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Big comeback lands Haddonfield in semis

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Kevin Davis was hit by a pitch and eventually came around to score the game-winning run as the Haddonfield baseball team rallied from a seven-run deficit to defeat Audubon 11-10 in a South Jersey Group 2 quarterfinal Friday.

The top seed, Haddonfield scored three runs in the fourth and fifth innings to make it 9-8. Audubon scored in the sixth, but John Walter hit a two-run homer to tie things at 10-10.

Walter picked up the victory and helped his own cause with two hits and three runs scored. Chris Davis hit a two-run homer in the first.

For the ninth-seeded Green Wave, Pat Tassi had a double.

Haddon Heights 6, Buena 5: The second-seeded Garnets scored five runs in the bottom of the first and went on to eliminate the No. 7 Chiefs.

Austin McCleery had a solo homer in the sixth to break a 5-5 tie.

Haddon Twp. 15, Woodstown 10: Ryan Easterday went 3-for-5 with a home run and four RBIs, while Mike Byrnes was 2-for-4 with a three-run homer as the third-seeded Hawks prevailed.

Tyler Smith was the winning pitcher. Seth Dorety was 3-for-5 with a three-run homer for the sixth-seeded Wolverines.

Cinnaminson 3, Middle Twp. 2: Mike Cooper picked up the win with one inning of relief as the fourth-seeded Pirates defeated the No. 5 Panthers.

Dan Giosia went 2-for-3 with two RBIs. The winning run scored on a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth.

S.J. Group 1

Pitman 4, Riverside 3: Winning pitcher Rob Cressman and Adam Satanoff each went 2-for-3 to lead the top-seeded Panthers into the semifinals.

Cressman struck out seven and allowed just three hits.

Gateway 9, Gloucester 1: Dom DePasquale had five strikeouts in a complete-game effort as the No. 2 Gators dropped the No. 7 Lions. Rick Ponto went 3-for-4 with a home run.

Pennsville 13, Penns Grove 2: Ryan Karr went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and Trevor Headman was 2-for-3 with four RBIs as the fourth-seeded Eagles dropped the No. 5 Red Devils. Keith Wilson was the winning pitcher.

Glassboro 5, Maple Shade 3: Nicco Esgro had a double and Brad Dobson picked up the win as the sixth-seeded Bulldogs eliminated the No. 3 Wildcats.

S.J. Group 3

Clearview 10, Seneca 5: Shane Taylor struck out 10 batters in a complete-game effort as the Pioneers advanced.

The fourth-seeded Pioneers will face No. 9 Winslow Township in one semifinal on Tuesday.

Taylor went 3-for-4 at the plate, while Scott Milden was 2-for-4. Both had doubles. Clearview scored five runs in the top of the sixth to erase a 5-4 deficit.

For No. 4 Seneca, Josh Brown tripled and Shaun Flynn had a home run.

Winslow Twp. 6, Central 1: Winning pitcher Chris Maull hit a grand slam in the fifth as the No. 9 Eagles upset the top seed. The senior scattered six hits and struck out five.

Highland 3, Hammonton 0: Kevin Giambri collected a two-run single in the sixth with two outs as the third-seeded Tartans defeated the No. 6 Blue Devils. John-Adam Benckert struck out five and allowed just two hits en route to the decision.

S.J. Group 4

C.H. East 8, Eastern 6: The fifth-seeded Cougars scored four runs in the top of the seventh to defeat the No. 4 Vikings. Ryan Martin picked up the win in relief.

Cherokee 3, T.R. East 2: Nick Allen and Eric Barbieri hit solo home runs in a three-run third as the eighth-seeded Chiefs topped the No. 16 seed.

Dan Smith picked up the win, allowing eight hits and striking out five. He got a double play to end the game.

Williamstown 6, C.H. West 5: Bill McCarty went 2-for-3 and Nick Stola was 3-for-4 as the second-seeded Braves defeated the No. 10 Lions. Chris Fries picked up the win.

Cherry Hill West rallied with four runs in the top of the seventh. Matt Speckman went 4-for-4 in a losing cause.

C.J. Group 2

Delran 7, Manasquan 6: Jim Goodwin picked up the win as the top-seeded Bears scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Burlington

Northern Burlington 3, Rancocas Valley 1: Cliff Nanfeldt won his seventh game as the Greyhounds got a three-run triple from Justin Howarth.

Olympic

Bishop Eustace 20, Timber Creek 4: Scott Carcaise went 4-for-5 with three homers and eight RBIs to lead the Crusaders.

Colonial

Sterling 13, West Deptford 0: Bob Applegate fired a three-hit shutout as the Silver Knights prevailed in five innings.

Cape-Atlantic

Millville 13, St. Augustine 9: The Thunderbolts scored 11 runs in their first three at-bats and went on to edge the Hermits. Anthony Ramos picked up the win.

Ocean City 5, Mainland 4: Winning pitcher Connor Ortolf went 2-for-3 and the Red Raiders held on for the win. Sean Feeney had three hits for the winners, while Brent Caprio hit a grand slam in the bottom of the seventh for the Mustangs.

Egg Harbor Twp. 7, Atlantic City 6: Sam Giunta's squeeze bunt drove in the winning run.

St. Joseph 6, Wildwood Catholic 2: Charlie Lavin got the win and Dennis Bakker went 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

Sacred Heart 11, Lower Cape May 5: Tyler Caterina, Chris Bell and Juan Velazquez combined for eight hits and six RBIs.

Nonleague

Wildwood 9, Bridgeton 2: Curtis Gift struck out 10 batters, while Nick Plamer went 2-for-3 with a double and two runs scored.
