**PERFECT GAME**

**BILL PUTT PITCHES PERFECT GAME – Clearfield Senior Beats Philipsburg-Osceola 3-0**

By Fred Kavelak, Progress Sports Editor

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All baseball players who ever pitched in organized ball have dreamed about spinning a no-hitter.

For Clearfield’s Bill Putt, that dream came true yesterday and he made it an extra special one.

The tall, slim right-hander hurled his way into a very exclusive club when he turned in a perfect game against Philipsburg-Osceola for a 3-0 victory.

Fewer than 50 fans were in the Driving Park stands to see the scintillating masterpiece, and what a performance it was.

Putt, a senior, making only his second start because Coach Harold Wilson has stuck with Tom Kirsch and Bill Elridge, disposed of the tough Mounties in 1:25. He had amazing control. Of the 73 pitches he needed, 56 were strikes.

Philipsburg-Osceola hitters were confused by Putt’s sharp-breaking curve that caught the corners time and again. He notched nine strikeouts, all in the first five innings.

The Mounties got the ball out of the infield just twice: both were routine outs.

The toughest plays for the Bison infield were handled by shortstop Elridge in the first inning and reserve first baseman Jon Henry in the seventh. Catcher Dusty Lansberry crashed into the screen while grabbing a foul popup in the seventh too.

“What a thrill,” said Wilson. To the best of my knowledge, Billy made baseball history at Clearfield today. It’s one of my biggest coaching thrills. Coach (Don) Turley and I felt privileged to be connected with something like this. I just wish we would have had more people here to see it.”

“I think one of the big things with Bill is his delivery. He has a nice one. He hides the ball well and long arms it. Batters have a tough time picking up the ball as he releases it.”

Wilson sees Putt’s effort as a big boost for the Bisons as far as today’s all-important Moshannon Valley League battle with Mo Valley is concerned.

“I feel this game will give us some momentum going into the Mo Valley game. Maybe I should have saved Bill for that one.”

Mounties Coach Gerry Davis had nothing but praise for Putt.

“Unbelievable,” he said. “We’re not that bad of a hitting team, especially now. That’s only the second time in my 18 years of coaching that we’ve had a no-hitter thrown against us. The first one was by Ed Drapcho of Bellefonte in the early fifties. We had a few baserunners in that game, though. I got lonely out there at third base today.”

P-O wanted the game badly, too, because a loss meant the second losing season for Davis. The Mounties were 7-7 for the season after knocking off the Central Penn League co-leaders in back-to-back games.

Clearfield, which is 9-2 scored in the second when Dusty Lansberry belted a triple off the fence across the race track in left and Kirsch followed with a sacrifice fly.

In the fourth. Putt singled and used his speed to reach third on a groundout and fly out. After Jim Slabon intentionally walked Lansberry, Kirsch popped a single over third.

The final tally came in the sixth. Randy Dillman’s sinking liner to left eluded the Mountie and resulted in a triple. Lansberry’s hot smash to third was muffed. Dillman scoring.

The shutout by Put was the fourth in a row by Bison pitching, which has allowed only eight runs all season.

**Philipsburg-Osceola - 0**

Probaska ss 3000, Danko cf 3000, Williams lf 3000, Smeal c 2000, McQuillen rf 2000, Potter rf 0000, Garthwaite rf 0000, Levonick 2b 2000, Patterson 1b 2000, Lamb 3b 1000, Lewis ph 1000, Slabon p 1000, Lott p 0000, Gilham ph 1000, Webster p 0000. TOTALS 21-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 3**

Alford cf 3010, Putt p 3110, Elridge ss 3000, Dillman lf 3110, Lansberry c 2110, Kirsch 1b 1012, Witherow 1b 1000, Henry 1b 0000, Hudson rf 2010, Ireland rf 0000, Kitko 2b 2000, Bickle ph 1000, Harper 2b 0000, Tylwalk 3b 2000. TOTALS 22-3-6-2.

**Score by Innings**

Philipsburg-Osceola 000 000 0 – 0-0-1

Clearfield 010 101X – 3-6-0

E-Lamb. 3B-Lansberry, Dillman. SF-Kirsch.

Pitching: Slabon 3.2 IP 5 H 2 R 2 ER 1 BB 2 SO, Lott 1.1 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 0 BB 1 SO, Webster 1 IP 1 H 1 R 1 ER 0 BB 0 SO; Putt 7 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 0 BB 9 SO. W-Putt. L-Slabon.

**NO-HITTERS**

**KEENAN PITCHES 1-0 NO-HITTER OVER BIGLER TOWNSHIP – Faces 24, Gives 2 Walks, Fans 9, As Herd Win 6th**

May 13, 1949

CLEARFIELD-Friday the 13th and uniform number 13 on his back proved to have no superstitious effects on Snick Keenan as the lanky Clearfield High flinger entered baseball’s hall of fame by turning back the Bigler Township Green Raiders without a hit at the Driving Park yesterday.

In hurling his masterpiece, Keenan faced 24 men over the seven innings stint, walking two and fanning nine while one runner was safe at first on an infield error. His Bison mates combined the offerings of four Bigler hurlers for 11 runs and eight hits.

The Bisons got the scoring underway in the third when Keenan walked, Joe Johns was safe on an error. Both advanced on “Popeye” Jenkins sacrifice and then scored on Nino Accordino’s single to left.

Harry Ross singled plus a passed ball and Tom Wisor’s single netted another run in the fourth.

Walks to Johns, Jenkins, Accordino’s fielder’s choice and walks to Jim Kassab and Spingola were good for a run. Ronnie Park singled to center scoring Accordino and Kassab and when Johnny Janocko made a bad throw to third, Spingola scored with Park going to third. Ross then walked, stole second and tagged up behind Park on Wisor’s second hit to round out a six-run rally.

A walk to Jenkins, a single by Kassab and Spingola double were good for two runs in the Bison half of the sixth.

After being the victim of no-hit shutouts in 1948 at the hands of Skeeter Gusky and the DuBois Beavers and Bill Cochran and the Altoona White Elephants this year. Kennan hurled the first Bison no-hitter in a long time. He retired the first 12 men to face him. Then walked Chuck Richardson, who, following a series of infield outs, was left stranded on second.

With two outs in the sixth Martin Baron pushed a slow roller to short which Ross bobbled for the only Bison error of the afternoon in the only play that resembled a hit for the Raiders, Baron moved to second when Bobby Kostyak walked, but Janocko grounded out, Johns to Wisor to end the threat.

The Raiders were up and down in order in the seventh.

The win enabled Coach Paul Smith’s Bisons to maintain their over .500 mark as it was the sixth triumph in 11 outings. It was the fifth loss against four wins for Bob Nelson’s Green Raiders.

Wisor was the only player to collar two safeties and along with Ronnie Park accounted for three runs batted in.

Monday afternoon will find the Smithmen at the Driving Park at 4 o’clock against the Sykesville Leopards in a District 9 Southern Section Class A league game. The Raiders will journey to Tyrone on Monday for a non-league encounter with the Eagles.

Originally the Bisons were to meet the Raiders at Madera April 22 but rain caused postponement. Clearfield High officials have announced that the game will be played at Madera on May 23.

**Bigler Township - 0**

Baron 1b, 3000, Kostyak 2b-ss 2000, Janocko cf 3000, Richardson lf 2000, Gulish rf-p 3000, Richards 3b 3000, Frisco ss 2000, Adamchik 2b 0000, Shoff c 2000, Fudrow p 100, Syktish p 1000, Locket rf 0000. TOTALS 22-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 11**

Johns 2b 2200, Jenkins cf 1110, Accridino lf 4112, Kassab c 3210, Spingola 3b 3112, Park rf 4113, Ross ss 1210, Dashier ss 1000, Wisor 1b 3023, Keenan p 1100. TOTALS 23-11-8-10.

**Score by Innings**

Bigler Township 000 000 0 – 0-0-2

Clearfield 002 162 X – 11-8-0

E-Janocko, Frisco; Ross. 2B-Spingola. SAC-Jenkins.

Pitching: Fudrow 6 BB 2 SO, Kniss 1 BB 0 SO, Syktish 0 BB 1 SO, Gulish 0 BB 1 SO; Keenan 7 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 9 SO. W-Keenan. L-Fudrow.

**CLEARFIELD DUO NO-HITS HARMONY – Elridge, Witherow Team Up**

April 15, 1970

CHERRY TREE-Bill Elridge and Dan Witherow, two of four seniors counted on by Coach Harold Wilson to help Clearfield to another Moshannon Valley League championship made Harmony one to remember yesterday.

They teamed up for a no-hitter Elridge going five innings to pick up the win in a 16-0 rout. The lanky right-hander struck out nine and walked four.

Witherow, a stocky lefthander retired six batters in a row after walking the first two that he faced.

Offensively, the Bisons had 13 hits and made good use of four walks and 10 Harmony errors.

Randy Dillman blasted a two-run homer and run-producing single while Dusty Lansberry and Steve Harper each had two hits and two RBI’s. Elridge also had a pair of hits.

Clearfield tagged loser Kris Jacobs for three unearned runs after two were out in the first inning, Jack Tylwalk aboard on a dropped fly ball scored on Lansberry’s single before Dillman slammed his homer over the right center field fence.

Ahead 4-0 in the fourth the Bisons picked up five runs. Tylwalk doubled and Elridge and Lansberry singled which was aided by an error and three walks.

With the reserves Clearfield added the final four runs in the seventh. Harper and Dale Hudson stroked RBI hits.

Both teams play MVL games this afternoon. Clearfield seeks it third win of the season at Glendale while Harmony hosts Curwensville.

**Clearfield -7**

Putt cf 4200, Hudson cf 2110, Tylwalk 3b 4222, Gill 3b 2000, Elridge p 3220, Manos 2b 2100, Morgan 2b 1000, Lansberry c 2222, Bickel c 2200, Dillman lf 3222, Stewart lf 0100, Kitko ss 2020, Green rf 1000, Young rf 2010, Harper 2b-ss 2122, Witherow 1b-p 1000, Henry 1b 1000, Braid 2b 2000, Ireland 2000. TOTALS 38-16-13-8.

**Harmony – 0**

Jacobs p-rf 0000, Prosta 3b 2000, Haines ss-rf-p 3000, Fry c 2000, Baker cf 3000, Belelia 2b 3000, Michael lf 3000, Horner rf 2000, Zimmerman ss. TOTALS 20-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield (10)14 07 – 22-17-0

Bradford Central 0 00 00 - 0- 0-7

E-Braid, Prosta 3, Haines 3, Wagner Belelia, Homer Zimmerman. 2B-Tylwalk. HR-Dillman. SAC-Elridge. SB-Put, Hudson, Elridge, Lansberry 2, Bickel, Dillman 2, Stewart, Henry.

Pitching: Elridge 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 4 BB 9 SO, Witherow 2 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2BB 0 SO; Jacobs 3.1 IP 17 H 4 BB 2 SO, Haines 3.2 IP 3 BB 2 SO. W--Elridge. L-Haines.

**DEAN LANSBERRY HURLS NO-NO AS BISONS SWEEP**

April 3, 1978

ALTOONA-Dean Lansberry fired an abbreviated no-hitter and the rest of his Bison teammates blasted away at Bishop Guilfoyle as Clearfield copped a doubleheader by scores of 14-0 in five innings and 10-1 Saturday.

Lansberry hurling in the first game allowed just three men on base in pitching his first high school no-no, whiffing six and walking two.

The junior raised his log to 2-0 with the whitewashing and it was his second impressive outing of the season, having earlier blanked Jamesville, NC 2-0 on the Bisons’ trip south a week earlier.

His teammates provided him with nine hits and took advantage of six Marauder miscues for the easy opening game victory.

No one had more than one hit for Clearfield in the opener, although Doug Trude and Terry Flanagan stroked run-scoring extra base blows.

The Bisons exploded for three runs before Lansberry threw his first pitch as Ray Billotte walked and Bishop Guilfoyle committed three errors on the next four batters for three runs.

In the third, Clearfield lengthened the lead to 9-0 as, with one out, Crash Cutler reached on an error and Doug Trude followed with his two-bagger. After Doug Wagner drew a walk, Gary Bowman, Billotte and Brain Bickel stroked back-to-back singles and another Marauder bobble scored the sixth run of the frame.

The Bisons went over the top in the fifth with a five-run outburst, keyed by Flanagan’s two-run triple. Jim Moyer also had a two-run single in the fifth.

Meanwhile, Lansberry had allowed just three baserunners via his two walks and a lone Bisons error, never allowing a Bishop Guilfoyle runner past first base in a solid effort.

In the second game, the Bisons of head coach Sid Lansberry, went the distance but exploded for six runs in the seventh inning to lock up a 10-1 victory, giving Clearfield a 6-2 record overall and a 3-0 record in Pennsylvania.

Gary Bowman fired a four-hitter at the Marauders, fanning 12 batters and walking just three to pick up his first victory against a loss. The loss was a one-run setback to Bertie High School in the Bisons’ opener down south.

