

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

SEEING DOUBLE

Local teams have twice the work with tourneys here

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Life is about to get very hectic for a number of high school baseball teams in *The Trentonian's* area this week.

That is because teams will be focusing on the Mercer County and Burlington County Scholastic League Tournaments this week along with their respective league races and the race to the finish for a spot in the state tournament.

Teams that wish to qualify for the New Jersey State Inter-scholastic Athletic Association Tournament will need to have a .500 record or better by the end of play Friday.

So far, only 10 teams in *The Trentonian's* area have locked up state tournament bids. Those teams are Bordentown (9-5), Delran (12-3), Ewing (10-3), Florence (7-4), Holy Cross (8-4), Hopewell Valley (9-5), Nottingham (12-3), Rancocas Valley (8-4), Steinert (16-1) and West Windsor-Plainsboro North (11-2).

However, just as many other teams still have a chance to qualify if they can survive the week.

Here are the local teams which will need to win to get in: Burlington City (3-6), Burlington Township (4-6), Hamilton (7-8), Hightstown (7-7), Lawrence (6-6), New Egypt (6-4), Northern Burlington (4-5), Notre Dame (8-6), Robbinsville (7-9) and West Windsor-Plainsboro South (6-8).

Burlington City, which has lost two in a row, will need to win all four of its games.

Burlington Township, which lost a tough one at Moores-town Thursday when it allowed seven runs in the bottom of the seventh, must win all three of its games.

Hamilton, which had a three-game winning streak before losing a 9-7 battle at Hightstown Friday, will get four chances to climb above .500. The Hornets host Hopewell Valley today, then visit Nottingham tomorrow and Notre Dame Wednesday in the first round of the Mercer County Tournament before hosting WW-P North Thursday in a CVC Valley Division clash.

Hightstown has won its last two, but will need to win at least two more of its four games this week to qualify. The Rams travel to Lawrence today and to Princeton Day School Wednesday in the MCT. They host Trenton Thursday before squaring off at WW-P South on judgment day.

Lawrence went from a four-game losing streak to a two-game winning streak at the end of last week. The Cardinals will still need to win two more of three tough games to make the cut. They host Hightstown today, visit Hopewell in the MCT Wednesday, and host Nottingham Thursday.

New Egypt is one win away from a state tournament trip. The Warriors need to defeat either Florence, tomorrow, Burlington City Wednesday or Palmyra Thursday.

Northern Burlington has been up and down all season, yet will have three more chances to get above .500. The Greyhounds host Burlington Township today, visit Allentown tomorrow and Rancocas Valley Thursday, needing to win two of those.

Notre Dame needs one win to get in. The Irish host Steinert today, then Hamilton Wednesday in the MCT before traveling to Trenton Friday.

Robbinsville went all the way to the Group I final a year ago, but will need to win out this week to get a chance at a return trip. The Ravens play at Allentown today and at WW-P South in the MCT Wednesday. WW-P South is in this position because it has lost eight of its last nine games, including five in a row. The Pirates will need to stop the bleeding and win all three of their games this week to qualify. Coach Don Hutchinson's team travels to Princeton today, then hosts Robbinsville Wednesday in the MCT and Hightstown Friday in a game which could decide both of these teams' postseason fates.

LATE SATURDAY

Lawrence 5, Robbinsville 3
LAWRENCE — In late Saturday high school baseball ac-

CVC STANDINGS

Colonial Division		Valley Division	
Team	W	Team	W
Steinert (16-1)	12	WW-P North (11-2)	9
Notre Dame (8-6)	6	Nottingham (12-3)	9
Hightstown (7-7)	5	Lawrence (5-6)	5
WW-P South (6-8)	2	Hamilton (7-8)	4
Trenton (2-11)	0		

Patriot Division	
Team	W
Ewing (10-3)	9
Hopewell Valley (9-5)	7
Robbinsville (7-8)	4
Allentown (4-9)	3
Princeton (4-12)	3

EGSL STANDINGS

Liberty Division		Patriot Division	
Team	W	Team	W
Rancocas Valley (8-4)	4	Cinnaminson (12-3)	7
Northern Burlington (4-5)	3	Bordentown (9-5)	6
Moores-town (5-3)	2	Holy Cross (8-4)	4
Burlington Township (4-6)	1	Westampton Tech (2-6)	1
Palmyra (2-8)	0	Willingboro (0-7)	0
		Medford Tech (1-9)	0

Freedom Division	
Team	W
Maple Shade (5-3)	4
New Egypt (6-4)	4
Florence (7-4)	4
Riverside (6-7)	3
Burlington City (3-6)	2
Palmyra (2-7)	0
TCA (0-9)	0

MCT BASEBALL

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. Lawrence, 13. Pennington, 14. Hun, 15. Princeton, 16. Allentown, 17. Trenton.

