

■ **West Lawn 10, Kutztown 10 (eight):** At Kutztown, West Lawn (13-4 Blue, 28-13) scored three runs in the eighth inning to tie it before the interdivision game was called due to darkness.

The game will be replayed today at 5:30 p.m. at Kutztown.

Kutztown (14-3 White, 14-3) committed nine errors, making all of the Owls' runs unearned. Steve Dallas scored the tying run for West Lawn on a wild pitch. The Cougars failed to hold leads of 6-1, 7-4 and 10-7.

For Kutztown, Wade Miller went 2-for-3 with two RBIs, Dale Swartwood 2-for-5 with two RBIs, Mike Leshar 2-for-5 with an RBI and Jeff Leshar 1-for-2 with three RBIs.

Dustin Sands went 3-for-5 with two RBIs and Steve Dallas 1-for-3 with three RBIs for West Lawn.

■ **Conrad Weiser 4, Wyomissing 4 (10):** At Wyomissing,

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WEST LAWN OWLS

■ **Coach:** Tony Matz III, eighth season.

■ **Record:** 13-5 Blue (second place), 28-14-2 overall.

■ **Key hitters:** CF Mike Brown (.487, 38 runs, 32 RBIs, 18 SB), SS Dustin Sands (.395, 41 runs, 33 RBIs, four HRs, 41 SB), 1B Rich Greenberg (.329), 3B John Piscitelli (.356, 28 runs, 25 RBIs, eight triples), LF Jami Sands (.342, 43 runs, 17 RBIs), 2B Steve Dallas (.300, 32 runs, 27 RBIs).

■ **Key pitchers:** Righties Matt Schaeffer (6-1, 3.78 ERA), Joe Eschleman (6-1, 4.02), Jeremy Jefferson (4-1), John Piscitelli (3-5), Rich Greenberg (3-2, 2.38), Dustin Sands (0-0, four saves, 0.00).

■ **Facts, figures:** Ninth straight playoff appearance for Owls, who have won titles in '60, '61, '62 and '91. Last reached final in '92. . . . Went 1-2 in tournament last year, getting eliminated by Boyertown 16-15. . . . After shaky 6-4 league start, have regrouped to win seven of final eight and 12 of last 13 overall. . . . 6-4 against playoff qualifiers.

■ **Outlook:** Young Owls have matured over the course of the season, and can be considered a title contender if the pitching staff comes through and offense continues to score runs.

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Eagle/Times: Diane Staskowski

West Lawn's Steve Dallas, right, celebrates first-inning run with teammates before game is suspended.

White Division champ Cougars opened a 6-1 lead after two innings and Wade Miller allowed just two hits and struck out eight over five innings in a game suspended in the Kutztown fifth.

When the contest resumes today, the Cougars will have runners on first and third with one out for No. 8 hitter Taylor Grim.

Andy Roberts gave wild-card Reading a brief 1-0 lead on a first-inning RBI single, but Kutztown answered with three two-out runs in its half on Jeff Leshner's two-run double and a run-scoring passed ball by Cory Sadlowski.

In the second, the Cougars tacked on three more unearned runs when Miller delivered an RBI single and Rundle followed with a two-run double. Kutztown extended it to 7-1 in the fifth when Jeff Leshner doubled in Ian Fitzgerald.

■ **West Lawn 8, Muhlenberg 1 (1½ innings):** At Owls Field, Blue Division runner-up West Lawn took advantage of seven bunts, two hit batsmen, two

walks and two errors to jump on the A's early in a game suspended with nobody out in the bottom of the second.

White runner-up Muhlenberg had taken a 1-0 lead in its first when Paul Rozzi scored from third on a two-out error by third baseman John Piscitelli on Mike Spinka's grounder, but the Owls struck back with five in their half.

Mike Brown's one-out single tied it, then Piscitelli plated another with a bad-hop single. Chuck Dvorscak squeezed home Brown, and the Owls tacked on two more when A's pitcher Jeff Krick threw Jeff Zielinski's two-strike bunt hit into right field.

