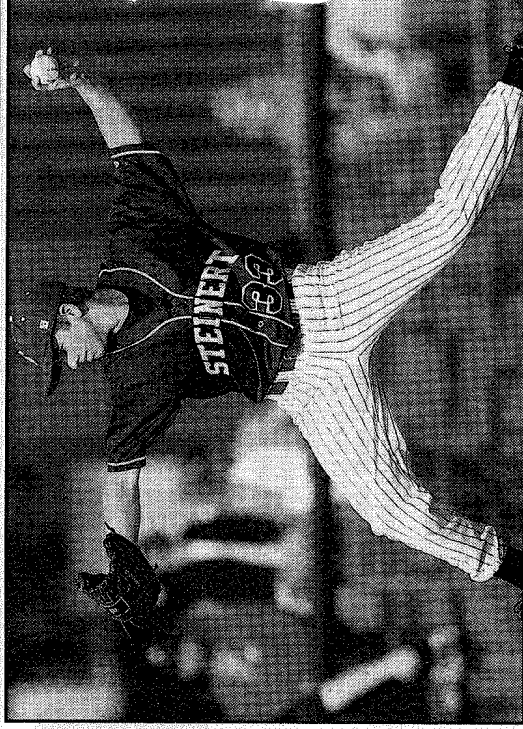


HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL



Trentonian File Photo/GREGG SLABODA
Steinert's Kyle Paul and the Spartans earned the top seed in the MCT.

Steinert, Nottingham top MCT seeding

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The Steinert and Nottingham High baseball teams came away with the top two seeds, respectively, for the Mercer County Tournament when the pairings were announced yesterday.

In a rare twist, the tournament, which usually begins with first-round games on a Saturday, will hold off until Wednesday, May 6 this time around.

With 17 teams entered, there will be a play-in game before then as No. 17 Trenton visits No. 16 Allentown at 4 p.m. tomorrow for the right to play at top-seeded Steinert May 6.

Quarterfinal games will then be played Saturday, May 9 at Mercer County Park with semifinal games returning to that site Tuesday, May 12.

The whirlwind tournament will come to an end 10 days after its opening round when

the championship game is played at 7 p.m. Friday, May 15 at Waterfront Park in Trenton.

- MCT Pairings
- 1. Steinert, 2. Nottingham, 3. WW-P North, 4. Ewing, 5. Hopewell Valley, 6. Princeton Day School, 7. Notre Dame, 8. WW-P South, 9. Robbinsville, 10. Hamilton, 11. Hightstown, 12. Lawrenceville, 13. Pennington, 14. Hun, 15. Princeton, 16. Allentown, 17. Trenton.

MCT Schedule

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| Trenton at Allentown | Tuesday, May 5 | 4:00 |
| Trenton/Allentown winner at Steinert | Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 |
| Lawrence at Hopewell Valley | Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 |
| Hun at WW-P North | Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 |
| Hightstown at PDS | Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 |
| Hamilton at Notre Dame | Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 |
| Princeton at Nottingham | Wednesday, May 6 | 4:00 |
| Lawrence/HoVal vs Pennington/Ewing | Thursday, May 7 | noon |
| Hamilton/ND vs Princeton/Nottingham | Thursday, May 7 | 3:30 |
| Hightstown/PDS vs Hun/WW-P North | Thursday, May 7 | 3:30 |
| Rville/WWPS vs Trentin/A'town/Steinert | Thursday, May 7 | 7:00 |
| Consolations | | |
| TBA (at home sites) | Tuesday, May 12 | TBA |
| Semifinals (at Mercer County Park, Field 1) | | |
| Quarterfinal winners | 3:30 & 7:00 | |
| Consolations | | |
| TBA (at home sites) | Friday, May 15 | TBA |
| Championship (at Waterfront Park, Trenton) | | |
| Semifinal winners | 7:00 | |

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