



High school highlights: Deihl's pitching leads Pine-Richland baseball to win against North Allegheny

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In the first of three games involving the two top-ranked baseball teams in WPIAL Class 6A, No. 2 Pine-Richland, behind the pitching of Keegan Deihl, posted a 10-1 victory against top-ranked North Allegheny in a Section 1 game at Pine-Richland.

The win puts Pine-Richland and North Allegheny in a tie for first place in the section. Both teams are 7-3. Pine-Richland is 13-5 overall and North Allegheny 11-4. They meet twice in the next few days in games that could decide the No. 1 seed for the Class 6A playoffs.

Deihl allowed only five hits and one run in 6 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. He also struck out nine batters, while walking only two. Sam Heckert pitched two-thirds of an inning in relief to complete the victory.

Pine-Richland jumped on three different North Allegheny pitchers for 10 runs in the first four innings. Jacob McGuire and Tommy Zimmerman each

had two hits for the Rams. McGuire and Owen Henne each drove in three runs.

The two teams will meet again on Saturday and Monday, with both games at North Allegheny.

Other baseball games

- Plum scored five runs in the fifth inning to break a 1-1 tie, as the Mustangs posted a second win in as many days against Class 5A No. 4 Franklin Regional (11-5, 6-4), this time by an 8-2 tally. Erik Streussnig, Frank Macioce, and Colin Watson each drove in two runs for the Mustangs (12-6, 8-2), who are now tied for first place in Section 1. Brady Dojonovic pitched 6 innings, allowing only six hits and two runs, to pick up the win for Plum.

- Riverside (15-0, 10-0), ranked No. 1 in Class 3A and the only unbeaten baseball team in the WPIAL, scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a 4-3 win against Neshannock (12-4, 6-4) in Section 1. Christian Lucarelli pitched 6 1/3 innings for Riverside, allowing only three hits and two runs, while striking out 10 batters. Hunter Garvin picked up the victory in relief.

- In a game that featured two of the top four teams in Class 4A, No. 4 West Mifflin (15-2, 9-1) scored two runs in the sixth inning to pull out a 4-2 road victory against No. 2 Chartiers Valley (12-4, 9-1) and leave the two teams tied for first place in Section 3. Zane Griffaton had two hits, scored two runs, and drove in two runs. He also pitched four innings, allowing only four hits and two runs. Caden Wills retired the last eight batters to pick up the victory.

- Blake Primrose broke a scoreless tie in the sixth inning with a two-run home run, as North Catholic (7-2, 8-7) took sole possession of first place in Class 4A Section 4 with a 4-2 victory against Kiski Area (9-7, 6-3). Tommy Schafale picked up the victory for the Trojans. The two teams play again Saturday at Kiski Area.

- James Showman and Carson Pasinski each had three hits and drove in two runs as 3A No. 3 Yough (13-4, 10-0) remained unbeaten in Section 4 with a win against visiting McGuffey (9-6, 5-5). Showman had two doubles, while Pasinski had a double and a triple. Freshman Nate Bell pitched 5 2/3 innings to improve his record to 5-0. Pasinski pitched the final 1 1/3 innings to pick up his second save.

Softball games

- Mt. Lebanon (6-9, 5-8), ranked No. 5 in Class 6A, scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to cap a 4-3 upset of No. 2 Norwin (13-4, 11-3) in Section 1. Mary Langston hit a home run for the Blue Devils, while Brooke Boehmer drove in two runs. Katherine Borza picked up the victory for Mt. Lebanon. Bailey Snowberger, a Holy Cross softball commit, hit a home run for Norwin.

- In a non-section game that featured two ranked teams, 1A No. 4 Chartiers-Houston (10-5) posted an 8-2 win against 3A No. 4 Waynesburg (11-3). Meadow Ferri allowed only three hits and two runs, while striking out seven batters. Ferri also hit a home run, scored three runs, and drove in two runs. Emily Swarrow had two hits and three RBI for the Buccaneers.

- Bailey Barnyak pitched a five-inning no-hitter, striking out eight batters, as 1A No. 2 Carmichaels (15-0, 10-0) remained unbeaten with an 11-0 win against No. 5 West Greene (9-7, 6-4) in Section 2. Barnyak would have had a perfect game if it weren't for a passed ball that allowed a strikeout victim reach base. Ali Jacobs and Kaitlyn Waggett each had two hits and drove in three runs for the Mighty Mikes.

- Lexie Daniels had six hits, including two doubles and two triples, to lead 4A No. 4 Belle Vernon (12-4, 9-2) to wins of 10-0 and 15-1 in a Section 2 doubleheader against Uniontown (5-8, 5-5). Mia Zubovic had four hits, including a home run, and drove in four runs. Olivia Kolowitz and Talia Toss split the pitching duties for the Leopards, with each picking up a victory.

Boys volleyball

- Grant Hoover recorded 21 kills and 15 digs as Class 5A No. 5 Seneca Valley (13-2, 8-2) handed top-ranked Shaler (11-1, 9-1) its first loss of the season in a Section 2 showdown held at Seneca Valley. The setting duo of Steve Mazur (22) and Peter Breski (20) combined for 42 assists. Breski also had 16 digs.

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