In the second, Sands beat out an infield hit, Brown legged out a bunt and both runners scored on Piscitelli's two-run double that finished Krick. Dvorscak bunted Piscitelli to third and reached safely when reliever Jason Schadler throw late to third. Zielinski drove in the eighth run on a bunt single before the game — which started 40 minutes late and endured two different rain delays — was called for good.

No dramatics this season: West Lawn romps past A's

The Owls rout Muhlenberg 18-2 in first round of the Berks Legion League playoffs. Boyertown is next.

By Darryl Grumling
Eagle/Times

A year ago in its Berks Legion League playoff opener with Temple, West Lawn needed a wild ninth-inning rally to narrowly avert an upset by the A's.

Such drama was necessary Friday at Owls Field, though, as the Blue Division runner-up Owls completed a first-round 18-2 romp over Muhlenberg (formerly Temple) in a game that was suspended by rain after 1½ innings Thursday.

West Lawn (29-14) advances to tonight's winners bracket semifinal with Red Division champ Boyertown (38-10), set for 7:30 at Bear Stadium, while the White Division runner-up A's (18-13) meet Exeter (11-12) in an elimination game at 7:05 at Laureldale.

Friday's contest resumed with the Owls holding a commanding 8-1 advantage with two on and nobody out in the bottom of the second. After a walk and 1-2-3 double play, Jami Sands delivered a two-run single. Older brother Dustin had an RBI single two batters later to make it 11-1.

"It was very important to start out with those two guys on and get something out of it," Owls coach Tony Matz III said. "We got three home and that was a big part of the game, because if Muhlenberg gets out of that situation, they feel they can at least start nipping back and eventually get back into the game."

That would not be the case thanks to the Owls' five-man

Shillington completes rout of Keys

From our news staff

Shillington's offensive outburst before rain suspended Thursday's Berks Legion League playoff opener with visiting Gregg Post was more than enough to help the Red Sox to a 22-4 victory that was completed Friday afternoon.

The Sox (27-11), who led 21-1 when play was halted with two out in the bottom of the eighth,

tacked on one more before the Keys (9-10) scored three times in the top of the ninth for the final margin.

Blue Division champ Shillington hosts White champ Kutztown in a winners bracket contest today at 5; Gregg Post meets Reading in an elimination game tonight at 8:05 at George Field.

mound committee of Matt Schaeffer, Rich Greenberg, Jeremy Jefferson, Mike Brown and Chris Clay. The quintet combined to allow just three hits and one earned run, with Jefferson (5-1) earning the win with two perfect innings of three-strikeout ball.

"That was real nice," said Matz, whose team avenged a 10-5 interdivision home loss to the A's in the regular season. "Our pitching should get as much credit as any other part of our team. Those guys did a great job, and we were able to save a good portion of our pitching for tomorrow (today), the next day and the day after that.

"We have a nice group of I'd say, seven, eight kids that can throw. We have a nice selection, and as long as they keep throwing strikes they'll do the job."

The Owls also did the job at the plate, pounding out 18 hits in producing their highest run total of the season. Reading Hot Stovers MVP John Piscitelli went 4-for-5 with a double, three runs and three RBIs; Dustin Sands went 4-for-4 with a triple, three runs, two steals and two ribbies; Mike

Brown and Jeff Zielinski had three hits apiece; and Brown, Jami Sands and Chuck Dvorscak each drove in three runs.

"The offense executed to just about its fullest potential the first two innings," Matz said. "And almost every other inning we did a good job offensively."

Muhlenberg, meanwhile, was limited to its lowest hit total of the season, getting just a third-inning RBI double and fifth-inning single from Hot Stovers MVP Jeff Krick, as well as a fourth-inning infield single from Eric Talarico.

"You don't win many games with three hits," said A's coach Dick Gochnauer, whose team is hosting the Pennsylvania State Tournament next month. "I'm very disappointed. West Lawn played well, but we're a lot better ballclub than this.

"I thought coming back tonight we'd have a shot, because this team can hit the ball. But three hits just don't do it. You never want to start out this way, but now we have to pick up the pieces and get it back together."