Dean Lansberry tuned from pitcher to hitter in game number two, driving home three runs with a first-inning double, a fifth inning sacrifice fly and a seventh inning single.

Moyer socked his second home run of the season in the nightcap, banging a solo shot to left center that gave Bowman and the Bisons some breathing room when the Herd led just 1-0 going into the fifth inning.

The Bisons now competed the “exhibition” part of the schedule and will move into their league slate tomorrow afternoon at Bellefonte at 4 p.m., the Central Penn League opener for both clubs.

**Clearfield – 14**

Billotte ss 2311, Martell ph 1000, Bickel 1b 3310, Tom Flanagan rf 3100, Houser pr 0000, Terry Flanagan rf 1111, Lansberry p 3011, Harper pr 0100, Cutler lf 4100, Trude 3b 4111, Demi c 3111, Rowles c 0000, Wagner 2b 2100, Moyer ph 1012, Bowman cf 1011, Lonjin cf 1110. TOTALS 29-14-9-9.

**Bishop Guilfoyle - 0**

Georgiana 2b 2000, Martin lf 1000, Resig cf 3000, Cummings ss 1000, Tomlinson ss 1000, Leiden 2b 1000, Frank c 2000, Bates 1b 1000, Petro 1b 1000, Pufka rf 1000, Deleo rf 1000, Pepett p 0000, Miller dh 2000, Kelly p 0000. TOTALS 16-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 306 05 – 14-9-1

Bishop Guilfoyle 000 00 – 0-0-6

E-Trude; Cummings 2, Tomlinson, Pepetti, Leiden, Bates. 2B-Trude, Terry Flanagan. SAC-Bowman. SB-Bowman 2, Lonjin, Billotte.

Pitching: Lansberry 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 6 SO; Pepetti 4 IP 6 BB 1 SO, Kelly 1 IP 1 BB 2 SO. WP-Lansberry. L-Pepetti.

**LANSBERRY HURLES NO-NO FOR BISONS**

MAY 22, 1978

By Rod Frisco, Progress Sports Writer

ST MARYS-Dean Lansberry has found a good way to get past tournament first-round foes: simply no-hit them.

The hard-throwing junior did just that for the Clearfield Bisons, tossing a no-hitter in five innings at Ridgway in a 15-0 triumph in the opening round of the District 9 Baseball Tournament Saturday at Berwind Park.

In the second game, Curwensville earned the right to advance to the semifinals on Saturday at Dagus Mines against Clearfield by taking a tough 2-1 win over DuBois Central Christian in an excellent ballgame.

Some folks will undoubtedly laugh at the fact that Lansberry threw his second scholastic no-no against Ridgway, a team that played no games this season prior to Saturday’s blanking.

But Lansberry was simply overwhelming against the Elkers, striking out nine and walking three, the only Ridgway baserunners all day.

Bison head coach Sid Lansberry watched his team roll up a 15-0 lead after two innings before pouring in the subs.

One of the replacements, freshman Kirk High stole the show with a backhanded grab deep in the hole at short on a sharp grounder by Tom Yonkers spinning and throwing out the Elker by one-half of a step to save Lansberry’s no-hitter in the top of the fourth.

Moments later Merrill Lonjin all but sealed the no-no by tracking down a long fly ball to left by Rick McKnight with a running over-the-shoulder snag that looked easy.

With those two defensive gems completed, Lansberry completed the task of twirling a no-hitter himself, striking out the side in the fifth after issuing two leadoff walks.

Clearfield peppered Ridgway’s pitching staff with eight hits and took advantage of seven walks and three batters hit by pitches.

Chris Demi went 3-for-3 with three runs batted in, ripping a double and two singles while Gary Bowman hit the game’s real eye-opener a home run to left center that landed approximately 390-400 feet away from home plate. That blast was good for two runs in Clearfield’s 11-run second inning.

Other extra-base hits were a double each by High and Tom Flanagan the latter a three-run blast that broke the game open early.

The win sets Clearfield up in the semis against Curwensville, which played exceptional defense to take care of the Cardinals in a nail-biter.

The Bisons and the Tide who haven’t met yet this year, will square off when it counts on Saturday in a semi-final game a Dagus Mines on the Fox Township diamond

**Ridgway - 0**

Miller 3b 1000, Yonkers s 2000, Streich p 1000, Harris p 0000, Kucenski c 1000, McKnight c-p 2000, Morelli 1b 1000, Roecto cf 1000, Kulenski dh 2000, Vigalone rf 0000, Casalo lf 2000, Hughes 2b 2000. TOTALS 15-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 15**

Billotte ss 0300, High ss 1010, Demi c 3333, Rowles c 1000, Lansberry p 2112, H. Lonjin ph 1000, Trude 3b 2201, Houser 3b 1000, Cutler lf 0100, M. Lonjin pr-lf 0100, Moyer dh 2012, Bickel 1b 1010, Tom Flanagan rf 2013, Terry Flanagan rf 1000, Bowman cf 1212, Shucker ph 1000, Wagner 2b 1200, Harper 2b 1000. TOTALS 21-15-8-13.

**Score by Innings**

Ridgway 0 0 0 00 – 0- 0-2

Clearfield 4(11)0 0X – 15-8-0

E-Casalo, Hughes. D-High Demi, Tom Flanagan. HR-Bowman. SB-Wagner.

Pitching: Streich 1 IP 2 BB 2 SO, Harris .2, 2 BB 0 SO, McKnight 2.1 IP 3 BB 4 SO; Lansberry 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 3 BB 9 SO. W-Lansberry. L-Streich.

**BICKEL’S NO-HITTER DEMI’S BIG BAT POWER BISONS**

APRIL 17, 1979

LOCK HAVEN-Clearfield battery mates Brian Bickel and Chris Demi provided the arm and the bat, respectively, yesterday afternoon as the Bisons climbed back into the Central Penn League lead with an 11-1, six-and-a-half inning romp over the Lock Haven Bobcats.

Bickel fired a no-hitter to raise his log to 3-0 and Demi, Bickel’s catcher, smacked three hits, including a three run triple, and knocked in six runs as the Bisons upped their CPL mark to 4-1.

That loop log is now enough to put Clearfield in first place since previously unbeaten Penns Valley dropped a tough 1-0 setback to State College yesterday.

However the Bisons are still even in the loss column with four other teams: Penns Valley, State College, Bellefonte and Bald Eagle Nittany.

Clearfield had little trouble with yesterday’s foe as Bickel kept Lock Haven hitless for the entire six innings. Although the Bisons lefty’s performance was marred by nine walks, Bickel used his excellent pickoff move to nail three Bobcat runners.

Lock Haven’s sole run came in the bottom of the sixth inning when Carson Brown lived on an infield error, went to second on a walk and came around to score on a pair of wild pitches.

Demi provided the hot bat Bison head coach Sid Lansberry has been looking for as he drove in two runs in the fifth, three in the seventh and one in the first.

In the first inning Demi, batting clean-up for Clearfield, banged a two out single to plate Ray Billotte, who had walked and moved into scoring position via a passed ball.

Lock Haven workhorse Jeff Neff, who is now 0-4 for the 0-4 Bobcats, stayed out of further trouble until the fifth when a walk to Dave Pennington and an error on a ball hit by Billotte opened the floodgates.

Dave Spingola filled the bases with a single and Doug Wagner received a bases on balls to force in what proved to be the game-winning run.

Demi followed with a two-run single and one out later Eric Rowles singled for an RBI. After Bickel walked, Scott Dunlap’s single and Pennington’s infield out knocked in the fifth and sixth runs of the inning.

Clearfield tacked on another tally in the sixth when Wagner walked and after reliever Jim Maggs was lifted, Lock Haven’s third pitcher walked Demi, Dean Lansberry and Rowles before getting an out.

In the seventh the Bisons ended the lopsided win via the 10-run rule as they chalked up three more markers.

Pennington singled, Billotte walked and Spingola singled to fill the bases with none out. Pennington was forced out at the plate by Wagner but then Demi pounded a three-run triple to make it 11-1. Demi was caught rounding third too far, but the win was still in the bag for the Bisons.

Clearfield will host State College in a key CPL showdown on Thursday afternoon.

**Clearfield – 11**

Billotte ss 3300, High 3b 2000, Spingola 3b 3220, Wagner cf 3301, Aughenbaugh cf 0000, Demi c 4136, Lansberry 1b 4010, Rowles rf 3111, Martell ph 1000, Bickel p 3010, Dunlap 2b 2011, Danver ph-3b 1000, Pennington lf 3121. TOTALS 31-11-11-10.

**Lock Haven - 1**

Motter 2000, Chi Chu 3000, Ramm cf 1000, Bowes c 1000, Brown 1b 1100, Maggs 2b-p 1000, Ryan lf 3000, Askins rf 2000, Kneff p-2b 2000, Smith p 0000. TOTALS 15-1-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 100 061 3 – 11-11-2

Lock Haven 000 000 X – 1- 0-1

E-Billotte, Demi; Motter. 3B-Demi. SAC-Ramm. SB-Demi.

Pitching: Bickel 6 IP 0 H 1 R 0 ER 9 BB 9 SO; Neff 4.1 IP 3 BB 5 SO, Maggs 1 IP 2 BB 0 SO, Smith 1IP 4 BB 1 SO. WP-Bickel. L-Maggs.

**MARSH FIRES GEM**

By Rod Frisco, Progress Sports Writer

March 27, 1981

RICHMOND, VA-The Captain was in control.

Clearfield senior Bob Marsh who has been called the “Captain” by his Bison teammates since his freshman year, set sail against St Christopher’s of Richmond yesterday, throwing a solid no-hitter and pounding a two-run homer in the first inning to lead the Bisons to an easy 10-0, six inning win.

Marsh had his way with the Saints, striking out six and picking off three St Christopher’s base runners.

Marsh could have had as many as seven pickoffs, but he threw the ball away three times, and the Bisons fouled up a rundown on another.

In fact, Marsh had four runners undeniably nailed in the first inning alone, but the Bisons recorded just one out via pickoffs.

That was about the last thing that went wrong for the Bisons.

“We made some unsettling mistakes in the first inning,” said Clearfield head coach Sid Lansberry, who shook his team out of its mental doldrums with a severe verbal beating following a third flubbed pickoff.

“Other than that, we played a solid game,” added Lansberry. “Marsh pitched well. That should be a confidence builder for his pitching.”

St Christopher’s never had anything close to a hit. The Bisons committed four errors, but three were throwing errors.

Clearfield had just six hits against the Saints, but three were blasts.

Marsh gave Clearfield a 2-0 first-inning lead by pounding a high fastball at least 365 to left for an easy homer. Marsh was able to walk across the plate before St Christopher’s leftfield David Wrinkle picked up the ball on a lacrosse practice field no less than 500 feet from home plate.

In the third inning, Bison shortstop Scott Dunlap repeated, sailing a homer over Wrinkle’s head for two more runs batted in.

And Bison Senior Randy Ardery ignited Clearfield’s six-run fifth inning with a triple to deep left good for a RBI.

“We hit some good shots off a good pitcher” claimed Lansberry.

St Christopher starter Garr Trebillian was a decent righty, possessing an average fastball but a fine drop-off curve. He struck out seven Bisons in his four innings of work.

With the exception of those misguided first-inning pickoffs, the Bison defense looked first rate again. The combination of Clearfield’s solid defense and somewhat surprisingly strong pitching has made Lansberry happy.

“It’s seems we’re improving more each day,” said Lansberry. “That’s what we’re looking for.”

Clearfield, 2-1, will finish its fourth swing through the south with a double header today. The Bisons were to play York High School of Yorktown this morning at 11 a.m. and Poquoson, a 7-2 victim of Clearfield on Thursday, at 2 p.m.

TIDEWATER TIDBITS- Clearfield has 19 hits in three games, a bit less than Lansberry would like… Scott Casteel joined Marsh and Dunlap on yesterday’s two-RBI club with a solid bases loaded single to left in the fifth. Marsh’s no-hitter was the first of his career…Lansberry unloaded his bench in this one, playing all 19 players he brought on the trip…Marsh threw just 83 pitches…Weather has improved each day, easing one of Lansberry’s major worries…Once again, some parents made the trip with the Bisons: Dr. & Mrs. Donald Casteel, Mr. & Mrs. Logan Cramer Jr, Mr. & Mrs. Kirk High Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Ardery… The Bisons return home tomorrow afternoon.

**Clearfield -10**

High 3b-ss 1100, Billotte 2b 0000, Casteel 2b 4012, Clark 2b-3b 0000, Marsh p 3322, Dunlap ss 3112, Spingola 3b 0000, Ardery lf 3111, Danver ph-lf 1000, Hoover cf 3111, Rowles ph 1000, Learish rf 1000, Cramer ph-rf 0100, Fox c 1001, Lonjin ph 0100, Keirn c 1000, Falvo 1b 2000, Wilson ph 0100, Sunderland 1b 0000. TOTALS 24-10-6-9.

