

Urquhart runs to offensive honors

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YAKIMA, Wash. — Nobody has to tell Cory Urquhart to hustle. Even though he hears it all the time from coaches, the West Valley senior has just one gear.

Flat out.

Good thing, too, because if Urquhart's jets weren't fully lit Sunday afternoon, the championship game of the All-State Baseball Series might have ended in a tie.

Urquhart's flare into no-man's land beyond first base and down the line turned into a triple, and he scored the winning run on a passed ball to lift Team Adams to a 2-1 victory over Rainier in nine innings at Parker Field.

"It always pays off to hustle," he said after receiving the offensive player of the game award. "When I hit it, I thought it would be an out. But I just put my head down and dug around the corners. I found a hole and ran as hard as I could."

Urquhart played five innings at shortstop in the title game, and finished the weekend 3-for-5.

Prior to the eighth inning, which was the scheduled length of the game, Adams hitters had done little, mustering just three hits through seven. Rainier starter Travis Cook of Cedarcrest and Kelvin Ketchum of Beamer combined to throw six shutout innings — Ketchum left with a 1-0 lead — and the Rainier defense turned three double plays.

But the game was extended when Cashmere's Trevor Davis led off the eighth with a walk, took second on a wild pitch and scored on a single by Woodinville's Sean Murphy.

"It was a real pitcher's duel," Urquhart said. "Who expected that after yesterday?" Saturday's games included 35 runs and 56 hits.

After Cook and Ketchum were done with their stellar work, Rainier was in a bad place. With a depleted staff and two no-shows, both of whom were pitchers, Rainier was forced to raid Adams for arms and that's when the game turned.

Ellensburg's Brendan Storey pitched two scoreless innings for Adams, working around trouble in both frames but sticking Rainier with four stranded runners.

Looking to extend its 1-0 lead, Rainier had the bases loaded with two outs in the fifth against Storey, but Curtis' Kyle Phillips ran down a towering fly ball on the left-center warning track to end the threat.

That was one of many big plays made in center field by Phillips, who received the defensive player of the game award.

"I love it here," he said. "The ball flies well, you get good reads and the heat is great. I like a big field where you can chase down balls."

A close second to Phillips in defensive gems was Lakewood's Jordan Stauffer, a third baseman for Adams who crashed into a fence to snare a foul ball off the bat of Davis' Michael Calderon. Stauffer was later recruited by Rainier to pitch.

Pitching was running out for Adams as well. Puyallup's Kody Stone, who started Saturday's 11-7 win over Baker and threw three innings, closed on Sunday for the win. He threw the eighth and ninth, retiring the final five batters in order.

In Sunday's consolation game, Baker blanked St. Helens 13-0 behind the combined shutout of Seattle Prep's John Humphrie and Kentwood's Alexander Lee.

Baker's 15-hit onslaught started with a leadoff home run by Naches Valley's Thomas Wilcox, who finished 2-for-2 with two runs scored before departing early to join the Yakima Valley Pepsi Pak in the Hagert Tournament. NV teammate Ethan Flory was also 2-for-2.

Richland's Brett Jacobs clubbed a two-run homer in the sixth, and O'Dea's John Burhman and Columbia River's Jon Yearout both had three RBI for Baker, which was coached by Naches Valley's state 1A championship staff.

Championship game

Team Adams 2, Team Rainier 1

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Rainier 000 100 000 — 1 6 1

Boyd, Storey (5), Davis (7), Stone (8) and Harrington; Cook, Ketchum (4), Stauffer (7), Sullivan (8) and Campbell.

Highlights — Adams: Cory Urquhart (West Valley) 1-2, 3b, game-winning run; Sean Murphy (Woodinville) 1-3, sb, RBI; Trevor Davis (Cashmere) 1-1, run; Ben Pinkham (Colville) 1-1, 2b; Kody Stone (Puyallup) WP, 2 IP, 2 K. Rainier: Trux French (Kennewick) 2-3, 2b, RBI; Travis Cook (Cedarcrest) 3 IP, 0 runs, 2 hits, 2 K; Kelvin Ketchum (Beamer) 3 IP, 0 runs, 1 hit.

Consolation game

Team Baker 13, Team St. Helens 0

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Hebner, Kaiser (3), Harper (5), Hibbard (6), Salazar (7) and Andrews; Humphrie, Lee (5) and Burhman, Rapacz (5).

Highlights — Baker: Brett Jacobs (Richland) 2-3, 2-run HR, 2 runs; Thomas Wilcox (Naches Valley) 2-2, solo HR, 2 runs; John Burhman (O'Dea) 3-4, 2b, 2 runs, 3 RBI; Jon Yearout (Columbia River) 2-3, 2b, run, 3 RBI; Ethan Flory (Naches Valley) 2-2; Brady Steiger (South Kitsap) 2-4, 3b, run.