

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

MCT seeding draws near

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It may seem like it has sneaked up on everyone because of all the rain with which the area has been dealing, but at the end of the day tomorrow, the high school baseball coaches in the area will be preparing a record sheet to send in the next morning for qualification in the Mercer County Tournament.

That's right. By Thursday, the teams will know their seedings for the 30th annual tournament. Two days later, they will be playing first-round games (or at least that is the hope).

Here is a look at how the 17 area teams who usually make themselves eligible for the MCT would stand if the pairings were announced tomorrow. Note: it is not known if all 17 teams will enter the tournament, but in baseball, unlike some other sports, all of them usually enter.

MCT Pairings (as of Sunday, April 26): 1. Steinert 12-1, 2. Nottingham 10-1, 3. WW-P North 7-2, 4. Ewing 7-2, 5. WW-P South 6-3, 6. Hopewell Valley 6-4, 7. Notre Dame 5-4, 8. Hightstown 5-5, 9. Lawrence 4-4, 10. Pennington 3-3, 11. Princeton Day School 3-4, 12. Hun 4-6, 13. Robbinsville 4-7, 13. Hamilton 4-7, 14. Princeton 3-8, 15. Allentown 2-7, 16. Trenton 2-7.

The good news is, with continued summer-like weather forecast for the next two days, teams will get a chance to

jockey for better positioning before the end of play tomorrow.

The bad news is the long range forecast is for rain next weekend. But let's just enjoy the baseball that will get to be played before worrying how MCT athletic directors would deal with those headaches.

Ewing's Nick Cifelli and Nottingham's Matt Patterson continue to dominate the Colonial Valley Conference statistics.

Cifelli, the Blue Devils' senior third baseman, leads five categories and is mentioned in seven (out of eight). He is only currently not among the league leaders in doubles.

Matt Patterson has really taken off in his junior year with the Northstars. Not only does he appear in four offensive categories (batting average, hits, home runs and RBIs), he is also among the pitching leaders with a 1.84 earned run average.

No. 2-ranked Nottingham will have some key clashes this week as No. 8 Notre Dame visits tomorrow, No. 20 Robbinsville visits Wednesday, then the Northstars travel Klockner Road to top-ranked Steinert Friday.

STATS

CVC Leaders
Games through Friday, April 24
BATTING

AVERAGE (minimum 22 at-bats) — Nick Cifelli (Ewing) 18-28, .643; Brian Witkowski (Notre Dame) 12-23, .522; Joe Leone (Notre Dame) 15-29, .517; Matt Patterson (Nottingham) 17-33, .515; Jose Garcia (Trenton) 12-24, .500; Ed Ras (Allentown) 11-23, .478; Steve Arnold (Ewing) 13-29, .448; Tom Koontz (Allentown) 11-25, .440; Matt Chotkowski (Nottingham) 13-30, .433; Tyler Cignarella (Hopewell Valley) 13-30, .433; David Schultz (Hightstown) 10-24, .417; Chris Sunkiskis (Hamilton) 12-29, .414; Ryan Phelan (WW-P North) 9-22, .409; Eric Patterson (Nottingham) 11-27, .407; Nick Miranda (Princeton) 13-32, .406; Mark Kalokitis (Steinert) 15-37, .405; Coiby Haring (Princeton) 12-30, .400; Eric Kondor (Ewing) 12-30, .400.

HITS — Cifelli (Ewing) 18, Matt Patterson (Nottingham) 17, Kalokitis (Steinert) 15, Leone (Notre Dame) 15, Marc Mocerri (Steinert) 14, Arnold (Ewing) 13, Chotkowski (Nottingham) 13, Cignarella (Hopewell Valley) 13, Miranda (Princeton) 13, Freddie Ulisse (Robbinsville) 13.

DOUBLES — Benito Gonzalez (Princeton) 5, Kalokitis (Steinert) 5, Sugith Murali (WW-P South) 5, Arnold (Ewing) 4, Mike O'Byrne (Nottingham) 4, Phelan (WW-P North) 4, Ed Ras (Allentown) 4, 10 tied with 3.

TRIPLES — Chotkowski (Nottingham) 3, Cifelli (Ewing) 3, Carlos DeJesus (Trenton) 2.