**St Christopher’s – 0**

Farinhold cf 2000, White ss 0000, Meade p 1000, Reese 3b-p-ss 2000, Field ss 1000, Trevillian p-3b 2000, Ellis 2b 2000, Warren 2b 2000, McDowell rf 2000, Whiteherst 1b 1000, Wrinkle lf 1000, McVey lf 0000, Cardwell c 1000. TOTALS 15-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 202 602 – 10-6-4

St Christopher’s 000 000 - 0 -0-3

E-Marsh 3, Falvo; Reese, Whithurst, McVey. 3B-Ardery. HR-Marsh Dunlap. SB-Marsh. LOB-Clearfield 7; St Christopher’s 3.

Pitching: Marsh 7 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 6 BB 6 SO; Trevillian .4 IP 3 H 4 R 3 ER 3 BB 7 SO, Reese .1 IP 2 H 6 R 6 ER 5 BB 0 SO, Meade 1.2 IP 1 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 2 SO. W-Marsh. L-Trevillian.

**LEARISH NO-HITS PUNXSY FOR KEY CLEARFIELD WIN**

By Ron Musselman, Progress Sports Writer

May 18, 1982

HYDE-When Clearfield Area High School baseball coach Sid Lansberry needs a big game form his pitching staff, he usually hands the ball to Randy Learish.

And usually, Learish does his job well but Lansberry never expected the kind of performance he got from Learish yesterday.

The junior southpaw tossed a no-hitter at the Bison Athletic Complex to give the Bisons a 10-0 victory over Punxsutawney in a non-league makeup game, with the victory advancing Clearfield into the District 9 AAA championship game at Showers filed on Friday.

The game was halted after five innings because of the 10-run rule.

“I didn’t expect a no-hitter, you never do,” Lansberry said. “Punxsutawney has always been tough on us.”

For a change, though, Learish was tough on the Chucks.

“I think Randy finally put it all together,” Lansberry said of Learish who was averaging better than seven walks per seven innings before yesterday. “We have been getting on him about his walks and today he only had one. He stayed ahead of all the hitters, and that made all the difference in the world.”

Learish, who struck out six and faced just 17 batters, didn’t seem to let the no-hitter affect him.

“I really enjoyed the shutout more that the no-hitter,” said Learish, who hiked his pitching record to 8-3. “I think I threw better against State College than I did today, but my ball was tailing off more in this game.”

On the other side of the diamond, Chuck head coach Him Parise wasn’t too thrilled about the way his team played.

“We played sloppy and they played about as well as they could,” Parise said. “What can I say?”

Not much. It wasn’t an easy day for the Chucks.

Learish never really got into any trouble in the game, as only three Chucks reached base.

Pat Renwick led off the game by reaching on an error by Bison right fielder Tom Danver. Learish put an end to that scoring opportunity by retiring the next three batters in order.

Rod Thompson reached on a Bob Sunderland error in the second, the only inning which the Chucks seriously threatened to score.

With Thompson on first, Bill Weaver walked and both runners moved up on Joe Mahan’s sacrifice bunt. Steve Bower’s suicide squeeze attempt backfired as he popped out to Learish who doubled Thompson off third.

Third baseman Denny Spingola saved the no-hit bid with a sparkling play to end the top of the fifth, as he went deep in the hole to field Bower’s hard hit ball and then managed to nail Bower on a close call at first.

Spingola not only sparkled in the field, but ls at the plate, going four-for-four and driving in three runs.

“Denny almost didn’t start because he has a badly sprained finger,” Lansberry was saying long after the game had ended. “I’m glad I started him.”

The Bisons scored two times in the first, as Spingola’s triple over the first base bag scored Learish, who had singled. Spingola came home on a throwing error by Bowser.

Lansberry’s club, now 21-5, added a four-run outburst in the second as Rowles walked, with the bases loaded to score Danver, and then Rowles himself scored on another Chuck’s throwing error. The big blow in the inning was a single to right by Mark Sunderland which accounted for two runs.

Spingola’s single in the third knocked in two more runs, and the Bisons ended the game in the bottom of the fifth by scoring twice to preserve the no-hitter.

After two were out, Spingola singled. Gary Rowles followed with another base hit to center. Mark Sunderland collected his third RBI of the game with a single that scored Spingola from third, and then Bob Sunderland added a single to account for the final run.

Even though it was a big win for the Bisons, Lansberry was a little hesitant to place much emphasis on the win.

“Come Friday, this game isn’t going to man anything,” he said. “We might go over there and have a bad day and get knocked out of it. That’s why I’m really cautious.”

After yesterday, Learish may have made him feel more at ease.

Before the Bisons look ahead to Friday’s District 9 tournament game they must first close out their Central Penn League schedule. They will travel to Wingate to play Bald Eagle Area and then visit Philipsburg-Osceola’s home diamond Thursday.

**Punxsutawney - 0**

Renwick c-lf 2000, Kopnitsky rf 2000, Hartman cf 2000, London 1b 0000, VanLeer dh 2000, Covatch p 0000, Thompson lf-c-1b 2000, Weaver p-lf 1000, Mahan 3b 1000, Bowser 2b 2000, Gagliardi ss 1000. TOTALS 15-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 12**

Learish p 3220, Denny Spingola 4343, Rowles cf 3211, Billotte 2b 000, M. Sunderland dh 4023, B. Sunderland ss 4011, Falvo 1b 1100, Keirn c 3010, Wilson lf 2000, Danver rf 3210. TOTALS 27-10-12-8.

**Score by Innings**

Punxsutawney 000 00 – 0- 0-3

Clearfield 242 02 – 10-12-2

E-Bowser 2, Kopnitsky; Danver, B. Sunderland. 3B-Spingola. SB-Learish, M. Sunderland. LOB-Punxsutawney 2; Clearfield 8.

Pitching: Weaver 3 IP 7 H 8 R 6 ER 4 BB 2 SO, Covatch 1.2 IP 5 H 2 R 2 ER 1 BB 0 SO; Learish 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 1 BB 6 SO. WP-Learish. L-Weaver.

**CLEARFIELD NIPS PUNXSY TO REGAIN 9-AAA TITLE – Randy Learish No-Hits Chucks Again, Mark Sunderland Whacks Home Run**

By Fred Kavelak, Progress Sports Editor

May 25, 1982

DUBOIS-Randy Learish and Mark Sunderland, two of the most consistent players on the surprisingly consistent Clearfield Area High School baseball team, were the heroes yesterday as the Bisons reclaimed the District 9AAA championship with a 1-0 victory over Punxsutawney at Showers Field.

Learish authored a no-hitter against the Chucks for the second time in nine days, while Sunderland provided the run with a long homer his fifth of the season, in the second inning.

So, Clearfield will represent District 9 in the PIAA Playoffs for the fifth time in the last six years, and coach Sid Lansberry couldn’t be happier.

“Last year we were 26-7 with no trophy,” the veteran mentor said. “I think that was in the back of all the kid’s minds, the fact that they had a chance to do something that last year’s team didn’t do.”

“I said before they far exceeded what we really expected, but you’re always hoping that you have the potential. I think every year we should have the potential to win District 9, not that we will always win it.”

“What I’m really happy about is our winning percentage (.786), which is so much higher than we thought it would be. We thought we’d be struggling to be over .500.”

Twenty-two wins in 28 games are no mirage. The 1982 Bisons have parlayed outstanding hitting – all the regulars at 280 or better with seven at .300 plus, including a trio of .400 plus swingers – with steady pitching and improving defense.

Learish and Sunderland, a pair of left-handers, combined for 16 of the victories, with Learish chalking up No. 9 in impressive fashion.

The slender junior set down nine Chucks on strikes with a wicked curve and a moving fastball. He walked six, but only two Chucks reached second base, for Learish exhibited his superb pick-off move that paralyzed runners three times as they were leading off first base.

“Randy is averaging about two pick-offs a game,” Lansberry pointed out. “If I was coaching against him, I’d have my runners stay right on first base until he pitches.”

In the first inning, Punxsy’s Dale Kopnitsky drew a walk with one down but was gunned out by Andy Keirn on a steal attempt, Bob Sunderland waiting several feet up the line with the ball in his glove when Kopnitsky arrived. Then Steve Bowers walked but was mesmerized by Learish’s pick-off move.

Two-out walks to Rod Thompson and loser Bill Weaver gave Punxsy fans some hope in the fourth but Clearfield executed a timed pick-off play, first baseman Dave Falvo sneaking in behind Weaver. The Bisons ran down Weaver just in time to prevent Thompson from crossing the plate with a run that would have tied the game.

“We work on that a lot, and this year all of our pitchers did it well,” Lansberry said.

Learish faced only nine batters over the last three innings, picking off pinch-runner Joe Jones after walking pinch-hitter Sumo Serian in the sixth.

Learish agreed with Lansberry’s statement that his performance was probably his best of the season. “My fastball was really tailing, and once I got that down, I could do pretty much what I wanted,” said Learish who had a little trouble adjusting to the mound in the early innings.

Learish and Keirn form a good battery, they’re on the same wave length with Learish seldom shaking off his catcher signals. “I’ve been pitching to him quite a while and he know pretty much what I want to do.” Learish said. ‘We work pretty well together.”

Keirn showed that by calling for his curve in key situations early. “He’s like a lot of pitchers who need a couple of innings to warm up,” Keirn explained. “Then they’re all right.”

Nobody would have guessed it at the time that Sunderland’s home run would be the only run of the game and the big senior hit a tough Weaver, who gave the Chucks perhaps their best complete game effort of a 10-12 season, had Sunderland down 0-2 and gave him a low curve on 1-2, but the Bison drilled it about 400 feet over the fence in center.

“I’ve been hitting curves better than fastballs this year.” Sunderland said.

Weaver who pitched a five-hitter would have liked to have known that.

The Chucks’ senior lefty squelched potential Bison rallies in the fourth and sixth innings by retiring Bob and Mark Sunderland, respectively, on hard-hit comebackers with runners at third.

“I anticipated we’d score more runs, but we expected a close game,” Lansberry said. “I figured Weaver was going to pitch better than he did at Clearfield.”

EXTRA INNINGS-The Bisons beat the Chucks 10-0 in five innings on May 17…Denny Spingola was the lone player with two hits…Clearfield had to make only two difficult plays to preserve Learish’s no-no…Shortstop Bob Sunderland falling as he fielded Bowser’s one-hopper up the middle but getting up in time to make the throw to first in the fourth inning and left fielder Hank “Mookie” Wilson retreating to spear Thompson’s line drive in the seventh…The Bisons will be idle until early June when they play the District 6 champion in the first round of the state playoffs.

**Punxsutawney - 0**

Renwick lf-rf 3000, Kopnitsky cf 2000, Bowser 2b 2000, Thompson c 2000, Weaver p 2000, Van Leer rf-lf 2000, Mahan 3b 1000, London 1b 0000, Shaw dh 2000, Gigliardi ss 1000, Serian ph 0000, Jones pr 0000. TOTALS 17-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 1**

Learish p 3010, Denny Spingola 3b 3020, Rowles cf 3010, Billotte 2b 0000, M. Sunderland dh 3111, B Sunderland ss 3000, Falvo 1b 2000, Keirn c 1000, Wilson lf 2000, Danver rf 2000. TOTALS 22-1-5-1.

**Score by Innings**

Punxsutawney 000 000 0 – 0- 0-1

Clearfield 010 000 X – 1-5-1

E-Renwick; Falvo. HR-M. Sunderland. LOB-Punxsutawney 2; Clearfield 4.

Pitching: Weaver 6 IP 5 H 1 R 1 ER 1 BB 3 SO; Learish 7 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 6 BB 9 SO. W-Learish. L-Weaver.

**BISONS TRIUMP 9-2 BEHIND SHIMMEL’S NO-HIT PITCHING**

March 29, 1984

RALEIGH NC-Based on 1983 performances and statistics, Donnie Shimmel enters his senior baseball season at Clearfield Area High School as the No. 3 starter but he pitched like a No. 1 yesterday.

The 6-2, 220-pound right-hander authored a no-hitter against Wake Academy for a 9-2 victory as the Bisons opened their season in auspicious fashion, with Matt Thomas’s three hits and Dan McClellan’s two triples, Bob Sunderland’s two-run scoring hits and Dean Spingola’s two-run double pacing the offense.

Shimmel struck out 10 Bulldogs but walked 10 and logged 127 pitches.

“That’s a lot of pitches, but it’s not a great deal,” Bison coach Sid Lansberry said. “I think all of our pitchers are ready to go seven innings because they’ve thrown so much inside. If they’re going good, we’ll let them go seven.”

“We’d like to stay around 100, 110 pitches, but what are you going to do when somebody is pitching a no-hitter?”

“We didn’t want to take Donnie out. He felt strong at the end. He was throwing as hard in the seventh inning as he was in the first.”

Shimmel experienced only one rough inning, and that wasn’t all his fault, though a walk to Mark Farmer helped cause the problems. Three Bison infielders were guilty of errors, a misplay on a pickoff try, a dropped throw on a fielder’s choice and a wild throw following another pickoff attempt allowing Mark Farmer to score and Paul Kelly to reach third. Kelly scored on Dave Williams’ groundout.

