

Manogue wins battle of aces

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Every team had their ace pitcher on the mound Tuesday.

But not every team had its best defense behind him.

Spanish Springs senior Ryan Anderson had a great outing, but Bishop Manogue took advantage of three Cougars' errors for a 4-3 win Tuesday at Manogue in the first round of the Northern Division I baseball playoffs.

Manogue stayed in the winners' bracket in the double-elimination tournament and will play at Galena at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Galena beat Reed, 7-1, as Jared Kiessler struck out seven. Reed will play at Spanish Springs on Wednesday.

Reno junior Christian Chamberlain tossed a one-hitter as the Huskies beat Damonte Ranch, 8-0.

And in the upset of the day, McQueen beat Carson, 6-4, as Ty Hutton was 2-for-4 with 2 RBIs.

McQueen will play at Reno on Wednesday and Damonte is at Carson.

Manogue scored twice in the second inning Tuesday, on two errors and no hits. The Miners finished with four hits in the game.

Anderson had 13 strikeouts with two walks.

Manogue starter Mike Davis was also effective as he had seven strikeouts, no walks, and scattered seven hits.

"He pitched great today," Manogue coach Charles Oppio said. "We've pitched him on short rest. We've pitched him on four days. He's been an outstanding warrior for us."

The Cougars broke through in the fifth when Joey Arterburn doubled to center to score Alan Lummel. The Cougars got two runners on in the seventh with no outs and added two more runs. Cole Salais went in to relieve Davis and forced a ground out to end the game.

"Those guys are good players and tough competitors," Oppio said of the Cougars. "It was fortunate for us. We did a good job of taking advantage of what they gave us. When Ryan's pitching, you're not going to get much."

He said all the teams are even now in the playoffs. They were fairly even in the regular season, too.

"I've never seen the league like it was this year," Oppio said. "Anybody can beat anybody."

Davis said he was confident before the game.

"I knew the situation coming into the game," Davis said. "I didn't have everything when I was pitching so I was glad that my placement and my fastball were good enough to win the game."

The Miners played well in the second half of the season. Since losing two to Galena on April 23, 4-2 and 8-7, they have only lost twice.

"We just beat the best pitcher in the league," Davis said. "We're on a roll. Nobody can beat us now."

Jordan Dicus and Jordan Hunt had the Miners' RBIs.

Spanish Springs coach Ben Hoffman said it came down to which team played better defense.

"In this case, it was not us," Hoffman said. "We've got to play better to win. We've got to play defense to win ballgames. We're not good enough to just kick it around and allow a team to score some runs that maybe they didn't earn."

Connor Culp and Lummel were each 2-for-3 for Spanish Springs. Joey Arterburn drove in two runs.

In Reno's win, Chamberlain had 15 strikeouts and two walks. Ryan Boucher tripled and drove in three runs. Connor Allard was 2-for-3 with a triple.

Austin Thomas got the win in McQueen's game. He struck out four and walked two. Alex Scott was 2-for-3 with 2 RBIs.

Tarek Been was 3-for-3 for the Senators and Jesse Lopez was 2-for-3 and drove in two runs. Mark Carter also had two hits. Bryce Moyle took the loss. He struck out eight and walked three.

Sami Baig was 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs and three runs scored in the Grizzlies win. Tom Lichty drove in two and Niko Pezonella and Austin Wickham were each 2-for-3.

For Reed, Brendan Kernan was 2-for-2.

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