HOME RUNS — Cifelli (Ewing) 3, Paul Grant (Lawrence) 2, Scott Kelly (WW-P North) 2, Matt Patterson (Nottingham) 2, Nick Zucchero (Steinert) 2.

RUNS SCORED — Eric Patterson (Nottingham) 16, Mocerri (Steinert) 15, Cifelli (Ewing) 12, Nick Beers (Steinert) 12, Witkowski (Notre Dame) 12, Chotkowski (Nottingham) 10, Jose Garcia (Trenton) 10, Kelly (WW-P North) 10, Mike Tartaro (WW-P North) 10, Chuck Wyckoff (Ewing) 10, Zucchero (Steinert) 10.

RBIs — Cifelli (Ewing) 15, Mark Maksimow (Notre Dame) 15, Zucchero (Steinert) 15, Matt Patterson (Nottingham) 14, Chotkowski (Nottingham) 13, Eric Patterson (Nottingham) 12, Arnold (Ewing) 10, Kalokitis (WW-P South) 10, Murali (WW-P South) 10, Kevin Monahan (Hightstown) 9, Ulisse (Robbinsville) 9.

STOLEN BASES — Sunkiskis (Hamilton) 9, Kevin Kocsak (Hamilton) 8, Tartaro (WW-P North) 8, Witkowski (Notre Dame) 8, Cignarella (Hopewell Valley) 6, Jose Garcia (Trenton) 6, Matt Maher (Steinert) 6, Ulisse (Robbinsville) 6, Cifelli (Ewing) 5, Eric Rosenbaum (WW-P North) 5, Rich Toto (Lawrence) 5.

PITCHING

ERA (minimum 11 innings) — Kevin Dragert (Steinert) 0.00, Kyle Reed (WW-P North) 0.37, Mike Mimmo (Nottingham) 0.43, Kevin Fitzell (Lawrence) 0.54, Neil Harm (Steinert) 0.62, Kevin Burum (Robbinsville) 0.64, James Silagyi (Steinert) 0.64, David Bachner (WW-P North) 0.74, Matt Owle (Nottingham) 1.05, Kyle Paul (Steinert) 1.21, Colin Holmes (Ewing) 1.22, Dylan Murphy (Hamilton) 1.31, Jose Lopez (Hightstown) 1.53, Charlie Battis (Notre Dame) 1.71, Matt Patterson (Nottingham) 1.84, Steve Arnold (Ewing) 1.95.

WINS — Reed (WW-P North) 4-0, Bachner (WW-P North) 3-0, Dragert (Steinert) 3-0, Harm (Steinert) 3-0, Mimmo (Nottingham) 3-0, Paul (Steinert) 3-0, Holmes (Ewing) 3-1, Murphy (Hamilton) 3-1, Owle (Nottingham) 3-1.

STRIKEOUTS — Bachner (WW-P North) 42, Alvarez (Princeton) 37, Fittell (Lawrence) 27, Ed Ras (Allentown) 27, Reed (WW-P North) 26, Harm (Steinert) 23, Dragert (Steinert) 21, Tim Wolf (Hopewell Valley) 21, Holmes (Ewing) 19, Zak Westerberg (Nottingham) 19, Paul (Steinert) 18.

COMPLETE GAMES — Fittell (Lawrence) 3, Dragert (Steinert) 2, Holmes (Ewing) 2, Murphy (Hamilton) 2, Reed (WW-P North) 2.

SHUTOUTS — Dragert (Steinert) 2, Lopez (Hightstown) 1, Mimmo (Nottingham) 1, Murphy (Hamilton) 1, Reed (WW-P North) 1, Westerberg (Nottingham) 1.

SAVES — Mimmo (Nottingham) 2, Paul (Steinert) 2, Alex Mottle (Hopewell Valley) 2, 11 tied with 1.

