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Cedar Rapids Washington's Jacob Bockenstedt delivers to the plate in the first inning last night against Marion in the Bob Vrblcek Metro Baseball Tournament at Washington High School.

Washington/Victorious in pitching duel with Marion

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game with three runs in the bottom of the sixth. Tyler Oberbroeckling singled to lead off the inning and scored because of an errant throw on a sacrifice bunt. The Lions looked in control after Dan Coughlin's two-run double.

The Saints received an immediate boost, opening the top of the seventh with consecutive doubles from Will Angstman and Bryson Bastian to get on the board. Xavier's No. 9 batter Nick Schmucker and Lux extended the inning with two-out walks to load the bases.

Kyle Moeder stepped to the plate and hit a liner to right center, driving in Bastian and Schmucker to tie the game.

"That all started with my teammates to lead the inning off," Moeder said. "I was just trying to stay relaxed and composed. I wanted to do whatever I could for my team to try and deliver."

Quinn Schulte drew a bases loaded walk to score Lux, giving the Saints a 4-3 lead. Xavier sent 10 batters to the plate in the seventh after being shut out through the first six.

"The energy in the dugout tonight was incredible," Moeder said. "It helped give us a boost at the end."

Linn-Mar forced extra innings on Coughlin's RBI groundout in the seventh. Coughlin had three RBIs, while Nate Annis had two hits to lead the Lions.

Xavier loaded the bases on three straight walks in the eighth. Lux tried to place the ball in the outfield.

"Any way that works," Lux said. "I'm not trying to crush the ball. You have to shorten it up a little and just do a job. I



Marion pitcher Rick Atkins throws to first for an out after fielding a grounder during the first inning against Cedar Rapids Washington.

got a good pitch and was able to get it out to the green."

Xavier starter Ryan Hosch threw five innings and Braden Albert tossed three innings of relief for the victory.

"We wanted Hosch to go deep tonight," Halter said. "He did a really good job."

C.R. WASHINGTON 2, MARION 1—Drew Christensen smacked a two-out single, scoring Darren Spang for the winning run in the bottom of the seventh and lifting the Warriors over the Class 3A seventh-ranked Indians in the quarterfinals of the Bob Vrblcek Metro tournament.

Washington started the winning rally with an infield single from Spang with two outs. Spang moved to second on a balk. After a walk to Lincoln Riley, Christensen

delivered the winning line drive to center field.

The game was a pitchers' duel between the Warriors Jacob Bockenstedt and Marion's Rick Atkins. Bockenstedt allowed one run on two hits in five innings, striking out 12 batters. Atkins was equally as impressive, going the distance for Marion, striking out 11 and giving up just five hits.

Marlon opened the scoring in the second. Trevor Paulsen singled and scored on Gage Franck's sacrifice fly. Washington's first run was unearned. Riley was hit by a pitch and scored when Christensen reached on a two-out error.

Washington will host in a semifinal today, starting at 7 p.m.

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