

Royals start big, get two opening wins

By ANDREA TWITCHELL
Lynnwood grabbed two opening season victories last week, conquering Marysville, 2-1, and Mariner, 9-1.

Against Marysville, Lynnwood totaled five hits, the biggest of which was made by Mike Haugen in the first inning. Haugen jumped on a pitch for a double.

No run came across until the fifth when Rob Bruns came through for

Lynnwood. The game was knotted in the sixth and stayed that way until the ninth when Bruns scored again.

Lynnwood's Jim Goff and Dave Henderson had five and four strikeouts apiece, but it was against Mariner that the Royal pitching came alive.

JIM POWERS buried for five innings with a no-hitter, striking out eight.

John Sigler also had an outstanding day by fanning six in the final four innings. Mariner ended up with only two hits.

Lynnwood had 10 hits, taking advantage of almost all. Powers went three for three, all singles, and converted one into a run.

Rich Bruns and Mike Haugen ripped for triples and finished the game with two runs each.

Royals get third season victory

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Grabbing their third win of the season, Lynnwood downed Redmond, 6-1, in baseball action last week.

The Royals dominated all facets of the game, collecting six hits with

three errors and two excellent pitching performances from John Sigler and Jim Goff.

Sigler hurled the opening three innings and chalked up six strikeouts, eight of nine outs. Goff then stepped to the mound and pitched two innings of no-hit baseball. Combined, the pair allowed only four hits.

Redmond had six errors, a major cause of the loss.

Rob Bruns went two for two and opened for the Royals. Jim Powers brought him around and Bruns then doubled in the second, sending in Jim Johnson.

Richie Bruns blasted a triple in the sixth for two more RBIs.

Edmonds' only run came in the sixth when Rob Johnson doubled to bring in Jim Code.

Tigers sweat out errors, split two

By STUART MICHELSON

The Edmonds Tigers split a week of baseball, defeating Everett, 8-7, and losing a close one to Lynnwood.

Edmonds coach Art Snoey said that errors, the big banana this spring, hurt the Tigers.

"They've all come at once," Snoey said. Indeed, in the third

inning, Lynnwood scored five runs—all of which were unearned. For Edmonds, both Mike Appleby and Kevin Cumbro hit home runs but the inexperience has hurt the Tigers.

Against Everett, four more errors and two unearned runs came across unearned. Thanks to Edmonds' emphasis on hitting, the Tigers rallied

in the bottom of the seventh and trailing 7-4.

With one out, Kevin Shannon singled and Clay Meinholt followed with a run.

homerun. Rob Heesen and Gary Olson picked up hits and with the bases loaded, doubled home the winning run.

Royals sweep Oak Harbor in series 4-1

By ANDREA TWITCHELL

Lynnwood devastated Oak Harbor last week, sweeping a three game series and knocking their league record to 7-1.

Oak Harbor fought back in the final game, losing 8-7, but the Royals dominated the other two games, 11-2 and 8-0.

The Wildcats took the lead in the first game until the third inning. With a

homerun run advantage, Jim Terlaja singled and scored on an error. From then on, it was Lynnwood's game.

Johnson showed no mercy; Jim Goff's 10 strikeouts mercy;

and Jim Power's double homer and four RBIs led the Royals. Power's homer was only one of three. Rich Bruns also got hold of one in the sixth and Dan Goff added his in the seventh.

POWERS TOOK the shutout in the second game, fanning 14 batters and getting a no-hitter.

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Bruns had two singles and two RBIs and Johnson had three RBIs.

Powers saved Lynnwood's victory in the third game when he threw a perfect strike from deep right to catcher Dan Goff just in time to nullify Oak Harbor's Dan DeGraf.

Oak Harbor took a 5-1 lead in the opening inning but Lynnwood countered with four runs in the second to knot the score.

Lynnwood won the game in the fourth when Dan Goff scored on a double steal.

Lynnwood's bat power prevailed in their third game as they tallied 11 hits. Rob Bruns hit two for four, knocked in two runs, and scored on a bases-loaded single to give the Royals a 4-1 lead in the fourth inning. Jess Stansberry went two for three. Greg McNulty was three-for-four with three doubles and two RBIs and Jim Goff topped it off with a homerun and two RBIs.

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Royals 1st loss

Woodway handed Lynnwood its first loss of the season last Friday, 3-1, while boosting the Warrior record to 5-0.

