

# Redeeming Quality

## Kentwood Star Makes Amends in All-State Game

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YAKIMA, Wash. — Given his credentials and minuscule earned-run average, Austin Voth doesn't often watch one of his pitches sail out of the yard. And certainly not with the bases loaded.



Kentwood's Austin Voth of team Baker is greeted by teammates after his three-run homer during the eighth inning that scored the final runs in Baker's win over team Adams of the All State baseball game Saturday, June 12, 2010. (ANDYS SAWYER/Yakima Herald-Republic)

But after the Kentwood senior pitcher got stung by a rash of walks that set up a rare grand slam, he got those runs back at the plate and sparked his Team Baker squad to victory in Saturday's All-State Baseball Series at Parker Field.

Voth drilled a two-out, three-run home run in the eighth inning, providing the big bomb in a six-run final frame that carried Team Baker to a 12-9 win over Team Adams in the Series opener.

It was a sweet finish that redeemed Voth, who pitched the first two innings and recorded all six outs with strikeouts. But in the second inning he issued four walks, two of which preceded Taylor Williams' grand slam.

"Had a little trouble with the strike zone," Voth said with a rueful smile. "I was trying to get that fixed and threw (Williams) a cookie. I can't remember the last time I gave up a grand slam but that's what can happen when you give away bases."



Goldendale's Aaron Cochran of team Baker leads off second in front of Eisenhower's Will Scott of team Adams during the first All State baseball game Saturday, June 12, 2010. (ANDY SAWYER/Yakima Herald-Republic)

Voth, a Washington signee who fanned eight in a Class 4A state semifinal win for the Conks last month, got one of the runs back in the third with an RBI single. Down 7-6 heading into the eighth, Baker rallied for a 9-7 lead and Voth then delivered haymaker over the rightfield wall.

"That felt great. I felt like I owed these guys," said the SPSL Player of the Year, who made a hasty exit from Yakima to make Kentwood's graduation ceremony Saturday night. "This game went back-and-forth

all the way. It was a great all-star game.”

Scoring directly in front of Voth on the home run was Goldendale catcher Aaron Cochran, and he was mighty grateful to do so. In the bottom of the seventh, it was Cochran who dropped an infield popup that allowed Adams to take a 7-6 lead with two outs.

“That was my bad and I felt pretty awful about it since they took the lead,” he said. “I let the sun get me and that shouldn’t happen. That was definitely on my mind when I got to bat in the eighth.”

Cochran’s contribution was nonetheless solid, catching the final four innings, singling in the fifth and drawing a two-out walk in the eighth ahead of Voth.



East Valley’s Jordan Cameron runs to first during the All State baseball game Saturday, June 12, 2010. (ANDY SAWYER/Yakima Herald-Republic)

East Valley’s Jordan Cameron also helped the winners, going 1-for-2 with a single in the second while playing four innings in center field.

Team Baker overcame several obstacles, namely 10 walks, five errors and the relentless bat of Williams, a Washington State signee from Camas.

Williams reached base five times, drove in six runs and scored Adams’ go-ahead run in the seventh after a fleet-footed dash from first to third on a two-out single.

While the pitching was at times a little ragged in the opener — 14 total walks — Team St. Helens was dominant on the mound in the afternoon game and that led to an 11-4 victory over Team Rainier.

Richland’s Travis Fuller and Columbia River’s Sky Adams combined for seven shutout innings with eight strikeouts while the St. Helens offense did plenty of its own damage with 17 hits.

The 6-foot-4 Fuller, who pitched a 1-0 shutout in the 4A state semifinals at Safeco Field after Voth won his game for Kentwood, worked the first four innings and left with a 9-0 lead. Adams was even more impressive, throwing three hitless innings with six strikeouts to close the game.

And that wasn’t all for Adams. He also went 3-for-4 with a double and two runs.

St. Helens jumped ahead 6-0 before Fuller took the field, cracking six consecutive hits to open the game. Eastside Catholic’s Garrett DeGallier capped the string of hits with a two-run double, the third two-bagger of the inning.

Despite the lopsided score, Rainier got a fine outing from Warden pitcher Arty Reyes, who allowed only one earned run over the final four innings and struck out five.

Adams and Rainier will meet at 10:25 a.m. in today’s consolation game, and Baker and St. Helens will play in the title game at 1:35 p.m.

**Baker 12, Adams 9**

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**Adams 041 010 12 — 9 10 4**

Voth, Jewett (3), Lindquist (5), Hancock (7) and Yeo, Cochran (5); Olason, Galusha (4), B. Williams (6) and Wiggins.

Highlights — Baker: Austin Voth (Kentwood) 2-5, HR, 4 RBI, 2 runs, 2 IP, 6 K, 4 BB; Dan Jewett (North Kitsap) 2-5, 2 3b, RBI, run, 2 IP, 3 K; Daniel Orr (Kingston) 2-5, HR, 2 RBI, 2 runs; Payden Cawley-Lamb (White River) 1-1, 2 RBI, run. Adams: Taylor Williams (Camas) 2-3, GS, 6 RBI, 3 BB, 2 runs; Brandan Williams (Auburn Mountainview) 2-5, RBI, 3 IP; Luke Dilly (Cashmere) 2-4, 2 runs); Leko Galusha (Union) 1-1, 2b, 2 runs, 2 IP, 0 runs, 1 hit.

#### **St. Helens 11, Rainier 4**

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Fuller, Neet (5), Adams (6) and Batt; Brooks, Reyes (5) and Sloan, Leach (5).

Highlights — St. Helens: Sky Adams (Columbia River) 3-4, 2b, RBI, 2 runs, 3 IP, 0 hits, 6 K; Neal Schuck (Burbank) 2-3, 2b, 2 runs; Taylor Brennan (Meadowdale) 2-5, 2b, 3 RBI; Marcus Manderbach (Hanford) 2-5, 2b, RBI, 2 runs; Garrett DeGallier (Eastside Catholic) 2-4, 2b, 2 RBI; Chris Brunetti (Othello) 3-4, run; Travis Fuller (Richland) 4 IP, 0 runs, 3 hits, 2 K. Rainier: Arty Reyes (Warden) 4 IP, 5 hits, 1 ER, 5 K, 1 BB; Tommy Edwards (Cedarcrest) 1-3, 2-run HR; Casey Sawyer (Hockinson) 1-3, solo HR; Michael Leach (Lakewood) 2-2; Spencer Rogers (Issaquah) 2-4, 2b.