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FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Completions of Thursday's suspended games

West Lawn 18, Muhlenberg 2
Kutztown 8, Reading 5
Shillington 22, Gregg Post 4

MUHLENBERG		WESTLAWN	
abr	r h bi	abr	r h bi
Rozziss	2 2 0 0	J.Sands1f	4 3 2 3
Krickp	4 0 2 1	Dallas2b	3 1 0 0
Walborncl	4 0 0 0	Lhrmn2b	1 1 1 0
Spinka3b	3 0 0 0	D.Sands5s	4 3 4 2
Blackrf	0 0 0 0	Browncl	4 3 3 3
Talaricoc	3 0 1 0	Herbinerf	1 0 0 0
Flore2b	1 0 0 0	Piscitelli3b	5 3 4 3
Haasrf	3 0 0 0	Dvorscakc	4 1 1 3
Herbeinph	0 0 0 0	Zielinski1b	4 2 3 1
Schadler3b	1 0 0 0	Heck1b	1 0 0 0
Fiorvanlep	1 0 0 0	Palmrf	1 1 0 0
Schippch2b	2 0 0 0	Clayrf	1 0 0 0
Levanlf	2 0 0 0	Schaefferp	2 0 0 0
Boczarlf	2 0 0 0	Greenbergp	1 0 0 0
Hummel2b	3 0 0 0	Jeffersonp	0 0 0 0
		Kerchnerlf	1 0 0 0

Total	31	23	1	Total	37	18	15
Muhlenberg A's	101	000	000	—	2		
West Lawn Owls	560	021	31x	—	18		

E: Piscitelli, Krick 2, Black, DP: Muhlenberg 2, West Lawn 1, LOB: Muhlenberg 5, West Lawn 7, 2B: Piscitelli, Krick, Dvorscak, 3B: D.Sands, 5B: D.Sands, 2, J.Sands, Piscitelli, S: D.Sands, Schaeffer, Dvorscak, Dallas, Jefferson. SF: Brown.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Muhlenberg A's						
Krick (L, 3-3)	1	6	8	6	2	1
Schadler	4	5	5	5	3	2
Fioravante	1	5	4	4	1	0
Hummel	2	2	1	1	0	2
West Lawn Owls						
Schaeffer	2	0	1	0	2	0
Greenberg	3	3	1	1	1	1
Jefferson (W, 5-1)	2	0	0	0	0	3
Brown	1	0	0	0	0	1
Clay	1	0	0	0	2	0

Krick faced three batters in the second; Fioravante faced four batters in the seventh.
HBP: Dallas by Krick, Palmby Krick.
WP: Schadler 2, Hummel. PB: Talarico.
Umpires: Mike Kauffman, Roy Miller and Terry Schober.
T: 3:27. A: 300.

Boyertown rallies past Owls

■ The Bears win 8-7 on two late runs. Muhlenberg and Reading also win, eliminating Exeter and Gregg Post.

From our news staff

Boyertown rallied for single runs in the seventh and eighth innings Saturday night to defeat West Lawn 8-7 in a wild Berks Legion League playoff winners bracket semifinal at Bear Stadium.

With the Bears (39-10) trailing 7-6 heading into the home seventh, Matt Danner delivered a two-out RBI single to tie it. An inning later, Tony Saporito singled in Steve Mason with two out for what turned out to be the deciding run.

The Owls (29-15) put runners on first and second with one out in the top of the ninth, but reliever Andy Bausher got John Piscitelli (3-for-5, two RBIs) to fly to right,

and the Bears caught Dustin Sands in a rundown after a baserunning blunder.

Shawn Betz (3-1) got the win with 4½ innings of two-hit shutout ball. Mason finished 3-for-5 to head a 10-hit attack.

Boyertown advances to tonight's 7:35 winners' bracket final with Shillington; West Lawn drops to the losers' bracket and will meet Reading at 4:05.

The Owls took the early lead with two in the first when Jami Sands scored on a wild pitch and Piscitelli delivered an RBI single, but Boyertown came back with four in its second, highlighted by Rodney Miller's two-run single and Mason's RBI double.

West Lawn rallied to go back up 5-4 on Matt Palm's two-run single in the top of the third, but again the Bears answered in their

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half, with Saporito and Kevin McCaffrey scoring on Piscitelli's throwing error.