Woodway took a 2-0 lead in the first inning but the Royals answered with one of their own in the third.

Insurance in the sixth gave Woodway the 3-1 edge.

Erick Lundin hurled the distance for the Warriors, getting eight strikeouts in the process and boosting his record to 4-0 on the season.

Lundin's third victory this year came against Everett in a 4-0 shutout. He fanned eight batters in that game, too, allowing only two hits.

WOODWAY beat Renton, 4-1, on three hits and two errors, on the steady pitching of Gordy Gradwohl and on

luck. None of Woodway's runs were earned; he was scored on an error and on two more on forced in base on balls, and one on a hit batter.

Rob Bruns to clinch the victory.

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Lynnwood wins series with Panthers — barely

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Lynnwood opened up its series against Snohomish with a narrow victory last week, 6-5, but proceeded to slaughter the Panthers in the second game, 10-2, and then finally fell 3-1 in the last game of the series.

Outstanding effort in the bottom of the fifth by Jim Powers embanked the Royal victory. With a bases-loaded triple, Powers knocked out Keith Marshall. Jeff Sigler and

Rob Bruns to clinch the victory.

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5-17 Woodway, Lynnwood to battle in 'best series ever'

By RIC ROFF

Teams with near identical records will enter the Western Conference basketball playoffs this week at Mariner High School in Everett.

But records are not the only similarities in the two teams.

Woodway and Lynnwood have much more in common than that. They also hit and their pitching is nothing to sneeze at.

It should be one of the best matchups in a long time. Lynnwood coach Kim Wilson said, "For one thing, the coach I'm playing against knows just about everything about us and we know just about everything about them."

THE REASON is because until this year

No kidding: Royals hold baseball crown

By RIC ROFF

Lynnwood baseball coach Kim Wilson said the Royals won the Wesco championship game against Woodway 5-2.

But in the bottom half of the seventh inning with the Royals ahead 5-2, there was some serious tension that may have made the coach age about 10 years. Now make it five. The game was important but Lynnwood had already won the opening series game in the best of three finale. If they blew this opportunity they still had another game to go. The loser then would play the winner of the Meadowdale versus Marysville-Pilchuck game for yet another shot at state.

Now make it five years. ANYWAY, what happened is that Woodway loaded the bases up and was threatening to take it all home with them. Mark Rogers was hit by a Jim Powers' pitch to start things off. Mike

Hanson singled and coach Wilson went with his trusty reliever Dave Henderson.

Henderson walked bearded Woodway slugger Eric Lundin and Jim Andrews hit a shot to short, where it was bobbled, tossed nowhere, and everyone was safe.

Interesting. Next batter was Gordy Lindstrom, a .290 season average. But Lindstrom hit one on the handle and it trickled to first for one out. Hanson stormed home and was out at the plate for two away and then Dan Dahlquist stepped up. With a three-two count, Wilson probably wished he was somewhere else.

This is where he starts joking. "I didn't even watch the first three and two pitch," he said. "And it was fooled off. I had to go through the whole thing again."

Henderson's pitch was swung at and missed.

"IT WAS a good game, typical of the kind of game I expect from Woodway," Wilson said. "And they had more than one opportunity. They played fine baseball."

Indeed. But so did Lynnwood. They had the bases loaded with one out in the third when Greg McNulty, who drove in one of Lynnwood's two runs in the first, struck out. Powers popped out and the threat was extinguished.

In the fourth and fifth, Lynnwood had two men on but couldn't keep the momentum flowing.

"There's something to say about Woodway's defense," Wilson commented. "They stopped us. But we stopped them, too. It was just that kind of game."

In the first, after Rob Bruns proceeded to second on an error, Lynnwood's Jim Johnson doubled to bring in Bruns. McNulty then brought

in Johnson with a duplicate blast.

WOODWAY countered in the second when Lundin drew a free base and Andrews singled. Lundin then scored on an infield out.

In the fourth, Lynnwood added the game-winning run when Rob Bruns (again) got on courtesy an error. Johnson walked, Rich Bruns laid down a bunt; single and Powers walked to score a run.

Hitting was pretty even, with Woodway on the short end of four while Lynnwood had five.

Woodway coach Doug Oppenshaw said that Woodway's hitting, which had been much more apparent in early season games, should improve in the Marysville-Pilchuck game on Monday.

"We're capable of hitting but we just didn't hit," he said. "But we faced some good pitching. Naturally, I look for that part of our game to change."

