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Baseball: Larkin tips Elgin in 10 innings

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Jeremy Gould singled with two outs in the bottom of the 10th inning to drive in Javier Cervantes from second base and lift Larkin to a 1-0 regional quarterfinal victory over Elgin at Trout Park Monday.

The game-winning hit resolved a pitcher's duel between No. 1 starters Max Anderson of Larkin and Elgin's Kyle Coates.

Anderson, who recently decommitted to Dubuque and will pitch for Elgin Community College, struck out 14 in 9 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings. He allowed only two baserunners via a single and a walk.

Coates, committed to Washington University in St. Louis, struck out 12 in 8 $\frac{1}{3}$ scoreless innings. He limited the Royals to 4 singles and a walk.

Cervantes ignited the winning rally by drawing a two-out walk from reliever Jon Palmer. No. 9 hitter Thomas Woodruff singled to bring Gould to the plate.

No. 9 Larkin (5-28) advances to a Class 4A Dundee-Crown regional semifinal against No. 1 Barrington on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. No. 10 Elgin finished 1-28.

Bartlett 2, Addison Trail 1: Bartlett scored twice in the bottom of the seventh inning to win a Class 4A regional quarterfinal.

Two walks and wild pitch put two Hawks in scoring position with no outs for Kevin Vesta. His sacrifice fly to right field made it 1-1. Matt Lewandowski later scored the winning run on an errant pickoff throw to first base.

Michael Vaca earned the win in relief of Geno Frieri, who struck out 7 and allowed an unearned run on 5 hits and a walk in 6 innings. Vaca entered with two runners in scoring position in the seventh inning but escaped via a fielder's choice and a popup to keep it a 1-run game.

No. 15 Bartlett (19-10-1) advances to a regional semifinal against host and top seed Willowbrook (23-6-1) on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

Geneva 8, Conant 6: The Vikings used a 6-run fourth-inning to build a 7-0 lead and hung on late to advance.

Winning pitcher Ben Croci allowed 5 earned runs on 8 hits, walked three and struck out six in 6 innings. Reliever Nick Black gave up a seventh-inning run on 2 walks and a hit before striking out the final three batters.

The win sends No. 14 Geneva (15-18-1) to a Class 4A St. Charles North regional semifinal against the host North Stars (23-10) on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. North swept the 3-game regular-season series between the DuKane Conference rivals.

Schaumburg 2, Marmion 0: Pinch hitter Justin Gadomski hit a two-out, 2-run home run to walk-off Marmion in a regional quarterfinal.

Losing pitcher Eric Lundell held No. 16 Schaumburg (10-20) scoreless for $6\frac{2}{3}$ innings until Gadomski's blast. Lundell allowed 2 earned runs on 4 hits and 2 walks. He struck out six.

No. 19 Marmion (8-16) was limited to singles by Tony Mele and Cole Green. Schaumburg advances to face No. 3 South Elgin (24-5) on Wednesday at 4:45 p.m.

Crystal Lake Central 4, Jacobs 1: The Golden Eagles were limited to 4 hits over 6 innings by senior Reece Mensching in a season-ending regional quarterfinal loss.

Andrew Balkcom took the loss after allowing 4 runs (3 earned) on 6 hits in $6\frac{1}{3}$ innings. He finished with 3 walks and 3 strikeouts.

Bryan Belo's double was the only extra-base hit for No. 6 Jacobs (15-21).