

# Brooke Retains Conference Title

The 1972 high school baseball season came to a close in the area Tuesday afternoon as Brooke successfully defended its Ohio Valley Athletic Con-

ference championship with a 7-4 blanking of Steubenville Catholic Central at Yorkville Stadium.

The victory gave Coach Ed Watkins' team a 27-4 record on the campaign while the Crusaders, Ohio-side champions of the OVAC, finished at 23-3.

Other titles picked up by the Bruins this spring included the OVAC W. Va. side crown, the Mountaineer League title and the W. Va. Section One and Region One championships. Brooke was beaten in the semifinals of the state tourney by Parkersburg.

Sophomore right-hander Gary Elliott handled the pitching duties in the OVAC title clash, limiting the Crusaders to just five hits. That's the same total the Brooke got off the servings of two Steubenville Catholic hurlers but the Bruins also benefited from five errors and nine walks.

After two errors and a bunt single by Bruce Morgan in the opening inning, the Bruins scored on a fielder's choice and an overthrow on an attempt to complete a double play.

They raised it to 3-0 in the third on a walk, a stolen base, a ground out and a sacrifice fly and turned it into a rout with four more runs in the fourth inning. Two singles, three walks and an error highlighted the uprising.

Joe Pettini was the only Brooke player with more than one hit as he was two for four. The only extra base hit in a game was a double by Crusader freshman Tim Alessi. Line score follows:

Steub. Catholic	000	000	0-0	5	5
Brooke	201	400	x-7	5	0
Batteries:	DiCarantonio, Grajewski (4) and Fante; Elliott and Joseph.				