, 1-0) remained unbeaten with a 2-0 win against visiting Burgettstown (4-1, 2-1) in Class 2A Section 1. Paul Williamson doubled in the fourth to score Nico Filosi and Anthony Romano with the game's only runs. Burgettstown's Andrew Bredel also struck out seven and allowed only two hits.
- Dylan Grabowski pitched a three-hit shutout and struck out eight batters to lead Penn-Trafford (4-1, 3-1) to a 2-0 win against visiting Armstrong (3-2, 1-2) in Class 5A Section 1. Grabowski also knocked in the eventual winning run with a triple in the third inning. Ian Temple added an RBI double to account for the other run.

Softball games

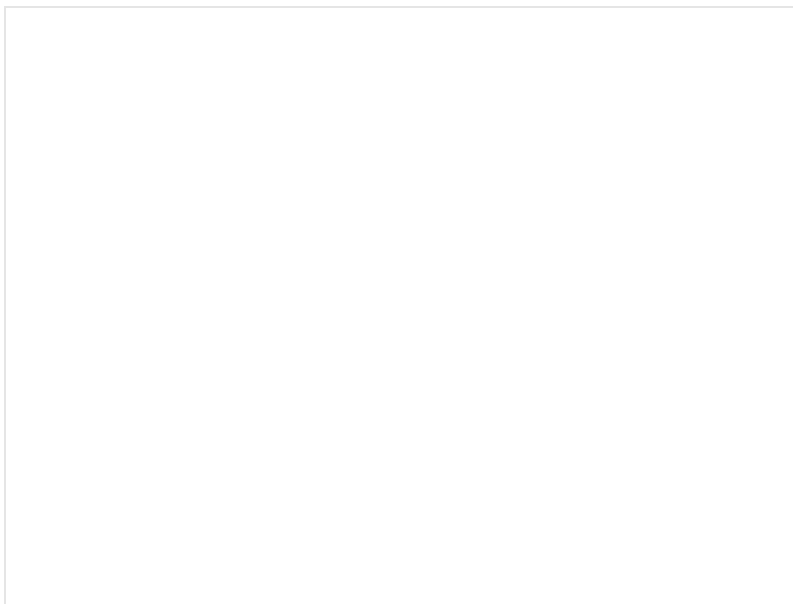
- Amarah McCutcheon hit a two-run walk-off home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to break a scoreless tie and lead Southmoreland (2-1, 1-0) to a 2-0 win against visiting Ligonier Valley (1-1, 0-1) in Class 3A Section 3. The homer was one of only two hits given up by Rams pitcher Cheyenne Piper, who recorded 20 strikeouts.
- Sofia Celaschi struck out 12 batters and walked none en route to a five-inning no-hitter as Charleroi (6-0, 1-0) remained unbeaten with a 10-0 victory against Beth-Center (0-6, 0-3) in Class 2A Section 3.
- Riley Miller pitched a one-hitter, striking out 12 and walking none, to lead Hempfield (5-1, 2-1) to a 2-0 win against visiting Canon-McMillan (0-3, 0-3). Miller also had two hits, including a double, and drove in both runs.

- A two-run walk-off single in the ninth inning by Emma Bogacki gave Western Beaver (4-1, 1-0) the winning runs in a 7-6 victory against visiting Mars (2-2, 0-1) in a Class 5A Section 3 opener. Bogacki also pitched eight innings, allowing six runs and striking out 13.

- Grace Vaughn had four hits while Maria Felsher pitched a complete game as Frazier posted a 12-4 win against Leechburg. Delaney Warnick had two hits, including a homer, for the Commodores.

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