

# Tough Semi-Final Games

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## Minor Leagues Set Up Teams

**By Myron Williams**  
The Carroll Tigers and the Kuemper Knights faced rugged tests Sunday afternoon in the semi-final round of the Carroll Invitational Baseball Tournament against highly ranked opponents.

The Tigers were pitted against 11-2 St. Bernard of Breda, ranked fifth in Class A and a team which had beaten them twice last season. But Carroll hit the ball well and backed up a good pitching performance by Tom Reiman to topple the Bobcats 8-4.

Kuemper had to go against unbeaten, third-ranked St. Edmond of Fort Dodge and pitching ace Dave Flattery, a Cincinnati Reds draftee, who earlier threw a no-hitter

against the Knights. The contest turned out to be a pitching duel between Knight Paul Baldus and the "superstar" ending in a 1-0 Gael advantage.

**Tiger Victory**  
Carroll jumped out to an early lead in the bottom of the first to score three runs. Eric Siemer scored via Dan Wittrock's single and Mark Steffes singled in Edwards and Wittrock.

The Bobcats came back to score three runs in the third frame when Tom Wessling, Denny Kennebeck and Bart Brincks came home to tie the game on two hits and a walk.

Steffes and Molitor led off the fourth inning with singles and they both scored on Jim

Petersen's single to make the score 5-3 for Carroll.

The Tigers put the game away when Siemer, Edwards and Wittrock scored on two Breda errors. After the costly errors, starting Bobcat pitcher Ken Schettler was replaced with freshman Andy Kennebeck.

Breda had a score nullified in the fifth when Schettler tagged third and raced home as Molitor bobbled the ball before catching Tim Nieland's fly. The Bobcats added a meaningless run in the sixth frame as Kevin Nieland doubled and scampered home on an error.

Carroll batters pounded Schettler for seven hits and five earned runs. Edwards

and Steffes went two for three as hitters which included an Edwards' double.

Winning pitcher Reiman allowed nine hits and three earned runs. He fanned three and walked three.

Hitting well for Breda were Wessling and Kennebeck who both went two for three and Dale Steinkamp and Kevin Nieland who were two for four at the plate. St. Bernard is now 11-3 for the season.

Breda got into the semi-final game by clobbering the Scranton Trojans 15-4 and Carroll advanced by overpowering Lake View-Auburn 11-3 for their second win over the Blackhawks this season.

**Pitching Duel**  
Losing pitcher Baldus got

some revenge against Flattery as the wiry hurler looped a hit between the second baseman and the right fielder for a single, breaking the St. Edmond ace's no-hit game in the fourth inning. But, this was the only hit the Knights could muster.

Baldus' no-hitter was broken by the Gaels in the sixth on Denny Baker's single. Baker stole second but was thrown out at third.

The Knight pitcher then walked two batters in a row. St. Edmond's Rick Scherff connected for a single and Jeff Clemmens, the first walked batter, scored the game's only run.

Baldus struck out five batters for his two-hit

performance. Flattery was again impressive on the mound as he fanned 12 Knights and walked only two batters.

Not striking out against Flattery were Randy Heller, who walked his first time up and grounded out the other two times, also John Loew who reached first on a fielder's choice and an error.

Kuemper had no trouble advancing into the semi-final round game as the Knights clubbed Jefferson 15-1. St. Edmond topped the Audubon Wheelers 11-2 to advance.

The Knights will host Storm Lake, a team which earlier beat them 7-6, on Tuesday and will start competition in their own invitational tournament on Thursday. Kuemper is now 5-4 on the season.

## College Crown to Arizona State

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Arizona State and Coach Jim Brock have silenced the critics.

The book on Arizona State since Brock succeeded Bobby Winkles in 1972 was: a great regular season team with plenty of pro baseball prospects, but for some reason lacking the drive of a champion.

Brock admitted before the College World Series — and during it — that he and his team would be judged only on their performance in the series.

"I'll never feel I have been a success at Arizona State until we win another national championship," the 40-year-old Brock said during the series.

His again pro prospect-laden team gave him that title Saturday night as Jerry Vasquez stopped South Carolina on three hits and Chris Bando cracked a go-ahead home run for a snappy 2-1 triumph in the title game of the 31st series.

"I don't think I could be prouder of a team," said an emotional Brock after the finals. "They came so much farther — through so much adversity — than anyone expected."

Arizona State, 57-12, came to the series top rated — for the fourth time in six years — and was rated a co-favorite with Minnesota.

But Southern Illinois sidelined the Sun Devils in the second round and it took four straight elimination-round victories to claim the school's fourth series crown.

"We lost some good people (12 players went into pro ball) and really had only three starters back — and then had a key injury (regular first baseman Dave Hudgens) right before the series," noted Brock. "So we had to dig down deep — inside — for this one."

After handing South Carolina its first loss of the series Thursday night,

Arizona State displayed an awesome hitting attack — 19 hits and 10 runs — to eliminate Southern Illinois and gain a rematch with South Carolina. Many saw the title as a mismatch.

But Vasquez and Jim Lewis, who pitched a seven-hitter and struck out seven, dueled on even terms until Bando,

younger brother of Milwaukee Brewers infielder Sal Bando, lined a 0-1 pitch over the right field fence in the seventh inning. Vasquez then retired the final six batters in order.