That made the tally 5-2, for the Bisons had combined three hits with two Bulldog miscues and a botched fielder’s choice play into a big rally in the top of the second inning.

Back-to-back errors by Wake Academy shortstop Randy Johnson gave the Bisons two runs. Then Spingola drilled a two-run double to left center and Sunderland rapped an RBI-triple down the right field line.

Clearfield tacked on its other four runs in the seventh frame. Just as he did in the second inning, McClellan led off with a triple. Tom Keirn followed with a liner to center for a sacrifice fly, and the Bison pinch-hitter was safe when the ball was dropped. Doug Shope walked and Jim Sturniolo singled loading the bases.

One out later Spingola’s grounder was muffed, Keirn scoring. Then Thomas and Sunderland singled across runs and Shimmel walked to force in another.

The Bisons mustered nine hits off Donnie Brown, who “wasn’t over-powering but had a decent curve and changed speeds well,” according to Lansberry.

“We hit the ball well at times, but we left to many guys on base,” Lansberry said. “We made some base running mistakes that we were disappointed with.”

“Actually, we’ve been outside only three times before today, and this is the first time we’ve been on a baseball field, so you have to expect some mistakes.”

“We’re just happy we played,” said Lansberry.

Late Wednesday night, he wasn’t sure when his 13th season as head coach would begin. Saturday’s doubleheader against Bishop Guilfoyle was canceled. Ditto for Wednesday’s game at Berkley Springs, WV. And the team had encountered rain all the way to North Carolina.

Lansberry credited the Wake Academy coach with doing a good job to get the Bulldog’s field ready yesterday. The Bisons didn’t return the favor, for they handed the Bulldogs their third doss in five decisions.

Clearfield’s game at Durham Hillside later in the day had to be canceled because that team’s field was too wet.

Lansberry anticipated two tough games today, The Bisons faced Garden City of Long Island, NY, this morning at Raleigh and then are booked for a 4 o’clock contest at Chapel Hill.

Clearfield also will play two games Saturday, going against Athens Drive at 9 a.m. and North Carolina School of Science and Math at 1 p.m. and make the long journey home on Sunday.

If the Bisons play like they did against Wake Academy, they’ll have a successful stay on Tobacco Road, which will make the return trip a happy one.

**Clearfield - 9**

St. Clair 0000, Vanderburgh dh 5100, Dean Spingola cf 4212, Thomas lf 5031, Sunderland ss 4022, Shimmel p 4001, Owens pr 0000, McClellan rf 3120, Grice 3b 3100, Keirn ph 0101, Shope c 2000, Shaw cr 0200, Swales 2b 2100, Sturniolo 2b 2010. TOTALS 37-9-9-7.

**Wake Academy – 2**

Ferrel 2b 3000, Robertson 3b 4000, McLamb lf 1000, Brown p 2000, Farmer cf 2100, Kelly 1b 2100, Pierce rf 2000, Williams c 1001, Johnson ss 2000. TOTALS 19-2-0-1.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 050 000 4 – 9-9-3

Wake Academy 020 000 0 – 2-0-5

E-St. Clair, Sunderland, Grice; Ferrel, Farmer Kelly, Johnson 3. 2B-Dean Spingola. 3B-Sunderland, McClellan 2. SF-Keirn. SB-Vanderburgh Thomas, McClellan, Shaw 2: Ferrel, McLamb, Brown, Kelly 2.

Pitching: Shimmel 7 IP 0 H 2 R 0 ER 10 BB 10 SO; Brown 7 IP 9 H 9 R 2 ER 3 BB 5 SO. W-Shimmel. L-Brown.

**SHIMMEL FIRES SECOND NO-HITTER IN ROW, BISONS DRUB DUTCH 12-0**

By Ron Musselman, Progress Sports Writer

April 11, 1984

HYDE-Clearfield area High School right-hander Donnie Shimmel is getting used to no-hitters.

The 6-2, 220-pound senior fired his second straight no-hitter of the baseball season yesterday afternoon as the Bisons clubbed non-league foe St Marys 12-0 in 4 ½ innings at the Bison Athletic Complex.

Shimmel, who struck out 10 batters and walked just two against the Dutch had no-hit Wake Academy on March 29 in Durham, NC during the Bisons’ annual spring trip.

Shimmel’s performance against the Dutch may have been a blessing in disguise for him, especially since Dean Spingola has been bothered by a sore shoulder all spring.

“Having Donnie pitch so well makes me feel a little better since Dean is hurt,” said Bison coach Sid Lansberry, whose team is 8-1 overall. “Donnie started the year as the No. 3 pitcher behind (Todd) Vanderburgh and Dean, but now Donnie is our No. 2 pitcher.”

“Deans arm is better than it was,” Lansberry said, “but how soon it’s going to be well, I’m not sure. Dean’s certainly not out of the picture yet. We still want him to get well and pitch for us this season.”

“This kind of game gives me a good idea of what to expect from Donnie this season,” he added. “If he can continue to throw well like this and throw with the kind of control he had today, then he’s going to pitch a lot more for us this season.”

Shimmel got all the offensive help he needed in the first inning as Clearfield jumped on St Marys starter Steve Yetzer for five runs and then added another in the second.

Two Dutch errors led to the Bisons’ first two runs and then Dan McClellan emptied the bases with a three-run homer to fight centerfield.

Pinch-runner Greg Owens scored Clearfield’s sixth run in the second on a wild pitch by Yetzer.

The Bisons finished their scoring in the third as Doug Shope stroked a two-run single to left field and Todd Vanderburgh delivered a three-run triple to center. The other run scored on a Dutch Error.

Matt Thomas, Vanderburgh and McClellan each had two hits for Clearfield, but the big story was Shimmel.

Shimmel, 2-0, faced just 17 batters in five innings and limited the Dutch to just three baserunners – a pair of walks and a hit batsman. St Marys had one runner make it as far as third base.

“Donnie threw mostly fastballs,” Lansberry said. “His curve ball wasn’t really that sharp. The big difference was his control. If course, we hit the ball pretty well.”

Clearfield will receive its stiffest test of the year this afternoon at State College in a showdown with the Little Lions for first place in the Central Penn League. Clearfield is 3-0 in the loop, while State College is 2-0.

**St Marys - 0**

Jaconski cf 0000, Steele 2b-lf 2000, Werneth c 2000, Yetzer p-ss 1000, Hasselman 1b 1000, Gahr ph-1b 1000, Rhoades 3b 1000, Berbeck 3b 1000, Chiapelli lf 1000, Droll p 1000, Schneider ss-2b 1000, Wycoff 2b 1000. TOTALS 14-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 12**

Thomas lf 2120, Owens pr-lf 2210, Stone lf 0000, Dean Spingola cf 1210, Dunlap cf 1000, Sunderland 3b 3000, Grice 3b 0000, Shimmel p 1201, St. Clair 1b 0000, Vanderburgh dh 3123, McClellan rf 3223, Rougeux rf 0000, Doug Spingola ss 1100, Shaw ph-ss 1000, Swales 2b 1100, Sturniolo ph-2b 1000, Shope c 2012, Keirn ph-c 1000. TOTALS 23-12-9-9.

**Score by Innings**

St Marys 000 00 – 0-0-4

Clearfield 516 0X – 12-9-0

E-Jaconski, Werneth Verbeck, Wykoff. 3B-Vanderburgh. HR-McClellan. SB-Jaconski; Thomas, Vanderburgh McClellan. LOB-St Marys 2; Clearfield 4.

Pitching: Yetzer 2 IP 6 H 9 R 6 ER 4 BB 3 SO, Droll 2 IP 3 H 3 R 2 ER 2 BB 1 SO; Shimmel 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 10 SO. W-Shimmel. L-Yetzer.

**DEAN SPINGOLA HURLS NO-NO, BISONS SWEEP DUBOIS**

By Fred Kavelak, Progress Sports Editor

April 22, 1984

DUBOIS-Clearfield Area High School’s Donnie Shimmel didn’t pitch a no-hitter against DuBois on Saturday, and that’s news because the big senior had fired no-hitters in his first two starts.

Shimmel did come through with a solid for-hit, 13-strikeout, 10-2 victory in the all-important, first game of the non-league twin bill at Showers Field, but Dean Spingola earned the headlines for the chilly, windy afternoon with a no-no in the nightcap.

Spingola, a 5-9, 160-pound lefthander who’s seen limited work on the mound this spring because of an injury, shackled the Beaver backups 4-0 with a 14-strikeout performance that had coach Sid Lansberry wearing a wide smile he hasn’t be able to do much after trips to the Gateway City for District 9 playoffs the last few years.

“The fact that he pitched seven innings and his arm didn’t hurt is what I’m encouraged about,” Lansberry said after the Bisons ran their winning streak to 10 games and improved their record to 13-1. “He threw without pain for the first time this year.”

Both coaches went with revamped lineups in the second game to give their reserves some playing time. Lansberry had planned to use another pitcher or two after giving Spingola a brief test.

“Dean has had a sore shoulder all spring and had only pitched four innings so far,” Lansberry explained. “We wanted to give him a few innings of work to see if the shoulder had improved.”

“Then we didn’t want to take him out when he still had the no-hitter going. He said his shoulder felt good and that’s an encouraging sign for our pitching staff, because he was our No.2 pitcher last year.”

The crafty senior southpaw kept the Beavers off balance by changing speeds and locations. Spingola never was in trouble, facing the minimum 21 batters in seven innings because he negated both of the free passes he issued by picking the runners off first base.

“The closest thing to a base hit was a long fly ball to center by (Mike) Gilga in the second inning,” Lansberry remarked. “Greg Owens made an outstanding over-the-shoulder catch.”

For five innings, DuBois; Dale Hewitt and Nick Poulos held Clearfield at bay, yielding only two hits, but the third DuBois pitcher was not so effective.

The Bisons touched up Eric Britten for three runs in the sixth and added a singleton in the seventh.

Shortstop Fred Shaw greeted Britten with a single, and Kevin Wain, who had been the designated hitter for Spingola followed with another safety. Spingola then came in to run for Wain and got a chance to show his speed.

Andy Lingle singled in Shaw, and after a walk, Tom Grice rapped an RBI single to score Spingola. After Hewitt re-entered the game, Lingle came home on Owens’s sacrifice fly to right field.

Simmel’s pitching, aggressive base running and the hitting of Bob Sunderland, Matt Thomas and Todd Vanderburgh were instrumental in the Bisons’ success in their first look at the Beavers team, which was formally organized this season under Larry Mamula’s tutelage.

Sunderland hammered three hits, one a long double, for a perfect game at the plate, Thomas drilled a single and double good for three runs batted in and Vanderburgh ripped two singles.

“That’s probably the best we’ve hit the ball here for several years,” Lansberry said, reflecting on some low scoring wins and losses in District 9 Class AAA playoff games. “We came into this game thinking it is for District 9 seeding.”

The rule for the district tourney has been to count only the first game of twin bills when determining seeds.

DuBois may be a newcomer to the D-9 scene, but Lansberry expects the Beavers to be heard from soon.

“They’re going to be a force to be reckoned with probably this year and definitely in the future,” he said. “DuBois is a good baseball town. It’s a wonder the school didn’t have baseball before this.”

Lansberry was impressed by Beaver starter Mike Pearce, a hard-throwing right-hander pulled after four innings with the score knotted 2-2, a dropped fly ball giving the Bisons a run in the second and Sunderland’s double and Thomas’s single producing the other in the third.

“Pearce throws pretty hard,” Lansberry said. “I was glad they took him out because we weren’t playing very well.”

We’ve only had a couple of games, so about 100 pitches is all we’re give our pitchers right now,” Mamula said.

Brad Sperling wasn’t around long enough to record 100 pitches, but long enough to be tagged with the loss. After Dan McClellan’s grounder to short was bobbled, Sperling walked three Bisons to force in the go ahead run.

Andy Sayers, a lefthander was summoned by Mamula, and Vanderburgh lined his first pitch to center for an RBI. Two more DuBois misplays, a walk and Thomas’s two-run double inside first base made it 8-2, and the Bisons were on their way.

Shimmel breezed after that, but he had a rocky four innings as the Beavers threatened, or scored each time.

In the second, Shimmel walked Andy Spicher broke to his left and couldn’t recover to field Mike Werner’s bunt and then grabbed Leon Schaffer’s bunt and fired the ball past third baseman Doug Spingola, allowing Spicher to score. Two more walks gave the Beavers their second run before the Bisons logged the third out.

After extracting himself from a bases-loaded, one-out situation with a strikeout and a grounder in the fourth inning, Shimmel settled down over the last three frames, whiffing six of them.

Of the four hits he yielded, only one was a solid shot.

“Although he didn’t pitch a no-hitter that’s the best game he’s pitched,” Lansberry said.

“He seemed more determined the last three innings, “assistant coach Tom Kirsch added.

The Bisons’ base running was daring, to say the least, and Lansberry attributed that to their experience and maturity.

