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Teutopolis catcher Alex Goldstein narrowly makes the tag as Robinson's Grissom attempts to steal home in the Wooden Shoes regional matchup last week. The Shoes went on to win the regional title on Saturday against Marshall.

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Teutopolis wins regional

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An explosive second inning, kick-started by a Derek Smith double, led the Teutopolis Wooden Shoes baseball team to become regional champions after they soundly defeated the Marshall Lions, 8-0.

"Very pleased with every regional," Head Coach Justin Fleener said. "Whenever we needed a clutch play, someone came through."

Things got hot early for Teutopolis as a Kyle Pruemer line drive drove in Chase Wendling to give the Shoes a quick 1-0 lead in the first. The hot streak picked up in the second when Smith hit a line drive to left field. Reed Hardiek and Cody Will made outs before Chase Wendling loaded the bases.

A Bobby Wenthe line drive to right field drove in all three runners, as Smith, Wendling and Jared Waldhoff scored to build the lead to 4-0. An Alex Goldstein single and a line drive to right field for a double by Darren Probst drove in three more runs, as T-Town built a huge lead over the Lions.

"Bobby with the bases clearing single was huge for us," Fleener said.

Hardiek homered to left field in the fifth inning for the final score of 8-0.

Pruemer recorded nine strike outs and gave up one hit across seven innings. He walked three bat-

ters. Pruemer's record for the season is now 6-1.

"Kyle pitched a great game and was in control from the beginning," Fleener said.

With the win, Teutopolis moves on to sectional play, where they were scheduled to face Salem on Wednesday.

Heading into that game, the Shoes record was 26-3.

Teutopolis defeats Robinson, 4-1

A controversial call in the fifth inning gave Teutopolis the edge in their first game of postseason action last week as the Shoes escaped Robinson, 4-1.

A home run by Bobby Wenthe in the fifth inning was ruled fair, with many on the field and in the stands thinking it had gone foul. But the umpires ruled the ball fair and allowed the play to stand.

The game was close throughout, with neither team scoring until the third inning. After an error by Derek Smith at third base allowed Robinson to get on the board, Teutopolis answered with a run of its own when Cody Will scored on a passed ball.

Will doubled in the fourth inning off a fly ball to center field, driving Reed Hardiek in for the score.

Jared Waldhoff kept momentum on the Shoes side, giving up just three hits in seven innings. He gave up one run and struck out nine batters.

Area boys track teams send competition to state meet

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Friday saw the area boys track teams compete in sectional action with the hopes of winning titles and advancing to the state track meet this weekend.

Effingham traveled to Champaign for its Class 3A sectional meet, while St. Anthony and Teutopolis headed to Lawrenceville for Class 1A competition.

Effingham finished in seventh place overall out of 14 teams at Champaign Centennial High School with 32 points. Bloomington won the meet with a runaway tally of 137 points.

Despite a lot of great times by many of the Effingham athletes, only Clark Williamson and Thomas Lasher qualified to advance to the state meet.

Williamson qualified in the pole vault with a height of 13'3", while Lasher captured the sectional crown and qualified in the triple jump with a leap of 45'1".

Head Coach Terry Harbaugh congratulated both athletes with their accomplishments. He said that they have worked hard in their events all season to become better and get to the state level.

Effingham had other athletes place during the event, though they did not qualify for state.

Taylor Fatheree placed sixth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 9:58.42. The 400-meter relay team of Logan Howell, Ben Percival, Trent Barnhart and Leevi Baker placed fifth with a time of 44.09.

The 800-meter relay team, consisting of Howell, Caydin Vaughn, Barnhart and Baker, placed third with a time of 1:33.58.

Travis Durbin, Collin Hecht, Sean Zerrusen and Baker ran their

fastest time of the year in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 3:30.69. Kyle Niebrugge placed fourth in the high jump at 5'11".

Kohdai Nishida placed third in the long jump.

"Kohdai finished his track career with a third place finish in the long jump at 21'6.5", Harbaugh said.

Teutopolis finished in third place at the Lawrenceville Sectional with 71 points, while St. Anthony didn't break the top five.

The Teutopolis boys took second place in the 800-meter relay with a state qualifying time of 1:36.45. Austin McWhorter qualified in the pole vault with a height of 13 feet. Justin Hunt took first in the long jump with a distance of 21'3.5" to qualify.

Cody Heuerman qualified in the triple jump at 42'5". Kyle Blievernicht qualified with a first place finish in the 400-meter dash with a time of 51.22 and Riley Drees finished second in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 42.69.

Peter Keller of St. Anthony finished second in the 3200-meter run to qualify with a time of 9:58.23. Keller also qualified with a fourth place finish in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:36.19.

Teammate Andrew Gardewine finished third in the 1600-meter run to also qualify with a time of 4:35.02.

Class 1A athletes will compete in qualifying heats Thursday for a chance to compete in the finals on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. in Charleston. Effingham and Class 3A athletes will race in qualifying heats Friday with hopes of advancing to the finals on Saturday.

The IHSA State Boys Track Meet is held at O'Brien Field, the Eastern Illinois University football stadium.



Clark Williamson of Effingham qualified for the pole vault at the IHSA Boys State Track Meet this weekend. Teutopolis and St. Anthony are sending athletes as well following their success at the Lawrenceville Sectional.

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St. Anthony, Teutopolis girls fare well at state

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A hot day at Eastern Illinois University saw St. Anthony and Teutopolis girls track participate in the state finals for girls track over the weekend in hopes of bringing home a state crown.

