

Fox Valley and Hilda win Saskalta League semi-finals

A crowd of over 800 took in the Saskalta Baseball League semi-final playoffs at Fox Valley last Sunday and saw the Fox Valley Lions and Hilda Cubs come through with victories to advance into the final round of the League playoffs for the Saskalta League trophy. Fox Valley met the Maple Creek Mohawks in the first game while the Hilda Cubs and Burstall Braves tangled in the second game. The third game between Fox Valley and Hilda was won

by Fox Valley by a close score and decided the schedule for the final playoffs. All the games were close, although the first two were of a high scoring variety.

Fox Valley vs. Maple Creek

The Maple Creek Mohawks took an early lead in the game scoring 2 runs in the first inning, 4 in the third and 1 in the fourth. At this stage of the game were leading by a 7 to 1 score. Fox Valley got up off the floor in the bottom of the fourth to run in six runs and tied the score seven all. The Lions scored one more in the fifth and then in the sixth inning they were really roaring when they ran in 7 more runs to hold a 15 to 7 lead. Maple Creek rallied in the eighth inning to score three more but were unable to cross the plate after that. Morris Burkhardt went the route for Fox Valley on the mound and struck out a total of 16 Maple Creek batters. He had a little control giving up five walks and one hit batter, but he was able to come through every time the pressure was on. Jerry Chabot started for Maple Creek and did very well until he got into trouble in the bottom of the fourth and was relieved by Les Wall. Chabot went back in again for the fifth inning and one third of the sixth inning when the roof fell in and was relieved again by Wall for the rest of the game. No home runs were hit in the game, but Chabot of Maple Creek and Frank Meyer for Fox Valley each hit triples. For Fox Valley, 15 runs on 14 hits and 1 error; Maple Creek, 10 runs on 11 hits and 6 errors. Burkhardt the winning pitcher, Chabot charged with the loss.

Hilda vs. Burstall

In a game in which the lead changed hands several times, the Hilda Cubs came through with a big four-run eighth inning to win by an 11 to 9 score. The Burstall Club out-hit Hilda and made fewer errors, but the Cubs were able to come through

when the pressure was on.

Hilda led 2 to 1 after the first inning. Burstall moved ahead 4 to 3 after the second and Hilda tied it up 4 all in the third. Burstall came up with three runs to lead 7 to 4 after the fifth inning and Hilda tied it up again 7 all in the bottom of the seventh inning. In the big eighth inning for Hilda, two walks, a sacrifice and three hits scored them four runs to put them ahead 11 to 7. The Braves threatened to tie it in the ninth but were only able to get two runs across and the Hilda Cubs advanced into the finals with a 11 to 9 win. Arnold Surina went the route for Hilda getting 10 strikeouts, and allowed five walks. Ken May started for Burstall and was relieved by Harvey Schmidt after one-third of the seventh inning. Norm Ziegler was the hero of the day for Hilda with a bases loaded triple in the eighth inning. Haig for Burstall tripped and doubled but died on base both times. For Hilda 11 runs on 11 hits and 5 errors; Burstall 9 runs on 12 hits and 2 errors. Arnold Surina the winning pitcher, Harvey Schmidt charged with the loss.

Fox Valley vs. Hilda

In a game that only went seven innings because of darkness, the Fox Valley club edged Hilda by a 6 to 5 score. Ernie Weimer and Len Bischoff pitched for the Lions, while Elroy Fischer went the route for Hilda. For Fox Valley, 6 runs on 8 hits and 3 errors; Hilda 5 runs on 10 hits and 4 errors. Len Bischoff the winning pitcher, Fischer charged with the loss.

As a result of these games Fox Valley Lions and Hilda Cubs advance into the finals for the Saskalta League trophy, against the Walsh Hot Shots and Richmond Rockets. These finals will be played at Richmond, Sunday, August 30th. Fox Valley vs. Walsh at 12 noon, Richmond vs. Hilda at 2.30 p.m. and the two winners of these games, meet at 5.00 p.m. for the league trophy.