“We have experienced kids all the way up and down the lineup. And they’re confident running the bases,” he said.

Another reason the Bisons were aggressive on the bases, according to Lansberry, was because they’ve played so many more games that the Beavers, who are now 0-4.

Clearfield is slated to return to Central Penn League action this afternoon with the makeup of a twice-postponed game against Penns Valley. The Bisons will visit Bellefonte tomorrow.

**Clearfield - 0**

Sturniolo 2b 2000, Grice 3b 3011, Owens cf 2001, Keirn c 3010, Rougeux lf 3000, Graham lf 1000, Dunlap 1b 4000, Shaw ss 3210, Dean Spingola 1100, Wain dh 2020, Stone rf 2000, Lingle rf 2121. TOTALS 28-4-7-3.

**DuBois – 17**

LaBue 1b 2000, Sperling 1b 1000, Polohonki cf 3000, Baroni lf 2000, Minnick lf 1000, Gigla c 1000, Poulos 3b-p 2000, Andrulonis 2b 2000, Campbell ss 2000, Mohney rf 1000, Clark rf 1000, Hewitt p 1000, Britten 3b-p 0000. TOTALS 19-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 000 003 1 – 4-7-0

DuBois 000 000 0 – 0-0-3

E-Poulos, Campbell, LaBue. Sac-Grice, Owens. SB-Owens, Shaw. LOB-Clearfield 12; Sheffield 0.

Pitching: Spingola 7 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 14 SO; Hewitt 2 IP 1 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 4 SO, Poulos 3 IP 1 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 1 SO, Britten 2, 5 H 4 R 3 ER 3 BB 1 SO. W-Spingola. L-Britten.

**BISONS ROLL INTO 9-AAAA FINALS ON SPINGOLA’S NO-NO**

By Ron Musselman, Progress Sports Writer

May 24, 1984

DUBOIS-The once-beaten Clearfield Bisons, behind Dean Spingola’s second no-hitter of the season and Bob Sunderland’s two home runs, breezed into tomorrow’s District 9 Class AAA baseball championship game by blanking St Marys 11-0 in 4 ½ innings yesterday afternoon at Showers Field to tie the school record for wins in a season.

The Bisons stretched their winning streak to 23 games and their record to 26-1, matching the 1981 club’s victory total.

Spingola, who no-hit DuBois 4-0 on April 21, was near perfect in posting his fifth win in as many decisions. He faced the minimum 15 Flying Dutch batters, striking out nine of them.

Only two St Marys’ runners reached base, both via walks, one was erased on a pick-off play at first base in the second inning, and the other was a victim of a double play in the fourth.

‘Dean pitched extremely well,” beamed Clearfield coach Sid Lansberry, whose 26-1 team will meet Punxsutawney (14-3) tomorrow at 4 p.m. for the District title at Showers Field. The Chucks, behind Fred Larson’s five hitter shut out DuBois 5-0 in the other semifinal.

“Dean hasn’t been pitching most of the year because of a bad shoulder and today I think his performance today is a good sign,” Lansberry said. “He is starting to throw the ball well and throw to locations. That’s really going to help us.”

Sunderland was the hitting star for Clearfield. The Bison senior knocked in three runs with his two homers. Senior Randy Swales cracked a three-run homer for the Bisons.

Clearfield hasn’t lost since March 31, when it dropped a 3-1 decision to Athens Drive (NC) High School during its spring baseball trip.

St Marys was never in the game. Dutch starter Steve Groll (1-4) had problems with his control and was forced from the mound after two innings because of his wildness. Four walks and an error led to a pair of Clearfield runs in the first.

Dave Johnson misplayed Spingola’s fly ball into a two base error in the second, Todd Vanderburgh scoring from second base. Sunderland followed with a towering two-run homer to right.

Sunderland added a solo blast in the fourth and Swales enacted the 10-run rule when he smashed a fastball over the centerfield fence. Don Shimmel also had a RBI single for Clearfield in the fourth.

“I hope we’ve finally overcome the jinx of not scoring runs on this field,” Lansberry said. “You have to hit line drives to be successful. I know we hit three home runs today, but you can’t always count on them. On certain days, the ball just won’t carry in this park.”

DUGOUT CHATTER-Five of Clearfield’s eight hits came in the fourth inning…St Marys committed an error in every inning...The Bisons didn’t play Punxsutawney this spring, their regular season double header postponed and not rescheduled…The Chucks will send Tom Zimmerman (4-1) to the mound in the title game, while Lansberry will counter with his ace Vanderburgh (9-0)

**St Marys - 0**

Steele 2b 1000, Jaconski cf-p 2000, Johnson lf 2000, Levenduski 1b 1000, Hasselman ph 1000, Yetzer c 1000, Pistner ph 1000, Groll p-cf 0000, Verbeck ph 1000, Schneider ss 1000, Crawford 3b 1000, Vanalstyne rf 1000. TOTALS 13-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 11**

Owens cf 0000, Vanderburgh dh 2221, Dean Spingola p 3200, Sunderland ss 2223, Thomas lf 3120, McClellan rf 3000, Shimmel 1b 2112, Shope c 2000, Doug Spingola 3b 3200, Swales 2b 3113. TOTALS 23-11-8-9.

**Score by Innings**

St Marys 000 00 – 0-0-4

Clearfield 231 5X – 11-8-0

E-Johnson, Schneider 2, Crawford. HR-Sunderland 2, Swales. SB-Steele; Vanderburgh. LOB-St Marys 0; Clearfield 7.

Pitching: Groll 2 IP 2 H 5 R 3 ER 3 BB 3 SO, Jaconski 2 IP 6 H 6 R 3 ER 3 BB 0 SO; Shimmel 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 9 SO. W-Spingola. L-Groll.

**BISONS’ BOWMAN NO-HITS BEA FOR 1-0 VICTORY**

By Fred Kavelak, Progress Sports Editor

June 4, 1986

PHILIPSBURG-Dennis Bowman pitched the game of his life, his mates performed flawlessly in the field and Jeff Kavelak delivered the clutch hit, and all of a sudden, the Clearfield Area High School baseball team that was struggling to stay above .500 late in the season has become a state Class AAA quarterfinalist.

Bowman, who established himself as the Bisons’ ace down the stretch, fashioned a no-hitter with nine strike outs against the District 6 “Cinderella” champion Bald Eagle Area for a 1-0 victory in the fast, well played first-round game at the Philipsburg-Osceola Area High School field yesterday,

His gem – no Eagle was able to hit the ball past a Clearfield infielder – sends the 14-9 Bisons to Butler tomorrow for a 1 p.m. contest at Pullman Park against District 7 titlist Connellsville, 22-3 after overtaking Bedford 6-4.

Clearfield, District 9 kingpin for the sixth time in 10 years, and BEA split Central Penn League decisions, but the Eagles had not faced Bowman either time, and that proved to be a big advantage for the Bisons.

The senior right-hander mixed a good curve with his hummer to keep the Eagles off balance. Although he walked seven BEA had only one runner reach third base, as the Eagles were unable to execute a sacrifice in four bunting situations.

“That definitely was the best Denny has ever pitched,” Clearfield coach Sid Lansberry said after admitting that he didn’t realize Bowman was working on a no-no.

“His control was better than usual, especially as far as throwing to spots, and he had a real good curve,” Lansberry added. “That’s been the difference in his improvement over the second half of the season.”

Bowman, who has won his last five decisions for an 8-2 record, really didn’t realize what he had accomplished until a cameraman for Altoona television station WTAJ handed him the microphone for the second time during the post-game interview and asked for his reaction to pitching a no-hitter.

Bowman was stunned but quickly recovered to fire back his reply while flashing an even bigger smile than when he leaped into catcher Kavelak’s arms after nailing down the win.

‘One big factor was knowing the BEA hitters real well,” Lansberry said. “We had a lot of stats compile by statistician Rick Ogden, and that gave us a pretty good idea how to play the hitters.”

“Armed with that information, I think Jeff called a great game.”

Clearfield inner defense deserves a big assist, too. Third baseman Tim Gormont, shortstop Dave Catherman, second baseman Matt Forcey and first baseman Brian Robison handled everything that came their way. Well, almost, Forcey received credit for a second inning putout when Doug Womer barreled into him as he was charging to field a slow roller off Mike Thompson’s bat, and interference was called.

“Going in, we knew we had to play great defense to keep the score down, which is what we did,” Lansberry said. “Robison played a good game for the first time he started there, and Gormont made a couple of nice plays.”

“Another key was Jeff throwing out Womer (on a fourth inning steal attempt), because they didn’t try to run after that.”

Robison replaced Bryan Garman, who suffered a broken cheekbone in the final inning of the district title game, while Forcey replaced Dave Learish, who injured his ankle at a family outing Saturday.

The Bisons also missing designated hitter Rod Rishel, sidelined since early May with mononucleosis, mustered only five hits off Womer, but the only one they needed was Kavelak’s ground single to right with Scott Collins perched at third after a walk, a stolen base and a wild pitch in the fourth inning. The RBI was the juniors 29th of the season.

“Collins steal was big,” Lansberry said. “Because that allowed him to get over to third on the wild pitch. Of course, Jeff’s hit was the key.”

Kavelak and Catherman each had two hits off Womer, who also struck out nine and walked five.

He had beaten the Bisons at the CAHS Athletic Complex the last two years, but they’ll settle for a 1-2 record against him after yesterday.

“That’s a big, big win for us,” Lansberry said. “At least we’re in the final eight.”

**Bald Eagle Area - 0**

Dyke lf 3000, Koleno ss 3000, Fisher cf 2000, Womer p 0000, Bennett c 3000, Heverly 1b 2000, Lucas 3b 0000, Thompson dh 3000, Hale 2b 1000, Dorman ph 1000, J.D. Robison rf 1000, Haupt ph 1000. TOTALS 20-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 1**

DeMatteo cf 2000, Lockey rf 2000, Pallo pr 0000, Kavelak c 3021, McNeil pr 0000, B. Robison 1b 0000, Evans dh 2000, Barnes ph 1010, Catherman ss 2020, Forcey 2b 3000, Collins lf 1100. TOTALS 21-1-5-1.

**Score by Innings**

Bald Eagle Area 000 000 0 – 0-0-0

Clearfield 001 000 X –1-5-0

2B-Catherman. Sac-DeMatteo. SB-Collins. LOB-Bald Eagle Area 6; Clearfield 8.

Pitching: Womer 6 IP 5 H 1 R 1 ER 5 BB 9 SO; Bowman 7 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 7 BB 9 SO. WP-Bowman. L-Womer.

**DROLL FIRES NO-HITTER BISONS DOWN STATE 1-0**

By David M. Mahaffey, Sports Writer

May 1, 1990

HYDE-For Clearfield pitcher Jeff Droll the game of baseball is easy: pitch the ball so the other team can’t hit it, get a teammate to hit a home run, then chalk up the victory.

That’s exactly the way the Bison battery of Droll and Todd Fedder worked it on Tuesday as Droll fired a no-hitter and Fedder belted a fifth inning homer to beat State College 1-0 in a Central Penn League contest.

Droll, Clearfield’s senior ace right-hander worked his fastball and curveball to near perfection against the Little Lions striking out 13, while walking one with one hit batsmen. Of his 84 pitches over seven innings, 61 were for strikes.

“Anytime you pitch a no-hitter it’s a great effort,” said Sid Lansberry Clearfield head coach “but against a team like State College it’s a really a great effort.”

“He (Droll) was getting ahead of the hitters and had command of all his pitches. He’s not afraid to throw the curve ball at any time this season, which is the main difference from last year. He’s got the confidence in his pitches this year to throw them at any time.”

While Droll was shutting down State, the only run Clearfield needed came from the bat of Fedder the number eight hitter in the Bisons’ lineup.

The Clearfield catcher took a Bob Ballenger fastball over the left field fence in the fifth inning for his first homer of the season and the game’s only run.

“Their pitcher (Ballenger) gave him (Fedder) four straight fastballs, and just gave him one too many.” Lansberry noted.

While Droll and Fedder accounted for most of the day’s excitement, as always, it wasn’t without some defensive gems that the no-hitter was earned.

From the first State batter it looked to be a Clearfield day. Little Lion leadoff man Brent Simpson took a Droll fast ball and slapped a looping liner into right field, but Bison outfielder Brian Barr made a sensational diving catch to get the no-hitter rolling.

In the third inning Droll continued to face the minimum number of batters despite waking State’s Dave Blythe. The next batter Mike Sheridan, swung at strike three with Blythe breaking for second and Fedder cut down the runner with a perfect strike to Matt Vokes at second.

The Little Lions looked to have a hit from Doug Leitzell in the fifth inning, after Droll had hit Brad Strong with a pitch but a running over the shoulder catch in shallow center by Bison second baseman Todd Stiner preserved Droll’s ace.

The only other State player to reach base was in the seventh inning. Steve Nelson’s grounder to short was fielded cleanly by Vokes, but his throw to first was in the dirt and couldn’t be scooped by first baseman Chris Peacock.

