

Cameron Cools off Batters

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EV standout helps Team Baker win All-State title

YAKIMA — With the complete disregard that the state's top hitters were showing the state's top pitchers — 81 runs for the four-game weekend — you can understand Jordan Cameron's nerves when he was handed the ball on Sunday in the All-State Baseball Series.

“Honestly, I thought I was going to get hammered,” admitted the East Valley senior. “Seeing the way everybody was hitting, I was a little nervous heading out there.”

And it didn't help that his Team Baker squad was in the championship game clinging to a one-run lead when he climbed what essentially was the hill of doom at Parker Field.

But Cameron survived the situation and his nerves quite well, retiring the last five batters he faced, allowing one unearned run and exiting the fifth inning with his team up 5-3.

What's more, Cameron and Goldendale's Aaron Cochran contributed base hits, played solid in the field and helped Team Baker cruise to a 17-5 victory over Team St. Helens in the championship game.

“I gave up a base hit right away, but I took a deep breath and tried to calm myself down,” Cameron said. “Watching these guys play for two days, wow, I felt I had to do my part and not let them down. It sounds strange but these guys already feel like my best friends.”

Team Baker mashed pitchers all weekend, piling up 29 runs and 33 hits with four doubles, three triples and three home runs.

Kingston's Daniel Orr was named the Offensive Player of the Series. His three-run triple in the bottom of the seventh was part of an eight-run outburst that blew the game open for Baker.

“I was patient at the plate looking for good pitches to hit,” said Orr, who opened the Series with a two-run homer in the first inning of Saturday's first game. “You want to take your hacks here, but I told myself to be patient. I took the curves and got some fastballs to hit.”

North Kitsap's Dan Jewett and White River's Payden Cawley-Lamb both went 4-for-5 for Team Baker. Cochran had an RBI single in the second and caught the first four innings, and Cameron played left field after his two innings of pitching.

The Defensive Player of the Series award went to Camas' Taylor Williams, who led Team Adams to a 15-8 victory over Team Rainier in Sunday's third-place game.

Williams was solid in his work at second base and a freak at the plate, recording a weekend cycle with two doubles, a triple, grand slam, six RBI and four runs.

Moses Lake's Dylan Signorelli, unable to play Saturday because of his graduation ceremony, did plenty on Sunday for Team Adams, going 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBI to go with his two innings of scoreless relief to finish the game.

“I wasn’t too sure about the pitching because I got knocked around in the feeder game — three or four runs and a homer,” said Signorelli, who fanned four and faced the minimum. “But it was nice and hot and I felt loose. After what happened in the feeder, this felt great.”

Naches Valley’s J.R. Weigel, who split time at shortstop with Eisenhower’s Will Scott, scored two runs for drove in one for Team Adams.

Championship

Baker 17, St. Helens 5

St. Helens 021 002 00 — 5 8 3

Baker 032 031 8x — 17 21 2

Yarnell, Dunford (5), Manderbach (7), Brunetti (7) and Schoelkopf; Kuzminsky, Cameron (3), Driessen (5), Hoffman (7) and Cochran, Yeo (5).

Highlights — **St. Helens:** Colton Schoelkopf (Chehalis) 1-3, 2 RBI; Taylor Brennan (Meadowdale) 1-3, 2b, sb, RBI, 2 runs. **Baker:** Dan Jewett (North Kitsap) 4-5, 3 RBI, 2 runs; Payden Cawley-Lamb (White River) 4-5, 2b, RBI, run; Daniel Orr (Kingston) 2-4, 2b, 3b, 3 RBI, 3 runs; Jacob Hoffman (Curtis) 2-run HR, 3 RBI; Desmond Santos (Mt. Rainier) 2-4, 2b, 3 runs; Connor Williams (White River) 2-5, RBI, 2 runs.

Third-fourth

Adams 15, Rainier 8

Rainier 500 021 00 — 8 15 4

Adams 112 203 6x — 15 16 3

Barnet, Groves (5) and Leach; T. Williams, Middleton (3), Hoadley (5), Signorelli (7) and Slaybough, Wiggins (5).

Highlights — **Rainier:** Rick Wiebe (Meridian) 3-4, 3b, 2 RBI; Nick Moyer (Bellevue) 2-2, 2b, run; Tommy Edwards (Cedarcrest) 2-5, 2b, RBI, run; Nick Wilkins (Orting) 2-5, RBI, run. **Adams:** Taylor Williams (Camas) 3-5, 2 2b, 3b, 2 runs, 2 IP; Dylan Signorelli (Moses Lake) 3-5, HR, 3 RBI, 2 runs, 2 IP, 1 hit, 4 K; Ryan Wiggins (West Seattle) 3-run HR; Brandon Middleton (Kelso) 2-3, 2b, 3 runs; Josh Potter (Mt. Rainier) 2-2, RBI, run; Luke Dilly (Cashmere) 2-5, 3b, 2 RBI; J.R. Weigel (Naches Valley) 2 runs.