Teutopolis sent five girls to participate in three events including pole vault, high jump and the 3200-meter relay. St. Anthony's Sara Wortman was the school's lone competitor at the meet, as she participated in the pole vault competition.

Anna Hartke of Teutopolis participated in the high jump as well as running for the relay squad. Other members of the relay team were Michelle Schmidt, Morgan Drees and Megan Weichman.

"Anna has consistently cleared 5'2 to 5'4 all year," Teutopolis girls coach Troy Bierman said of her high jump. "She was very excited to move on but always tries to hide her joy."

Hartke, a freshman, tied for ninth place at the state meet with a height of 5'2". She finished in last place of 12 teams for the 3200-meter relay with a time of 10:19.87.

Bierman said Weichman ran one of her best

outdoor times at sectionals and called her a true competitor who hates to lose.

Teutopolis senior Rachel Westendorf finished in 10th place for the pole vault with a height of 10'3".

"These girls were my first class to go through all four years with me and they have had great success as individuals and a team," Bierman said. "I want to thank them for their dedication and great example to our track program."

Teutopolis finished tied for last place with half a point coming from Hartke's finish in the high jump.

Wortman finished in ninth place in the pole vault with a height of 10'3". She earned St. Anthony one point at the meet with her finish in the pole vault as the school placed tied for 65th overall.

St. Anthony head coach Rob Brown said Sara Wortman worked all season to get back to state and compete with the best of the best.

Below are the results of the state track meet:

High jump: 9. Anna Hartke (T), 5'2". Pole vault: 9. Sara Wortman (SA), 10'3"; 10. Rachel Westendorf (T), 10'3".

3200-meter relay: 12. Teutopolis (Anna Hartke, Michelle Schmidt, Morgan Drees and Megan Weichman), 10:19.87.



St. Anthony and Teutopolis girls qualified for the IHSA state finals on Saturday. (Top) Sara Wortman, St. Anthony's lone competitor for finals, earned one point in her ninth place finish in the pole vault event. (Left) Rachel Westendorf finished in tenth place in the pole vault competition with a height of 10'3". (Right) Teutopolis freshman Anna Hartke finished ninth in the high jump with a height of 5'2", earning half a point. She also participated in the 3200-meter relay.

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Effingham defeats Olney 4-2 in 12 innings in regional opener

It took 12 innings Monday night for Effingham to put away Olney in a 4-2 victory in the teams' first game of the postseason.

Devin Mayfield pitched all 12 innings for the Hearts, giving up a total of nine hits.

Olney got on the board first following a fly ball to center field that drove in the run. With the bases loaded directly following the first run, Mayfield walked the Olney batter to give them a 2-0 edge.

A Trent Frey fly ball to right field gave Effingham the opening to cut into the lead when Dirk Levitt raced from second base to home for the run. Dirk Levitt scored once more off a double by Frey in the fourth to tie the game.

Mayfield saved the day for the Hearts in the top of the 12th inning with a sacrifice fly to drive Carter Hayes home. With Frey at first and Dirk Levitt at second, Adam Koester hit a line drive to right field to drive in Dirk for the second run of the inning and provide the two-run margin.

Frey went 2-for-4 at the plate with two RBIs.

With the win, Effingham was scheduled to play Salem on Wednesday. Another win will put the Hearts in the regional championship game on Saturday.

Effingham is now 17-13 overall.

Hearts drop regular season finale

Effingham faced Centralia in a doubleheader Saturday to end their regular season, but it didn't go the way the Hearts had hoped.

Wessel's Coors Light fastpitch softball ready for new season

Wessel's Coors Light opened their 2013 fastpitch softball campaign on May 16.

Last year, Coors Light ended the year with a 20th place finish at the NAFA World Series. They also won the T-Town League Tournament.

Returning from last year's team are Sean Lee (shortstop & manager), Chad Buehnerkemper, Gary Niebrugge (pitcher), Jon Lee (second base), John Niebrugge (catcher, outfield), Tim Schumacher (first base), Brent Bohnhoff (outfield), Cole Koester (shortstop), and Paul Mersman (pitcher).

The team has added Brad Meinhart, Mitch Meinhart, Curran McNeely, Blake Martin, Brooks Inman, Brandon Wasmuth and Alex Schumacher this year. They have added some youth to go along with their experienced veteran players.

The team would like to thank their sponsors Wessel's Grocery and Koerner's Distributors.

The team plays its home games at the Knights of Columbus diamond in Teutopolis.

Here is the schedule:

May 21-26 - Memorial Day Tournament; in Teutopolis; TBD

May 28 - Teutopolis KofC; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

May 30 - Bushue Bros. Tree Service; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

June 5 - Teutopolis KofC; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

June 7-9 - Kelso Classic; in Kelso, MO; TBD

June 20 - Budweiser; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

June 24 - Koerner Miller Lite; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

June 27-30 - 4th of July Tournament; Altamont; TBD

July 2 - Koerner Miller Lite; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

July 9 - Teutopolis KofC; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

July 12-13 - Teutopolis League Tournament; in Teutopolis; TBD

July 15 - Budweiser; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

July 22 - Koerner Miller Lite; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

July 26-28 - ASA State Tournament; in Villa Grove; TBD

July 30 - Budweiser; in Teutopolis; 7 p.m.

Aug. 2-4 - Casey Wood Bat Tournament; in Casey; TBD

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