

# Loncar shines in All-State rout

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YAKIMA, Wash. — Standing in the company of his teammates, who collectively swung bats like a wrecking ball through the All-State Baseball Series, Cole Loncar was a little uneasy being singled out.

But even among these mashers, the Olympia outfielder seemed like an unstoppable force.

In a span of six at-bats over the weekend, Loncar sprayed Yakima County Stadium with four doubles — three consecutively — added a single, scored four runs and drove in three.

That prolific hitting — against some of the best pitching in the state — was certainly worthy of the offensive MVP honor but Loncar was among giants on Team St. Helens, which pounded Team Baker for 18 hits en route to a 19-1 victory in Sunday's championship game.

"That was just amazing baseball," said Loncar, looking at his 16 teammates while accepting the award. "After yesterday (when St. Helens won 10-2 on Saturday) we were all so loose. All these guys can hit it hard."

Sunday's first game was a much more competitive affair and it was dominated by two local pitchers. East Valley's Jonathan Janis and Naches Valley's Cody Johns combined for seven shutout innings and led Team Adams to a 6-2 win over Team Rainier for third place.

By the numbers, St. Helens' romp through the Series was remarkable considering the level of pitching it came against. The squad produced 29 runs on 29 hits despite being shut out for the first 5 2/3 innings of Saturday's game.

And if you're not impressed with offense consider the other side of it. St. Helens committed just one error in each game, an effort spearheaded by defensive MVP Paul Miller of Mead, and seven pitchers combined for 13 shutout innings and three total runs.

"This was the best of the best and we seemed pretty strong in everything," said Miller, a shortstop who played four innings in each game. "Our pitching was solid, we fielded well and our hitters, man, it was fun to watch."

Loncar and his Olympia teammate Brad Williams, who batted 7-8 in the lineup, did enough damage themselves to win the Series, hitting .470 with six doubles and 10 RBI.

"We hit 3-4 in our line up (at Olympia) and had like 60 RBI this season," Loncar smiled. "This was a great way to finish our senior year together."

Southridge twins Ty and Bryce Jackson were also major contributors and not just at the plate. After Bothell's unbeaten ace Brian McAfee left with an 8-1 lead, the Jacksons combined to throw three scoreless innings with just one hit and five strikeouts.

In the early game, Rainier managed to coax hits off of Janis and Johns, collecting nine singles and two doubles, but it was just 2 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

Janis worked the first four innings with four strikeouts and no walks and Johns closed the door with four scoreless frames. The Naches Valley ace picked up the win since Adams rallied with four runs in the fifth inning, including an RBI single by Johns for a 4-2 lead.

That rally spoiled perhaps the best outing of the Series as Rainier starter Trevor Lubking of White River threw four hitless innings and left with a 2-1 lead.

**Third-fourth place**  
**ADAMS 6, RAINIER 2**

**Rainier 020 000 00 — 2 11 3**

**Adams 100 040 01 — 6 5 0**

Lubking, Samuelson (5), Castro (8) and Benish, Boe (5); Janis, Johns (5) and Taubenheim.

Highlights — Rainier: Stockton Taylor (Brewster) 3-3, run, SB; Zach Slesk (Meridian) 3-4, 2b; Nick Scourey (Pullman) 1-2, 2b, RBI; Trevor Lubking (White River) 4 IP, 0 hits, 4 K, 2 BB. Adams: Jonathan Janis (East Valley) 4 IP, 2 runs, 5 hits, 4 K, 0 BB; Cody Johns (Naches Valley) 4 IP, 0 runs, 6 hits, 2 K, 1 BB, 1-2, RBI; Dan Scheibe (Hanford) 1-1, run, RBI; Jake Taubenheim (Snohomish) 1-2, run, RBI.

**Championship**  
**ST. HELENS 19, BAKER 1**

**St. Helens 143 005 42 — 19 18 1**

**Baker 001 000 00 — 1 5 4**

McAfee, T. Jackson (4), B. Jackson (5), Johnson (7) and Medalia, Jones (5); Smith, Watts (3), McCusker (6), Falk (7), Sullivan (7) and Wildung, Turner (5).

Highlights — St. Helens: Brad Williams (Olympia) 2-4, 2b, 2 runs, 5 RBI; Cole Loncar (Olympia) 3-5, 3 2b, 3 runs, RBI; Ty Jackson (Southridge) 1-3, HR, 2 RBI, 1 IP, 0 runs, 0 hits, 2 K; John Albert (Sehome) 4-6, 3 runs, RBI; P.J. Jones (Mountain View) 1-2, 3 RBI; Bryce Jackson (Southridge) 2-4, 2b, 2 runs, RBI, 2 IP, 0 runs, 1 hit, 3 K; Jared Fisher (Newport) 2-3, 2b, 2 runs, 2 RBI; Cameron Alvarado (Moses Lake) 3 BB, 3 runs; Brian McAfee (Bothell) 3 IP, 0 ER, 1-1. Baker: Kody Watts (Skyview) 3 IP, 0 runs, 1 hit, 1 K, 0 BB; Ben Smith (Timberline) 2-2, 2b.