Wesco baseball

Final standings Eastern division

Team	W	L
Lynnwood	16	4
Meadowdale	13	7
Everett	11	9
Snohomish	10	10
Mountlake Terrace	4	13
Oak Harbor	3	15

Western division

Team	W	L
Woodway	14	4
Marysville-Pilchuck	10	8
Edmonds	10	8
Cascade	9	9
Mariner	2	15

Edmonds District fills Wesco team

Five Edmonds District baseball players made the Wesco Baseball All-Opponent Team selected last week by coaches and players of the Western Conference.

Lynnwood's Jim Powers and Greg McNulty; Everett's Dan Hutt; Meadowdale's Jeff Zaski and Brad Mackie; Edmonds' Gary Olson and Woodway's Mike Hanson were first team selections from Edmonds District.

Second team selections favored Woodway, which placed four more players on the roster. Gordie Gradwohl, Eric Lundin, Jim Andrews and Mark Rodgers made the selection for team two.

OTHER members of the second team were Lynnwood's Jeff Goff, Meadowdale's Bart Mackie and Scott Borjyns; Edmonds' Mike Appleby; Everett's Jeff Hutt; Snohomish's Todd Martins; and Greg Kramer and Cascade's Martin Methven.

Team one pitching went to Powers, Zaski and Everett's Dan Hutt. Only one

catcher stood out among the rest, Randy Frelund of Snohomish. While the outfield went to Meadowdale's McNulty, Mackie and Dave Robinson of Mariner.

First base honors went to Edmonds' Olson, third base to Hanson of Woodway, second base to Randy Jallo of Marysville-Pilchuck and shortstop to Jon Ramberg of Snohomish.

ON SECOND team, Gradwohl and Lundin of Woodway plus Goff of Lynnwood received pitching honors while Andrews and Mackie shared the catcher's spot.

The infield consists of Everett's Jeff Hutt at first, Borjyns and second, Appleby at short and Martins at third. Outfielders are Methven, Rodgers and Kramer.

Receiving honorable mention were Mountlake Terrace's Glen Bernard, Wes Drinnin and Rick Cummins; Lynnwood's Rob and Rich Bruns and Jeff Foote; Woodway's Pat McDevitt; Meadowdale's Dick Day, Tom Keen and Steve Kramer; and Rob Heesen and Clayton McInbold of Edmonds.



GREG MCNULTY Carries Royals weight

State pitching ousts Warriors, Royals

Lynnwood and Woodway "struck out" at the state Region II AAA baseball tournament last weekend, getting no further than one game in state play.

The Royals faced a hard-hitting Juanita club committed four errors and gave up 11 hits in a 9-0 shutout while the Warriors were also blanked 3-0 after being rained out on Friday.

Lynnwood's Jim Goff held on until the fifth inning after most of the damage was done and Juanita had a 7-0 lead. Then reliever Dave Henderson came in and gave up another two runs.

"WE DIDN'T play very well," Lynnwood coach Kim Wilson understated. "They're pitching was as good as we thought it would be—maybe better. But defensively, we made more mistakes than in any other single game we've played all year."

Wilson said that Juanita hit better than expected, however, and just kept on hitting.

"They got four hits off Henderson," he said. "They hit rockets off him."

GREG MCNULTY picked up Lynnwood's only hit with a lead off line drive to right in the second inning.

McNulty then stole second and was the only Royal to reach that bag all night.

In contrast, Brian Stewart powered the Juanita offense with three hits in four tries that included a two-run single in the fifth. Before that inning was over, Juanita had exploded for six runs.

Craig Misuradze also had a two-run single.

ON THE OTHER side of town and in another time period, Woodway pitcher Gordy Gradwohl and Newport's Ron Romanik battled on the mound.

Unfortunately, the Warriors lost this one, too. Gradwohl fanned 14 while Romanik put down 16 and walked only two. The Knights scored the game's only three runs in the fourth after Romanik doubled and scored on a wild pitch and an error. Two walks set up Kevin McQuilken's two-run single and the Knights had their 3-0 win.

Woodway began a rally in the bottom of the seventh when Eric Lundin and Gordy Lindstrom singled to put batters on first and second with only one out.

Romanik put down the threat, however, striking out Dan Dahlquist and giving Mark Otto a ground out.

Woodway had no runs on three hits and one error while Newport had three runs on three hits and one error.



COACH KIM WILSON Faced excellent pitching