TRENTONIAN TOP 20

Team	Record
1. Steinert	12-1
2. Nottingham	10-1
3. WW-P North	7-2
4. Ewing	7-2
5. Delran	6-2
6. Rancocas Valley	5-3
7. WW-P South	6-3
8. Notre Dame	5-4
9. Lawrenceville	6-5
10. Holy Cross	6-3
11. Bordentown	7-3
12. Hopewell Valley	6-4
13. Florence	5-3
14. Hightstown	5-5
15. Lawrence	4-4
16. Peddie	3-6
17. Hun	4-6
18. Pennington	3-3
19. Princeton Day School	3-4
20. Robbinsville	4-7
(tie) Hamilton	4-7

CVC STANDINGS

Colonial Division		
Team	W	L
Steinert (12-1)	9	0
Notre Dame (5-4)	4	3
Hightstown (5-5)	3	5
WW-P South (6-3)	2	2
Trenton (2-7)	0	7

Valley Division		
Team	W	L
Nottingham (10-1)	7	1
WW-P North (7-2)	5	1
Lawrence (4-4)	4	2
Hamilton (4-7)	2	6

Patriot Division		
Team	W	L
Ewing (7-2)	6	2
Hopewell Valley (6-4)	4	4
Princeton (3-8)	2	6
Allentown (2-7)	2	6
Robbinsville (4-7)	1	6

BCSL STANDINGS

Liberty Division		
Team	W	L
Northern Burlington (3-4)	3	0
Rancocas Valley (5-3)	2	0
Moorestown (4-1)	1	1
Burlington Township (2-4)	1	3
Pemberton (2-6)	0	3

Patriot Division		
Team	W	L
Cinnaminson (8-3)	5	0
Delran (6-2)	3	1
Holy Cross (6-3)	3	2
Bordentown (7-3)	2	2
Westampton Tech (2-3)	1	2
Willingboro (0-3)	0	2
Medford Tech (0-7)	0	5

Freedom Division		
Team	W	L
Maple Shade (3-3)	3	0
Florence (5-3)	4	1
New Egypt (3-3)	2	1
Burlington City (2-2)	1	1
Riverside (2-6)	1	3
Palmyra (1-4)	1	2
TCA (0-6)	0	4

HIGH SCHOOL LACROSSE — SATURDAY

WW-P North girls down N.D.

Staff Report
LAWRENCEVILLE — Maddie Antaya, Kimmy Collins and Jackie Kercheval each had a hat trick as the WW-P North girls lacrosse team beat Notre Dame 11-8 on Saturday.

Emily Bowers scored six goals for the Irish.

WW-P North 56-11
Notre Dame 44-8
Goals: WW-Antaya 3, Collins 3, Mihalyi 3, Peters, Kercheval, ND-Bowers 6, Barbet 2.
Assists: WW-Antaya 3, Collins, ND-Grant.
Shots: WW-28, ND-8.
Saves: WW-Pehnke 10, ND-Gallagher 17.

Peddie 22, Blair 2
BLAIRSTOWN — Peddie's girls pounded winless Blair to stay unbeaten at 8-0.

Carolyn Gorajek had a hat trick and two assists to lead an offensive barrage that included 16 Falcons scoring.

Peddie 175-22
Blair 02-2

Zack Martin's five goals, including his 100th career tally, helped Hun crush Mercersburg on the road.

Hun 4522-13
Mercersburg 0001-1
Goals: H-Martin 5, Gallagher 2, Rosenberg, Sweetland, Gratch, Deitz, Munley, Buckbindor, M-Collin.
Assists: Rosenberg 3, Martin, Gallagher, Sweetland, Gratch, Washington, Kirnan, Rice.
Saves: H-P. Blackburn 13, Piasecki 4, M-Deustus 18.

Peddie 10, St. Peter's Prep 5
JERSEY CITY — Sam Garrabrant and Kyle Stiefel scored four goals each as the Falcons won a road game to improve to 7-3.

Peddie 64-10
St. Peter's Prep 23-5
Goals: P-Garrabrant 4, Stiefel 4, Young, Buckley, SP-Morgan 2, Williams, Sneede, Robinson, Driscoll, Imascoogre.
Assists: P-Buckley 2, Stiefel, SP-none.
Saves: P-Kibrick 7, Mariboe, SP-Cummings 7, Rothberg 8.

Notre Dame 14, PDS 2
PRINCETON — Mark Barus scored six goals and