SCHEDULE
Friday, May 1
Play-in

Wednesday, May 6
First Round (at home sites)
Allentown at Steinert
Robbinsville at WW-P South
Lawrence at Hopewell Valley

Pennington at Ewing
Hun at WW-P North
Hightstown at PDS
Hamilton at Notre Dame
Princeton at Nottingham
Saturday, May 9
Quarterfinals (at Mercer County Park)
Lawrence/HoVal vs Pennington/
Ewing (Field 1)
Hamilton/ND vs Princeton/Nottingham (Field 1)
Hightstown/PDS vs Hun/WW-P North (Field 2)
Rville/WWPS vs Trentn/Atown/Steinert (Field 1)
Consolations
TBA (at home sites)
Tuesday, May 12
Semifinals (at Mercer County Park)
Quarterfinal winners
Consolations
TBA (at home sites)
Friday, May 15
Championship (at Waterfront Park)
Semifinal winners

TRENTONIAN TOP 20

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

**LAWRENCE 5
ROBBINSVILLE 3**

ROBNSVILLE	ab	r	b	LAWRENCE	ab	r	b
Ullsee ss	2	0	0	Toto cf	4	1	0
Karadzic 2b	4	2	1	Coye 3b	3	0	0
Casey cf	4	1	2	Fedorko c	2	1	1
Strano c	4	0	3	Gant ss	3	0	0
Auletta 1b	3	0	0	Trene rf	3	1	0
Vorosso 1b	1	0	0	Sensi dh	2	1	0
Zingaro rf	2	0	0	Russ 2b-1b	3	1	1
Banziger dh	1	0	0	Hock lf	3	1	1
Leader p	3	0	1	Adams 2b	3	0	2
Kovaiski 3b	2	0	0				
Trenn lf	2	0	0	Totals	28	5	7
Fitzell p	2	0	0		201	0	0
Robbinsville (5-3)	23	3	2	Lawrence (6-7)	40	4	3

LOB: Robbinsville, 10; Lawrence, 12. 2B: Leader, Strano. Tot: Fedorko, CS: Cant.

ROBBINSVILLE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Leader	L, 1-6	6	0	5	2	8

LAWRENCE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Kniec	3	1	6	3	3	1
Morzele	W, 1-0	2	1	0	0	2
Fitzell	S, 1	1	1	0	0	0

WP: Leader. PB: Strano. Fedorko.

**CVC BASEBALL
PITCHING STATISTICS**

Games through Yesterday
ERA (minimum 21 innings) — Kevin Dragert (Steinert) 0.27, Neil Harm (Steinert) 0.47, David Bachner (WW-P North) 0.89, Colin Holmes (Ewing) 0.93, Kevin Fitzell (Lawrence) 1.05, Kyle Reed (WW-P North) 1.08, Kyle Paul (Steinert) 1.22, Mike Mirrno (Nottingham) 1.29, Jose Lopez (Hightstown) 1.56, Matt Patterson (Nottingham) 1.67, Charlie Batts (Notre Dame) 1.97, Tim Wolf (Hopewell Valley) 2.21, Benito Gonzalez (Princeton) 2.29.

WINS — Reed (WW-P North) 5-0, Harm (Steinert) 4-0, Paul (Steinert) 4-0, Bachner (WW-P North) 4-1, Dragert (Steinert) 4-1, Holmes (Ewing) 4-1, Dylan Murphy (Hamilton) 4-1, Matt Owle (Nottingham) 4-2, James McGlew (Hightstown) 4-3.

INNINGS PITCHED — Gonzalez (Princeton) 33 2/3, Fitzell (Lawrence) 33 1/3, Owle (Nottingham) 33, Wolf (Hopewell Valley) 31 2/3, Bachner (WW-P North) 31 1/3, Ed Ras (Allentown) 30 2/3, Matt Alvarez (Princeton) 30 1/3, Tom Koontz (Allentown) 30 1/3, Harm (Steinert) 30, Holmes (Ewing) 30, Murphy (Hamilton) 29 1/3.

SHUTOUTS — Dragert (Steinert) 2, 9 tied with 1.
SAVES — Mirrno (Nottingham) 2, Alex Mottie (Hopewell Valley) 2, Paul (Steinert) 2, 16 tied with 1.

CVC Bating Statistics will appear in tomorrow's editions of The Trentonian