So the stage was set for the Little Lions, with a man on first and only one out they still had a chance for a late rally. But alas, the no-hitter was meant to be as pinch hitter Martin Walsh hit a grounder to Stiner who flicked to Vokes for one, and this time Vokes would gun to Peacock for the game ending double play.

“I think our team plays well behind Droll,” Lansberry said, “they have a lot of confidence in him and he has confidence in them.”

“We’re playing with a lot of confidence right now.”

The Bisons had only seven hits against Ballenger who impressed Lansberry.

‘I think Ballenger did a nice job of mixing up his pitches and keeping our hitters off stride,” Lansberry said. “We hit the ball hard a few times, but as always, State played good defense.”

“I’m a little disappointed in our hitting lately. It’s been sporadic. Seems like they all hit, or none of them hit.”

The Clearfield team is now 9-3 overall on the season, and 7-1 in the CPL. Droll is 5-1 on the mound in 1990, while having a 5-0 record in league play.

The Bisons will be on the road in CPL play Thursday at Penns Valley.

**State College -0**

Simpson cf 3000, Witmer ss 2000, Yingling ph 1000, Nelson 2b 3000, Ballenger p 0000, Prisk dh 2000, Walsh ph 1000, Stein c 2000, Strong ph 1000, Leitzel 1b 2000, Blythe 3b 1000, Sheridan rf 2000. TOTALS 20-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 0**

Vokes ss 2010, Barr rf 3000, Stiner 2b 3010, Peacock 1b 3000, Billotte cf-lf 3010, Quick lf 2020, Hipps lf-cf 1010, Lykens 3b 3000, Fedder c 2111, Droll p 0000, Putt dh 2000. TOTALS 24-1-7-1.

**Score by Innings**

State College 000 000 0 – 0-0-0

Clearfield 000 010 X –1-7-1

E-Vokes. HR-Fedder. SB-Hipps. LOB-State College 1; Clearfield 6.

Pitching: Ballenger 6 IP 7 H 1 R 1 ER 1 BB 1 SO; Droll 7 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 1 BB 13 SO. W-Droll. L-Ballenger.

**CLUTCH PERFORMANCES PROPEL BISONS INTO DISTRICT 9 FINALS**

By Fred Kavelak, Sports Writer

May 24, 1990

No-hit pitching by Jeff Droll, a clutch two-out hit by Todd Stiner that snapped a 1-1tie in the sixth inning, a three-run homer by Chris Peacock that proved to be valuable insurance and a running grab by right fielder Brian Barr for the final out with three Punxsutawney runners in motion were the keys as Clearfield edged the Chucks 5-3 in their District 9 Class AAA semifinal at the Bison Sports Complex yesterday.

The Bisons’ 14th win in 19 games means a Clearfield-DuBois championship showdown for the fifth year in a row. Earlier in the afternoon, the Beavers eliminated ST Marys 13-6, with Scott Frinnen ripping four hits for four runs batted in and Jim Shipley belting three hits, including a home run, for three RBIs.

Bison coach Sid Lansberry knew his team’s road test to Tuesday’s 4 p.m. title game would be rocky, especially with Droll and Greg Stouffer hooking up in a rematch of Clearfield’s 3-2 squeaker on May 5, and his stomach had be churning in the top of the seventh inning.

Droll – who faced only 20 batters after the Chucks loaded the bases with none out in the first and got a run on a perfectly-executed suicide squeeze – was within one out of his second no-hitter of the season when he walked the bases full.

The senior right-hander had logged 123 pitches, striking out 14 and walking seven, so Lansberry went to the mound to settle his ace.

He wasn’t thinking of making a change, but Droll’s comments altered his plans.

“He told me his arm hurt, and that was it,” Lansberry said. “He said he hurt it on the last curve. He had some pain after the Bellefonte game (Friday) but he didn’t struggle in the sixth. That’s what makes me think he was okay until the seventh. I’m just glad he told me.”

Chris Rogerson, the Bisons’ No. 2 starter, had loosened up earlier and was warm. However, the sophomore lefthander walked Rick Snyder and Mike Cardamone to force in runs, setting up an exciting finish.

Brian Ishman rammed a drive toward the gap in right center and Clearfield fans sensed disaster, but Barr dashed over to rob the Punxsy cleanup hitter of an extra base hit that would have cleared the sacks and put the visitors ahead.

“That was a nice catch, and really the only tough out we had,” Lansberry said, noting that shortstop Matt Vokes turned in a key play in the sixth when he turned Ishman’s hard shot into a double play.

Clearfield erased Punxsy’s 1-0 lead in the third on a walk to Barr, Stiner’s single up the middle and Peacock’s sacrifice fly to left.

After stranding nine runner through five innings, the Bisons finally broke through against Stouffer in the sixth. Brent Lykens rifled a single to center for his second hit, Jason Porter sacrificed and Punxsy coach John Knopnick elected to intentionally walk Vokes, who sent leftfield Troy Young to the fence with his blast in the second inning.

The move appeared to be a good one when Barr lifted a fly ball to left, but Stiner came through with a bouncer first baseman Ishman couldn’t flag down, Lykens sprinting from second with the go-ahead run.

Peacock followed with his home run rocket to center to balloon the margin to 5-1, and everything seemed academic the way Droll was hurling.

The scenario changed quickly in the seventh, but Rogerson was able to chalk up the save.

“That was a pressure-packed situation for anyone and an awful tough one for a sophomore,” Lansberry said.

Now, the attention shifts to DuBois, which racked up 15 hits and scored in every inning against St Marys.

“It’s going to be a real tough game, Lansberry said. “DuBois is experienced. They’ve got eight seniors starting, and they have two good pitchers.”

Brian Shaffer is the Beavers’ top hurler, but Barry Nesbitt gives them a very good backup. Nesbitt beat the Bisons 6-3 two weeks ago and was the winner against ST Marys. Shaffer closed out the Flying Dutch and probably will be the starter Tuesday at the Bison Sports Complex.

Lansberry is counting on Droll.

“Hopefully, with four days rest, he’ll be okay, because he wasn’t out there throwing with a bad arm today,” Lansberry said. “As soon as it happened, he told me.”

EXTRA INNINGS – Droll, 8-1 this season, including a pair of one-hitters, has moved into third place on Clearfield’s career charts in games (35), innings pitched (188), strikeouts (301) and wins (20). He’s six strikeouts away from Randy Ardery’s single season record of 132…Stiner, Lykens and Quick each had two hits for the Bisons…Stouffer, who was 4-2 with 0.66 earned run average, struck out six and walked three. The junior southpaw was one of six underclassmen in the 12-6 Chucks’ line up, prompting Lansberry to say, and “They might be the team to beat next year.”

**Punxsutawney – 3**

Smith cf 2100, Snyder rf 3001, Cardamone c 1001, Isman 1b 3000, Stouffer p 0000, Caylor dh 1001, Keth ph 1000, Harrold ss 3000, Weaver 3b 2100, Young lf 2000, Ryen ph 1000, Compton 2b 2000. TOTALS 21-3-0-3.

**Clearfield -5**

Vokes ss 310, Barr rf 3110, Stiner 2b 3121, Peacock 1b 2114, Billotte cf-lf 3010, Quick lf 4020, Yatta pr 0000, Hipps cf 0000, Fedder c 2000, Putt ph 1000, Lykens 3b 2120, Droll p 0000, Rogerson p 0000, Porter dh 2010. TOTALS 25-5-10-5.

**Score by Innings**

Punxsutawney 100 000 2 - 3- 0-0

Clearfield 001 004 X – 5-10-1

E-Peacock. HR-Peacock. Sac-Caylor; Porter. SF-Peacock. SB-Yatta. LOB-Punxsutawney 7; Clearfield 10.

Pitching: Stouffer 6 IP 10 H 5 R 5 ER 3 BB 6 SO; Droll 6.2 IP 0 H 3 R 2 ER 7 BB 14 SO, Rogerson .1 IP 0 H 0R, 0 ER 2 BB 0 SO. W-Droll. L-Stouffer.

**MARSHALL’S NO-HITTER HIGHLIGHTS 20-0 ROUT OF DUTCH – Some bats, and arm and a blowout**

By Shawn Fox, Sports Writer

May 15, 1995

HYDE-Before yesterday’s St Marys game, Clearfield catcher Kevin Bell told teammate Chuck Marshall that he had a good feeling about the game.

But, there was no way that Bell could have imagined it would turn out as well as it did for the Bisons and Marshall

Marshall pitched the Bisons’ first no-hitter since 1990 while striking out a career high 11 batters as Clearfield ended a two-game slide by whitewashing the Flying Dutch 20-0 in five innings, a 10-run rule game, at the Bison Sports Complex.

‘It feels great just to get back on the winning track as a team, not just a pitcher,” said Marshall, who improved to 2-2 on the season. “Maybe it will give us a little bit of momentum, and hopefully we can finish out the season with a winning record and come back and win District 9.”

“Chuck pitched a nice game,” Clearfield manager Sid Lansberry said. “This game was important for us. We had to win today and Thursday to be seeded second (in the district playoffs).”

The Bisons’ senior right-hander walked two batters in the 67 pitch effort. The last Clearfield baseball no-hitter came on May 24, 1990 in the District 9 Class AAA semifinals when Jeff Droll and Chris Rogerson combined for the no-no in a 5-3 win over the Chucks.

“All of his pitches were working well,” Marshall’s battery mate Bell said. “(He had) a good mix. His fastball was working really well,”

Marshall allowed just three baserunners in five innings, walking Joe Beimel in the second and fourth innings, and dropping Jason Nedzinski’s pop-up in the third inning.

“It was a lot of pressure,” Marshall said. “About the fourth inning everybody kept coming up to me and telling me (about the no-hitter). That’s when the nerves kicked in.”

“With everybody on me and letting me know about the no-hitter it made me feel more pressure because they wanted it as much as I did.”

Marshall’s teammates gave the senior righty all the offense he would need as they pounded out 13 hits against three Dutch pitchers.

Clearfield (9-9) got the offense going in the second inning by sending 10 men to the plate scoring six runs.

Marshall got the inning started by singling to left center, Neil Green, a courtesy runner for Marshall, moved to third on Kevin Lykens single through the left side on a hit-and-run.

Dan Harris then brought both runners home with a double off the left field fence to give Clearfield a 2-0 lead.

Bell continued the hitting barrage with a single to right center to chase Harris home.

The Bisons loaded the bases as Aaron Rowles and Adam Welker sandwiched a walk and a single around a line out.

Following an infield pop out for the second out of the inning, Mike Sunderland cleared the bases with a double off the left-center field fence to give Clearfield a 6-0 advantage.

The lead ballooned to 13-0 in the bottom of the third as the Bisons sent 12 batters to the plate and seven scored behind Rowles’ RBI single, Jason Adams’ RBI ground out, Lykens’ two-run double and Bell’s sacrifice fly. St Marys also committed five errors in the inning.

Clearfield added seven more runs in the seventh inning against two St Marys relievers thanks to seven walks, RBI singles by Bell and Green, and a sacrifice fly by Harris.

“It’s nice to win like that,” Lansberry said. “It’s good to have some offense, but I hope we keep it going now.”

“I’m not going to say ‘I think we turned the corner’. I’ve said that four times and every time we turn the corner, there’s another corner. I’m not going to say anything, it’s just nice to win.”

BISON BITS: Marshall’s no-hitter was the 18th in team history and the third against ST. Marys…The 20-run margin of victory was the Bisons’ biggest since April 1, 1988 when they shelled Bruton, VA 23-2…The 20 runs were the most scored by the Bisons since they defeated Penns Valley 23-13 April 23, 1992…The 20 runs and 13 hits were season highs…The Bisons host Huntingdon this afternoon in their final Central Penn League game before traveling to Bradford Thursday.

**St Marys - 0**

Jesse Beimel rf 2000, Petrucci cf 2000, Mullaney p-ss 2000, Joe Beimel 1b 0000, Kline ss 1000, Gahr p-2b 1000, Hoffman 3b 1000, Mattuiz 3b 1000, Veronesi lf 100, Gerg lf 1000, Leviski 2b 1000, Steinback 2b-p 1000, Nedzinski c 1000, Eckey c 0000. TOTALS 15-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 20**

Welker cf 3220, Roberts cf 1000, McBride lf 3100, Hertlein lf 1101, Sunderland 1b 3113, McCracken pr-1b 0101, Marshall p 3220, Hanes ph 1100, Lykens 2b 3333, Harris 3b 2213, Bell c 3223, Rowles dh 1111, Spigner rf 0200, Adams ss 2001, Green ss 1111. TOTALS 27-20-13-17.

**Score by Innings**

St Marys 102 00 – 0- 0-6

Clearfield 067 7X – 20-13-1

E-Joe Beimel 2, Hoffman, Mullaney, Leviski, Nedzinski; Marshall. 2B-Sunderland, Harris Lykens. SF-Harris, Bell. SB-Joe Beimel; Welker Spigner. LOB-St Marys 2; Clearfield 6.

