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Orioles bow out of section softball

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Defending 6-3A champion BSM remains in control as top seed this season

After taking Bloomington Kennedy to eight innings in a 1-0 loss in the Section 6-4A opener, St. Louis Park found more offensive production but came up short in a 14-9 elimination game loss to Robbinsdale Armstrong on May 23.

Playing both games at Pamela Park in Edina, St. Louis Park closed out a 1-18 season by tying the second-most runs in a game – Park lost 10-9 to Richfield in the opening game of the Vance Crosby Invite in Richfield on May 4 and hit a season-high runs total in a 14-12 win at Armstrong on April 24.



Park senior pitcher Savannah Romero works against Robbinsdale Armstrong during the Section 6-4A game played at Pamela Park in Edina on May 23.

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Park senior Sophie Olmen, left, reaches for the ball during a close play at third base where Armstrong junior Sarah Miller, right, safely slid into the base in the sixth inning on May 23.

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In the section opener, No. 2 seed Kennedy showed why it deserved the spot behind No. 1 Edina with dominant left-handed pitcher Courtney Kopischke who limited the Orioles to three hits and 13 strikeouts. Kennedy had six hits, two walks and struck out five times.



Park senior Maddy McIntosh collects a grounder during Section 6-4A play in Edina.

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Red Knights

Section 6-3A top-seeded Benilde-St. Margaret's opened play on May 21 with a 16-0 win over No. 4 Delano to set up a May 28 winner's bracket meeting with No. 3 Mound Westonka which upset No. 2 Orono also on May 21. The section final is set for 3 p.m. May 30 with all remaining games to be played at Delano High School.

BSM entered section play with a 13-7 regular season record and finished fourth in the Metro West Conference with an 8-4 record, dropping the last three games to teams above them in the final standings, 10-6 loss to Chanhasseen on May 13; 6-1 loss to Bloomington Jefferson on May 14 and 2-0 loss to Bloomington Kennedy on May 15.

Tibby Stewart had the lone hit against Kopischke who walked Taylor Damberg while striking out 16 batters over seven innings. Annabelle Hilson and Stewart combined in the loss, giving up two runs (one earned) on seven hits with two walks and three strikeouts.

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Park eighth grade Kamryn Holly holds on to make a catch in right field during the Section 6-4A game on May 23 in Edina.

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