"Here was one of college baseball's greatest teams," said rookie South Carolina Coach June Raines of the Sun Devils. "But we battled them

all the way. We hit the ball hard, but it didn't drop in."

Arizona State could be back too.

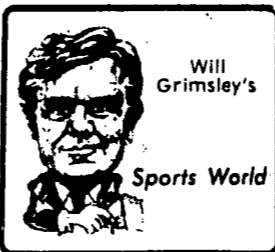
At least nine players will be lost through graduation and pro signings, but the returnees include tournament outstanding player Bob Horner, a second baseman, plus Vasquez.



**Knight Defense —**

Kuemper's Rich Berg jumps high in the air to bring down a Knight throw while St. Edmond of Fort Dodge's Denny Baker steals home. Shortstop Ken Nurse is backing Berg up. Baker was the first Gael

to get a hit off Paul Baldus Sunday afternoon in semi-final action of the Carroll Invitational Tournament. The Knights lost the game 1-0 to the highly ranked Gaels.



## Kerp's Mark to 22-4

Kerp's-Budweiser Fast Pitch won two games both Friday and Saturday night to up their record to 22-4.

In the first game of the doubleheader against Clare on Friday, Kerp's scored three runs in the second and two runs in the fifth inning to win 5-1 on six hits and one error. Winning pitcher Jim Workman fanned 10 batters; Bill Badding was the catcher.

Kerp's and Clare repeated their run output in the second game as the Carroll club again came out on the winning side, 5-1, on four hits and no errors. Ray Billmeier, the winning pitcher, struck out seven with Tom Lewis catching.

The first game on Saturday was a squeaker with Kerp's managing to win 2-1 on five hits and two errors. Billmeier was the winning pitcher and Glen Soyer, the catcher.

Kerp's overpowered the Gray team in the second Saturday game 9-0 with nine hits and two errors. Soyer, the winning pitcher, scattered five hits for no runs. Lewis was the catcher.

The Sunday action for Kerp's against Manning has not been reported yet.

### Tennis Results

Alex Hamilton & Roger Nielsen of Denison teamed up Saturday in the Carroll Invitational Men's Doubles Tennis Tournament to take first place by edging Mal Foley-Don Isaack of Carroll 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Third Place trophies went to the team of Merlin Reinhart-Tom Twit who nipped Bruce Wigg and Jim Smith 7-5, 7-5 in the consolation round.

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Cale Yarborough won the 400-mile Grand National stock car race by 10 seconds over Richard Petty.

Hawaiian Danny Ongais won the International Motor Sports Association Grand Prix road race in a Porsche 934 turbo.

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TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Baseball has its "Bird." Mark Fidrych, and now golf has a birdie version in its ebullient, highstrung, newly-crowned U.S. Open champion.

"I can't help it. I get so excited when I talk to the ball, the trees, the bushes, people or anything within earshot," says Hubert Green, the string-bean par-wrecker from Birmingham, Ala.

He could be television's brightest new sports personality.

Not even a telephoned threat to the FBI that three men were going to gun him down on the 15th green could blunt the enthusiasm and droll humor of this blithe spirit after he had nailed his first major crown with a 3 1/2-foot knee-knocker putt on the final green.

"Didn't bother me much," he quipped. "I just didn't want Shawn (veteran caddie Shawn Greer) or anybody else to get too close to me."

It could have been a crank call but it could not be ignored, and it took on a serious aspect when a cordon of brown-suited patrolmen in crash helmets, pistols on hips, were dispatched onto the Southern Hills course to bring him home unmolested.

Green came in with a 70 and a score of 278, more frightened of his own possible deficiencies than any vicious characters that might be lurking in the gallery.

"I choked out there," he readily acknowledged, assessing the fact that he blew a fourstroke lead and barely survived a belated rush by the ignored 1975 Open winner, Lou Graham. Graham finished a shot behind.

Green is a doctor's son who turned to golf as his profession in 1970, established himself on the tour by scoring 11 tournament victories but never managed to grab what he likes to refer to as "the big one."

Intensity seems to ooze from every pore. Six-foot-one and 164 pounds, he moves over the fairways with long, confident strides, his arms swinging and his tongue wagging away. He always wears a touch of green, to match his name. In Britain, he delights galleries by donning a Tam O'Shanter with a green pom on top.

He has deep-set brown eyes, a strong, gaunt face framed by a rich head of black hair. He talks a mile a minute, whether in social conversation, formal interview or on the golf course.

Television cameras zooming on him after he has made a shot can see him coaxing the ball.

"Hook, hook, hook!" "Get up, get up." "Please don't go there. Come back. Come back." "Sure. I talk to myself," he said. "I talk to the ball, too, all the time. So does Lee Trevino. It's the way we keep ourselves charged up."

He called the tense final round Sunday "like finishing a day's work" but added: "I will be more thrilled tomorrow. I have won a big one and it's nice."

### Games Not Played

The Carroll Tiger Friday night game at Carroll Stadium against Sac City was cancelled due to wet field conditions. The game will be re-scheduled at a later date. Also, the Kuemper girls' softball game Saturday against Prairie of Gowrie was not played.

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