Pitching: Mullaney 2.2 IP 11 H 13 R 7 ER 1 BB 2 SO, Gahr .2 IP 0 H 5 R 5 ER 6 BB 0 SO, Steinback .2 IP 2 H 2 R 1 ER 2 BB 0 SO; Marshall 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 11 SO. W-Marshall. L-Mullaney.

**HANES TOSSES SECOND STRAIGH BISONS NO-NO**

By Rich Rhoades, Sports Writer

May 16, 1995

HYDE-Being an underclassman, Clearfield junior pitcher Scott Hanes went through his postgame duties of putting away the bases. It didn’t make any difference that he made history moments prior to his chores.

Hanes tossed a five-inning no-hitter in a 11-1 rout of Huntingdon at the Bison Sports Complex yesterday afternoon, 24 hours after teammate Chuck Marshall pulled off the same feat on Monday against St Marys. “That’s the only time back-to-back no-hitters have been thrown in team history.”

“It feels pretty good and it’s an unusual thing, one for the record books,” said Bison head coach Sid Lansberry, whose team improved to 10-9 heading into Thursday’s regular season finale at Bradford.

“I think this was the best, Scott’s thrown. Today he had better control and he was getting ahead in the count. I feel real happy for him. He’s worked real hard and sort of came out of nowhere. This is his first year of organized ball and he had a lot to learn.”

The Bisons helped their pitcher get the no-hitter by jumping all over a Huntingdon (9-11, 7-9), that like St Marys the day before, didn’t look like it wanted to be there.

“I think we played well, but we ran up against a dead team for the second straight game.” Lansberry said. “It was a combination of us playing well and wanting to play and them being the opposite. When you have that, you have a mismatch.”

The Bisons’ offense, after scoring 20 runs on 14 hits against the Dutch, produced 10 hits and scored runs in every inning off three Bearcats pitchers.

The Bisons chased starter Josh Cassatt, who was making his varsity debut probably because the Bearcats wanted to save their front line pitching for Thursday’s District 6 playoff opener at Central Cambria, in the fourth inning.

Eight Bisons had hits with Mike Sunderland and Marshall leading the way with two and three runs batted in. Ironically, it was Marshall that clinched the 10-run rule victory – and Hanes’ no-hitter with a bases loaded two-run single in the fifth.

The game-ending celebration touched off a celebration that included a bucket-dousing of Hanes. It was the first open acknowledgement of the no-hitter, unlike Marshall’s where teammates made sure he knew before the final out.

‘I didn’t know about it until Coach (Donnie) Shimmel told me about it after the game was over,” said Hanes, who improved to 2-4 on the season.

The Bisons wrapped up the Central Penn League with an 8-8 record, good for sixth place in the 10 team league… More importantly, the Bisons got another standout pitching effort from somebody other than their ace Sunderland.

“Two days in a row we’ve gotten great performances from our second and third pitchers,” Lansberry said. “(Pitching coach) Denny Zelenky has done a really good job with the staff this year and emphasizes the breaking ball, Scott’s best pitch.”

Thursday’s game with Bradford is important for the District 9 AAA playoff pairings. A win secures the second seed and a semifinal match-up with DuBois next Thursday in St Marys, a loss would create a three-way tie with DuBois and Bradford for the second seed.

**Huntingdon - 1**

Detwiler cf-3b 2000, Evans ss-p 3100, Jackson c 2000, Hammers rf 2000, Biddle 1b 2000, Young 3b-s 2000, Swanger lf-p-cf 2000, Grove 2b 2000, Nabozy dh 0000, Cassatt p 0000, Hileman lf 0000. TOTALS 17-1-0-0.

**Clearfield – 11**

Welker cf 3210, McBride lf 2310, Sunderland 1b 2123, McCracken pr 0100, Lykens 2b 4111, Marshall dh 2023, Hertlein pr-dh 1111, Hanes p 0000, Harris 3b 2011, Bell c 1000, Green pr 0000, Spigner rf 2011, Adams ss 1101. TOTALS 27-20-13-17.

**Score by Innings**

Huntingdon 001 00 – 1- 0-0

Clearfield 202 42 – 11-10-2

E-Bell, Adams. 2B-Sunderland, Spigner. 3B-Welker. Sac-Sunderland. SB-Detwiler Evans; Green, McBride. LOB-Huntingdon 4; Clearfield 9.

Pitching: Cassatt 3.1 IP 8 H 7 R 7 ER 5 BB 4 SO, Swanger .2 IP 0 H 3 R 3 ER 3 BB 0 SO, Evans 0 IP 2 H 1 R 1 ER 1 BB 0 SO; Hanes 5 IP 0 H 1 R 0 ER 3 BB 5 SO. WP-Hanes. L-Cassatt.

**HANES TOSSES SECOND NO-HITTER AS BISONS DOWN LEWISTOWN, 7-0 NO-NO**

By Shawn Fox, Sports Writer

May 3, 1996

HYDE-Going into Friday’s game with Lewistown, Clearfield pitcher Scott Hanes knew he had a four-run lead. It turned out that was three more runs than he needed.

Hanes fired his second career no-hitter and struck out a career-high 10 batters on the way to a 7-0 win over the Panthers in the completion of Wednesday’s suspended game at the Bison Sports Complex.

“That was probably his best performance of the year,” Clearfield manager Sid Lansberry said. “He had a good fastball today. He threw pretty hard.”

“I felt pretty confident the whole game,” said Hanes, who walked two and allowed just one runner into scoring position.

Clearfield, which led 4-0 in the bottom of the first inning when the rains came, began yesterday’s game with the bases loaded and one out.

Mike Schmaus, the Bisons’ ninth batter of the inning, grounded the second pitch that he saw back to pitcher Chad Schell. Shell threw home for the first out, and catcher Matt Miller went to first to complete the double play and get the Panthers out of the jam.

Lewistown’s Travis Mattern led off the second by walking on four pitches. Hanes retired the next 13 batters he faced before Nathan Baumgardner worked a full-count walk with one out in the sixth inning. Seven of the outs came via the strikeout.

Schell kept the Bisons off the score board until the fifth inning.

Travis Schenck led off the inning by lining a single into leftfield. Chris McCracken followed with a ground ball to third base. Panthers’ third baseman Ryan McCartney threw wide to second allowing Schenck to reach safely.

Dan Yohe then walked to load the bases before Ryan Briskar hit a ball to third base. McCartney threw home, but his throw was off line allowing Schenck to score.

Ryan Karchner lined a single to left field to plate McCracken and courtesy runner Coty Soult to give the Bisons a 7-0 lead.

“We came out flat,” Lansberry said. “Being ahead 4-0 we were kind of relaxed a little bit. We weren’t hitting the ball like we did yesterday.”

The Panthers got a runner to third in the sixth as Baumgardner walked with one out. A passed ball and Ben Massie’s sacrifice bunt got Baumgardner to third before centerfield Cory Hoover got the Bisons out of the inning by chasing down Jerry Fulton’s looping liner in left-center.

Hanes again got defensive help in the seventh as, with two outs, Brian Smith hit a ball up the middle that glances off Hanes’ glove. Brisker retrieved the ball, and the sophomore shortstop threw over to first to nail Smith by a step to end the game.

GAME NOTES: Clearfield improved to 7-8 overall and 6-7 in the Central Penn League…Lewistown dropped to 4-9 overall and in the league…Hanes struck out nine vs Bald Eagle Area April 28, 1996. His first no-no was May 16, 1995 against Huntingdon…Dennis Yohe, Karchner and Hoover each had RBI singles in the first inning…Clearfield defeated Lewistown 2-1 in 8 innings on April 10…The Bisons host Punxsutawney this afternoon at 2:30 in non-league play.

**Lewistown - 0**

Massie 2b-ss 2000, Fulton cf 3000, Coulter 1b 3000, Mattern dh 2000, Schell p 0000, Smith lf 3000, Miller c 2000, Rocco ss-2b 2000, McCartney 3b 2000, Baumgardner rf 1000. TOTALS 20-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 7**

Green 2b 0100, Billotte 2b 3000, Schenck dh 3210, Hanes p 0000, McCracken lf 4110, Dan Yohe c 2200, Dennis Yohe 3b 3111, Briskar ss 2010, Karchner 1b 3023, Wallace 1b 0000, Hoover cf 3011, Schmaus rf 3000. TOTALS 26-7-7-5.

**Score by Innings**

Lewistown 000 000 0 – 4-0-4

Clearfield 400 030 X – 7-7-0

E-McCartney 2, Massie, Rocco. Sac-Massie. McBride. LOB-Lewistown 2; Clearfield 5.

Pitching: Schell 6 IP 7 H 7 R 7 ER 3 BB 3 SO; Hanes 7 IP 0 H 1 R 0 ER 2 BB 10 SO. WP-Hanes. L-Schell.

**BISON FRESHMAN GARDNER TOSSES FIRST CAREER NO-HITTER**

April 30, 2000

JOHNSTOWN-Saturday was Craig Gardner’s day.

The Clearfield pitcher fired a no-hitter Saturday afternoon, as the Bisons defeated Johnstown Vo-Tech 12-0, at Johnstown.

Gardner faced 16 batters in five innings and finished with 12 strikeouts and two walks in route to the first no-hitter of his short varsity career.

“Craig pitched really well,” said Clearfield head coach Sid Lansberry. “A no-hitter is always a great accomplishment, but it’s even more significant for a freshman to do it.”

It was a day for Bison freshmen, as Scott Hugney smacked a three-run homer in the fourth inning to put Clearfield up 8-0.

The Bisons went on to score three more runs in the fourth inning and one run in the fifth to set the final at 12-0.

Five Bisons rallied extra base hits, including Hugney, who went 3-for-3 with a double, a home run. And four RBIs.

With the win, Clearfield improved to 6-7 overall.

Clearfield hosts State College Tuesday afternoon.

**Clearfield – 12**

Shaw cf 4121, Selvage lf 3110, Kaspick 1b-3b 3011, Gardner p 0000, Yohe dh 4221, Hugney 2b 3234, Henry rf 3110, Davidson ss 4211, Meckey c 3111, Karchner 3b 2122, Vargas lf 1000, Picard 1b-3b 1000, Ruffner 2b 1110, Delucia 3b-2b 1000. TOTALS 33-12-15-11.

**Johnstown Vo-Tech - 0**

Bestoviva cf 2000, Bopp ss 2000, Urban 1b 0000, Rutledge 2000, Barbarich p 2000, Churchey lf 2000, Smith 2b 1000, Miller rf 1000, Newman 3b 1000, A. Potter ph 1000, Kniss 2b 1000, J. Potter rf 1000. TOTALS 16-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 212 61 – 12-15-2

Norfolk Collegiate 000 00 – 0- 0-1

E-Picard, Davidson; Newman. 2B-Selvage, Davidson, Henry, Hugney. HR-Hugney. SB-Shaw, Hugney, Kaspick, Karchner Henry. LOB-Clearfield 11; Johnstown Vo-Tech 3.

Pitching: Gardner 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 2 BB 12 SO; Barbarich 5 IP 15 H 12 R 10 ER 4 BB 2 SO. WP-Gardner. L- Barbarich.

**HANDCUFFING THE ‘CATS – Behind pitcher Mike Davidson, the Bisons dominate the defending state champions, Huntingdon**

By Jaclyn Yingling, Sports Writer

April 19, 2001

HYDE-It took just five innings for Clearfield pitcher to turn the defending state champion Huntingdon Bearcats into purring kitties.

Davidson struck out 10 batters in five hitless innings to give the Bisons a 12-0 victory over Huntingdon and pick up his second win of the season.

“Mike pitched an outstanding game,” said Clearfield head coach Sid Lansberry. “He had total control the whole game. He had a few walks, but we will accept that because he was throwing really hard. He threw a nice curve ball. He mixed up his pitches and kept them off balance.”

The biggest threat to Davidson’s no-hitter came in the first inning when the Bison pitcher walked leadoff batter Nate Gibboney and then allowed Nick Royer to get to first base on a fielder’s choice by Clearfield shortstop Scott Hugney.

Royer made it as far as third base with two stolen bases to his credit, but was left stranded when Davidson struck out the next two batters.

‘We didn’t play very well, but that’s not to take away from Clearfield,” said Huntingdon head coach Tom Gibboney. “Davidson pitched a nice game and kept us off balance. Plus they hit the heck out of the baseball.”

Clearfield finished the game with 11 hits, including two doubles.

The Bisons started off slow in the first inning, notching two quick outs after leadoff batter Todd Shaw reached first base on a walk.

Shaw scored the first run of the game from second base when Bearcat pitcher Jason Brindle made a throwing error to first base.

The outs didn’t seem to bother the Bisons, who put the next three batters on base with singles, including Dave Richards and Matt Meckey, who each dove in a run to put Clearfield up 3-0.

Davidson continued his superb pitching in the second striking out two batters and catching a third in a run down at second base after he reached first base on a walk.

After walking Thomas Yeager to lead off the second inning, Brindle was pulled by Coach Gibboney and replaced by Nate Gibboney.

