

Three-Hit Hurling Sparks W. Va. All-Stars to 6-1 Baseball Victory

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Five West Virginia hurlers combined to strike out 15 Ohio batters and allow just three singles as the Mountaineers breezed to a 6-1 victory Sunday at the Bridgeport Schools Athletic Field diamond in Brookside in the first Ohio-West Virginia boys' all-star baseball game sponsored by the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference.

West Virginia Coaches Dave Cisar of Magnolia, Gary Sprague of Linsly Institute and Paul West of Bishop Donahue just turned the game over to their strong-armed pitching staff, getting two innings each from John Marshall's Chris Jones, the Bishops' Mike Hummel, Bill Billick of Brooke and Mike Silliman of Sistersville. Weir's Ken Golden, who pitched for the Red Riders during this loss to Huntington East on Saturday in the

state high school tournament in Charleston, hurled the ninth inning.

The Buckeyes were held without a hit until John Wojchowski (Buckeye West) singled with two outs in the sixth against Billick. Their lone run was scored in the seventh frame off Silliman. Chris Creighton of Frontier walked, advanced to third on two wild pitches and scored on a out-out single to right by Barnesville's Todd Hannahs.

The winning hurler was Jones, ace of the Monarchs' pitching staff. The right-handed Ohio State baseball recruit worked the first two innings and retired six straight batters, striking out four.

Barry Blizzard of Buckeye South was the starter and loser for Ohio. He yielded two runs in the second. West Virginia then scored four times in the fifth inning against Bellaire St. John's Central ace Ed Donahue.

West Virginia picked up a total of nine hits, one each by Mike Panger (Magnolia), Frank Blatt (Paden City), Joe John (Wheeling Central), Jeff Lemasters (Magnolia), Hummel, Silliman, Howard Mace (Sistersville), Jim Saccamano (Brooke) and Scott Pockl (Linsly Institute).

The first two W. Va. runs were unearned. Frank Yankovich began the rally with a two-out walk against Blizzard. A two-base throwing error put runners on second and third and Blatt brought home both runners with a ground single into right field.

The score stood at 2-0 until the fifth

inning when the Mountaineers scored four more times. Lemasters started the frame with a single to right but he didn't score until Hummel's two-out double into the gap in right center-field. Ed Bober walked and Mace then stroked a single to center, knocking home Hummel for a 4-0 advantage. Mike Panger then belted a ringing double into right-center for two RBIs.

Line score follows:

West Virginia	020	040	000	—	6	9	1
Ohio	000	000	100	—	1	3	3

Batteries: Jones, Hummel (3), Billick (5), Silliman (7), Golden (1) and Shenton, Werner (4), Bohrer (7), Blizzard, Hannahs (3), Donahue (5), Creighton (7), Jeffers (9) and DePaulis, Wojchowski (4), Barnhart (7).