The Owls' Steve Dallas tied it back up in the fourth with an RBI single, and Piscitelli later added an RBI single to make it 7-6.

■ **Reading 16, Gregg Post 3:** At George Field, Jim Morrow allowed just two hits over seven innings and struck out 11 as the White Sox (12-9) cruised to an elimination win over the Keys (8-10).

Gregg Post had taken the early lead with an unearned run in the first on Sean Storch's sacrifice fly, but Reading came back with four in its second on Morrow's sacrifice fly, Yusuf Benton's RBI single and Keith Bowman's two-run single.

Danny Clemente tacked on a

two-run single in the third, Benton scored on an error in the fourth, and Benton had a run-scoring single and Jay Dianna an RBI double during a five-run sixth that sealed it.

Morrow (5-2) beat the Keys for the third time this season. Reading meets West Lawn in an elimination game today at 4:05 at Bear Stadium.

■ **Muhlenberg 6, Exeter 5:** At Laureldale, leadoff man Paul Rozzi sparked the offense and rightly Scott Levan got the victory to lead the A's (19-13) to an elimination win.

The White Division runner-up A's meet White champ Kutztown today at 12:35 at Bear Stadium in an elimination game.

Muhlenberg got on the board first on Jason Walborn's RBI groundout and made it 2-0 on Rozzi's (2-for-3, three RBIs, two steals) run-scoring single in the second.

WEST LAWN		BOYERTOWN	
g	r	g	r
J.Sands	5	Wynniscf	2
Dallas	2	Mason	3
B.Sandess	2	Lobaump	3
Piscitelli	3	Morrow	2
Danner	2	McCaffrey	3
Gruberg	2	Bertz	3
Zielinski	2	Miller	3
Palm	2	Williams	3
Eschleman	3	Miller	4
Herrnberg	1	Bausher	0
Total	35	Total	30

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
West Lawn Owls	5 1/2	5	6	2	6
Eschleman	2 1/2	5	6	2	1
Herrnberg (L-4)	2 1/2	5	6	2	1
Boyertown Bears	4	10	7	3	2
Wynniscf	4 1/2	7	0	0	1
Bertz (W-3)	4 1/2	7	0	0	1
Bausher (S-1)	4 1/2	7	0	0	1

HBP: Wynings by Eschleman. WP: Eschleman by Bausher. E: Bausher, 2.

READING		WESTLAWN	
	abr hbi		abr hbi
Hardy3b	4 0 0 0	J.Sands1f	4 0 0 1
Bowmancf	2 2 1 2	Dallas2b	4 0 0 0
Djanna1b	4 1 1 0	D.Sandss	3 1 1 0
Sadlwskc	5 2 2 2	Browncf	4 1 1 1
Robertsrf	2 1 0 0	Piscilli3b	4 1 2 0
Gastonrf	0 0 0 0	Dvorscakc	4 0 1 1
Velez2b	5 1 0 0	Zielinski1b	3 0 0 0
Clementss	4 1 3 2	Palmrf	1 1 0 0
Bentonlf	3 1 0 1	Clayrf	1 0 0 0
Tarnoskip	4 0 0 0	Jeffersonp	3 0 1 0
Morrowp	0 0 0 0	Greenbergp	0 0 0 0
		Leathrmn2b	1 0 0 0

Total 33 9 7 7 Total 32 4 6 3

Reading White Sox 000 000 801 — 9
 West Lawn Owls 000 013 000 — 4

E: Hardy, Clemente, J.Sands, Jefferson,
 Leatherman, DP: West Lawn 1, LOB:
 Reading 7, West Lawn 7, 2B: D.Sands, SB:
 D.Sands, CS: Clemente, D.Sands, S: Ben-
 ton, Zielinski.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Reading White Sox						
Tarnoski (W,5-2)	7	6	4	2	4	3
Morrow	2	0	0	0	0	2
West Lawn Owls						
Jefferson	6	4	4	2	5	3
Greenberg (L,3-3)	2½	1	4	2	1	1
D.Sands	1½	2	0	0	1	0
J.Sands	1	0	1	0	1	1

HBP: by Greenberg (Benton), WP: Tar-
 noski 2, T: 2:41.