“Our starting pitcher just never felt comfortable in the mound,” Coach Gibboney said. “When he did get the ball across they hit it. They were hitting the ball very well to right field. They did a really good job hitting the ball. I just don’t think we made a play defensively today. The balls that were even hit close we couldn’t get our gloves on.”

Nate Gibboney didn’t have much luck with the Bison bats either, allowing Clearfield to pull out to a 7-0 lead before finally getting out of the inning.

Davidson started the third inning the same way he had started the previous two, by giving up a walk. The Bison junior then notched three quick outs to bring Clearfield back to the plate.

The Bisons continued to steamroll through Huntingdon in the bottom of the third inning, scoring the first four batters that came up to the plate and pulling out to an 11-0 lead.

Davidson struck out the first two batters to start the fourth inning then got a groundout to Meckey to keep the no-hitter intact.

Clearfield bats cooled off in the fourth inning, scoring just one run on one hit to take the 11-0 lead going into the top of the fifth inning.

Needing just three outs to clinch his first no-hitter, Davidson struck out the first batter he faced then walked the second.

That walk would be the last favor Davidson would give the Bearcats, as he struck out the final two batters he faced to take home the no-hitter and the win.

“The key for us was bouncing back,” said Lansberry. “We had a tough loss last night to Altoona and the sign of a good team is being able to bounce back. We did that tonight. We played really well and I am really pleased.”

With the win, The Bisons improved to 6-2 overall and 5-1 in the Central Penn League. Huntingdon fell to 3-5 overall and 1-4 in the CPL.

Clearfield returns to action on Saturday when it travels to Brookville to face the Raiders in a 1 p.m. start.

**Huntingdon - 0**

N. Gibboney 1b-p 1000, Royer rf 2000, Brindle p 1000, Black 1b 1000, Johnston dh 1000, Naugle c 1000, Sheffield lf 1000, B. Gibboney cf 1000, Collins ph 1000, Border 2b 1000, Stanowski ph 0000, Goss 3b 1000, Hoover ss 0000. TOTALS 12-0-0-0.

**Clearfield – 12**

Shaw dh 3211, Delucia 3b 1000, Kaspick cf 2100, Davidson p 4112, Hugney ss 3111, Richards rf 3133, Meckey lf 3011, Picard 1b 1100, Sayers 1b 0100, Yeager c 1210, Lanich ph 0000, Schickling 2b 3233. TOTALS 24-12-11-11.

**Score by Innings**

Huntingdon 000 00 – 0- 0-1

Clearfield 344 1X – 12-11-0

E-N. Gibboney. 2B-Richards 2.SB-Royer 2; Shaw, Kaspick, Richards, Meckey. McBride. LOB-Huntingdon 3; Clearfield 6.

Pitching: Brindle 2 IP 6 H 8 R 8 ER 3 BB 3 SO, N. Gibboney 2 IP 4 H 4 R 4 ER4 BB 1 SO; Davidson 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 4 BB 10 SO. WP-Davidson. L-Brindle.

**BISON HARDBALLERS CRUSH NORFOLK COLLEGIATE, 24-0 – Gardner fires no-hitter in season opener**

March 22, 2002

NORFOLK, VA- The Clearfield baseball team sure knows how to start the season off on the right foot.

Junior Craig Gardner pitched a no-hitter and the Bisons scored 24 runs on 13 hits to open the season with a 24-0 win over Norfolk Collegiate in five innings on Friday afternoon.

“It was a real good first outing for Craig,” said Bison head coach Sid Lansberry. “We’re real pleased with his effort today. Overall, it was a real good team effort. It was the first time on a real field.”

Gardner faced 14 batters, walking four and striking out 13 to pick up his first win of the season. He was also strong at the plate, batting in two runs and scoring three.

Todd Shaw, Dave Richards and Rob Kulling each batted in three runs for Clearfield.

The Bisons jumped out to an 8-0 lead after the first inning and then went on to score five and ten runs, respectively, in the second and third innings.

Norfolk pitcher Joe Rocornson felt the brunt of the Bison bats, giving up eight hits and 13 runs in just two innings of work.

Clearfield returns to action at noon today when it faces Maury, VA.

**Clearfield – 24**

Shaw cf 3213, Baughman cf 1000, Hugney 2b 2212, Kirsch 2b 1110, M. Davidson ss 2211, Delucia pr-1b 2010, Schickling 3b 2201, Wisor 3b 0000, Gardner p 3312, Altemus dh 1000, Meckey dh 1310, Sayers 1b 1112, Marino ss 0000, Richards rf 423, Collins rf 0001, Yeager c 2311, Kulling lf 2323, Peacock lf 1000. TOTALS 30-24-13-19.

**Norfolk Collegiate - 0**

Castleberry cf 2000, Howerin rf 2000, Rescornson p 2000, Moring p 0000, Ransconi 1b 1000, Wilson c 1000, Jessup ss 2000, Williams 2b 1000, Arnold lf 2000, Hudgins 3b 1000. TOTALS 14-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 85(10) 10 – 24-13-0

Norfolk Collegiate 00 0 00 – 0- 0-6

E-Arnold 2, Jessup, Ransconi, Castelberry, Hudgins. B. Welder G. Welder Mullen. 2B-KirscH Richards. SAC-Shaw. SB-Shaw, Meckey, Yeager Kulling. LOB-Clearfield 10; Norfolk Collegiate 2.

Pitching: Gardner 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 4 BB 13 SO; Recornson 2 IP 8 H 13 R 10 ER 6 BB 2 SO, Moring .1 IP 0 H 7 R 7 ER 6 BB 0 SO, Howerin 2.2 IP 5 H 4 R 3 ER 5 BB 4 SO. WP-Gardner. L- Recornson.

**BISONS HOLD BISHOP WALSH TO ONE HIT IN SWEEP OF DOUBLEHEADER**

April 17, 2004

CUMBERLAND, MD-The Clearfield High School baseball team swept a doubleheader Saturday over host Bishop Walsh behind a pair of sparkling pitching performances.

The Bisons won game one, 13-3, in five innings as Mike Gearhart tossed a complete game one hitter. Trey Wallace did Gearhart one better firing a no-hitter in game two to lead Clearfield to a 10-0 five inning victory.

The only blemish on Wallace’s five strikeout, no-hit performance was a hit batsmen in the Bishop Walsh fourth inning.

“Both Mike Gearhart and Trey Wallace pitched very well in their first starts as varsity pitchers,” Clearfield head coach Sid Lansberry said.

The Bisons pounded out 10 hits in game one with Jimmy Collins, Brandon Baughman and Kurt McGovern each collection two. Collins and McGovern had doubles while Baughman added a triple.

Nine different Clearfield batters had hits in game two. Josh Harbold, Collins, Calvin McClintock and Andrew Kirsch each doubled, with Harbold batting in three runs.

The Bisons improved to 4-2 on the season with the wins.

Clearfield travels to Punxsutawney today in a Central Penn League tilt.

**Clearfield – 10**

Collins cf 3111, Baughman lf 1300, McGovern ph 1011, Harbold rf 2113, Pollick 3b 2112, Davidson ph 1000, McClintock 1b 3012, Meckey 1b 1000, Kirsch 2b 3011, Gearhart 2b 0000, Dearing dh 2110, Wallace p 0000, B. Ryan c 3000, Butler ss 1210, Marino ph1110. TOTALS 24-10-9-10.

**Bishop Walsh - 0**

Hawkins ss 2000, Torres cf 1000, Hendershot p-lf 2000, Miller rf 2000, Smith c 2000, Raley 1b 1000, Riggleman ph 1000, Torres 3b 1000, Thomas lf 1000, Earnest p 0000, Zapf p 0000, Dietrick 2b 1000. TOTALS 14-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 220 42 – 10-9-0

Bishop Walsh 000 00 – 0-0-2

E-Smith Torres. 2B-Collins, Harbold, McClintock, Kirsch. SB-Baughman. LOB-Clearfield 7; Bishop Walsh 0.

Pitching: Wallace 5 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 0 BB 5 SO; Hendershot 2 IP 3 H 4 R 2 ER 2 BB 1 SO, Earnest 1.2 IP 3 H 4 R 4 ER 4 BB 3 SO, Zapf 1.1 IP 3 H 2 R 2 ER 0 BB 1 SO. WP-Wallace. L-Hendershot.

**CLERFIELD’S BRANDON ORSICH NO-HITS CURWENSVILLE IN 13-0 VICTORY**

By Andy Stine, Sports Writer

April 24, 2015

CURWENSVILLE-The Clearfield baseball team has handled every inning this season with just a 2-man pitching staff, and when you go 10 games into the season with just two pitchers, you must be doing something right.

Brandon Orsich has had a few less innings than senior ace Thomas Summers, but has had just as much success. Orsich continued his stellar season on Friday afternoon with a no-hitter in a 13-0 shutout in six innings over Curwensville.

“He deserved the no-hitter” said Bison head coach Sid Lansberry. “He pitched a great game. He got stronger as the game went on. He’s been pitching well, but this is his best performance so far this year.”

Orsich allowed a walk, a hit batsman and another Tide player to reach on an error on a bunt in the bottom of the sixth inning in his otherwise flawless outing of 82 pitches in six innings.

“The Orsich kid threw really well,” said Curwensville head coach Tom Harzinski. “Clearfield has a good team over there. Sid as them very well coached. We put the ball in play but they made the plays behind him. It’s just one of those days.”

The Bison lineup also did more than enough work for Orsich.

Clearfield’s first three hitters – Josh Sorbera, Spencer Herrington and Summers – went a combined 11-for-15 with eight runs scored and six RBIs. Herrington was 5-for-5 with three runs scored and drove in a couple of runs.

The Bison bench also collected a pair of hits in the 4-run sixth inning that put the 10-run rule into effect.

“The top of the order all hit the ball well,” said Lansberry. “And some of the guys that got a chance to come in and do something took advantage of it.”

“They hit the ball where we weren’t,” Harzinski said. “It’s just one of those days where things weren’t going to go our way.”

Clearfield plated four runs in the top of the first inning. The top three batters for the Bison all singled to start it off, with Summers brining in Sorbera. After a Cole Kephart walk, Orsich helped his cause with a 2-run single.

Erik Sellers had an RBI groundout later in the frame.

The Bison put across two more in the top of the second inning, with both runs coming with two outs.

Herrington started the rally with an infield single and moved to second on a wild pitch from Curwensville starting pitcher Jake B. Stiles.

Summers followed with a double that nearly made it to the center-field fence, scoring Herrington easily. Kephart knocked in Summers with a base hit to give Clearfield a 6-0 lead.

Orsich and Co. didn’t allow a ball into the outfield all game. The junior had nine strikeouts and nine groundouts in the game, including four of the groundouts to Herrington at shortstop.

“We played good defense behind Brandon,” said Lansberry. “Spencer made several nice plays. We made the routine plays. They put the ball in play many times but we made the plays. That’s what it takes – pitching and defense.”

Kephart had his second RBI single of the day in the fourth inning to extend the Bison lead to 7-0.

Herrington had a RBI double in each in fifth and sixth innings, while Summers brought in a run each on a groundout in the fifth and single in the sixth.

Logan Lykens and Justin Feeder had a base hit apiece off the bench in the sixth inning for the Bison, who improved to 8-2 on the season.

Stiles took the loss for the Tide. He gave up six earned runs on nine hits, walked one and fanned four. R.J. Olson pitched the final three innings in relief.

Curwensville dropped to 1-8.

Both teams are back in action on their home field on Monday. Clearfield hosts Bellefonte, while Curwensville entertains St Marys.

**Clearfield – 13**

Sorbera c 5330, Herrington ss 5352, Summers dh 5234, Myers 2b 0000, Kephart 3b 4122, Orsich p 2022, Lykens ph 1110, Rowles cf 4000, Sellers 3b 3001, Collins ph 1000, Hazel rf 3000, Fedder ph 1110, Cline lf 2110, Luzier ph 1100. TOTALS 37-13-18-11.

**Curwensville - 0**

Strickland cf 3000, Shaw rf 2000, J.B. Stiles p-3b 3000, Bloom dh 200, J.C. Stiles 2b 0000, H. Lancaster c 2000, Terry ss 2000, Timko 1b 2000, Butlin 3b 1000, Olson p 1000, Newkirk lf 1000. TOTALS 19-0-0-0.

**Score by Innings**

Clearfield 420 124 – 13-18-1

Curwensville 000 000 – 0-0-1

E-Sorbera; Shaw. 2B-Sorbera, Herrington 2, Summers. SB-Herrington, Cline; Newkirk LOB-Clearfield 9; Curwensville 3.

Pitching: Orsich 6 IP 0 H 0 R 0 ER 1 BB 9 SO; J.B Stiles 3 IP 9 H 6 R 6 ER 1 BB 4 SO, Olson 3 IP 9 H 3 R 2 ER 2 BB 2 SO, Zapf 1.1 IP 3 H 2 R 2 ER 0 BB 1 SO. WP-Orsich. L-J.B. Stiles.