

Shades Brooke Nine Big Red Captures OVAC Title, 2-1

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Stebenville Big Red (24-3) played the role of Rip Van Winkle on offense for five innings Friday before arising to claim the OVAC baseball championship.

Big Red, the Ohio-side kingpin, was stymied by the no-hit slants of unbeaten Brooke hurler Ari Scherich for the first 15 outs before spurning from a 1-0 deficit to nose out the W. Va. champions (27-2) by 2-1 at West Liberty State's diamond.

Stebenville managed only

three baserunners — two by walks and one by an error — until the sixth when leadoff batter Rick Spencer lined a single to center field and advanced to second on an error. Winning pitcher Stacy Morrow (8-1) reached on an infield error and Spencer tied the count on a passed ball.

Mark Stacy scored an infield hit off Scherich's glove and James (Chico) Swearingen reached on a fielder's choice as Morrow was thrown out at home plate. Following an infield fly, rangy Bob Cook knocked in Stacy with a line drive single to right field.

Brooke scored its only run in the second but had runners reach second base in five of the other six frames.

Scherich led off the second with a double to the left field fence and scored one out later on a liner to left by Gary LaSavage. A single by George Brindley and a walk to Joe Pettini loaded the bases but two strikeouts by Morrow snuffed out the threat.

The setback to Scherich was his first in 10 decisions, including two wins in three relief appearances in the state tournament last weekend.

Brooke captured OVAC laurels last season in a playoff victory over Stebenville Catholic.

Yesterday's climax to area prep baseball was witnessed in hot, sunny conditions by about 400 onlookers.

Brooke 010 000 0-1 8 3
Stebenville 000 002 2-7 1 3
B—Scherich (1.50, 2W), L.P. 9.1, and Brindley; Pettini 1.3; Bowen 0.0; Morrow 0.4; Schwerfeger 0.4; Scherich 1.3; D. run; McDonald 1.3; LaSavage 1.3; rbi; Brindley 2.2; Dill 0.1; Fankouser 0.3.
S—Morrow (8.50, 1W) WP: 8.1; and J. Jarvis, Spencer 1.2, run; Morrow 0.3; Stacy 1.3; run; Swearingen 0.3; Turrentine 0.3; Cook 1.2, rbi; Taylor 0.3; Ralston 0.2; J. Jarvis 0.2.

Bruin Golfers Capture OVAC

Brooke captured the OVAC golf championship Friday with a playoff victory over Stebenville Catholic at Belleview.

The Bruins shot a 338 and the Crusaders, the Ohio-side finalist, totaled 343 including 75 by medalist Joe Kaczmarek.

Brooke 338, Stebenville Catholic 343 (at Belleview)
BROOKE — C. Winters 81, M. McGee 84, J. Dodds 84, D. Capilioni 85.
STEBENVILLE CATHOLIC — M. DiDomenico 92, P. Mosblack 88, T. Mosblack 88, J. Kaczmarek 75.

Big Red Wins Tennis Title

Stebenville High won its first regular-season Ohio Valley Athletic Conference tennis title since 1963 when the Big Red edged Linsly Institute by a 5-4 score Monday at Oglebay Park.

(at Oglebay Park)
Stebenville 5 Linsly 4
SINGLES—Edgar (S) d. Hogan (L), 9-8 (tiebreaker); Garrett (S) d. Fawcett (L), 8-6; Reed (S) d. Galla (L), 8-3; Front (L) d. McCafferty (S), 8-3; Ward (L) d. Morris (S), 8-7; Morrissey (L) d. Fisher (S), 8-2.
DOUBLES — Reed/Garrett (S) d. Hogan/Fawcett (L), 8-5; Edgar/McCafferty (S) d. Front/Ward (L), 8-3; Morrissey/Galla (L) d. Morris/Fisher (S), 8-4.