

Archie Smith Hurls Charles Town High To Sectional Title With 8-0 Win Over Martinsburg

Charles Town—It was the same Archie Smith who kept his team right in the thick of the state tourney last year that hurled the Charles Town High Panthers to an 8-0 victory over Martinsburg High School's batsmen Tuesday afternoon on the American Legion Park Field here and gave them the title of sectional champions for the second straight year. The victory also gave the Panthers the honor of representing the section in the regional tournament which gets underway here Friday afternoon.

For Smith, it was his second victory of the tournament as he relieved Gene Walters in the very first frame of the Charles Town Harpers Ferry game Thursday, after the Tigers had tallied three runs, and then went on to win for Charles Town by a 6-4 score.

In beating the Bulldogs, Smith gave up only three hits and three walks while striking out seven.

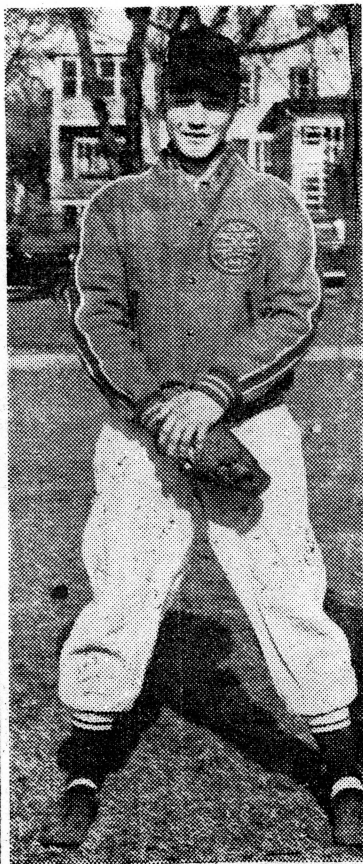
Dearing started on the mound for Martinsburg and was relieved by Custer in the fourth after Charles Town had taken a 3-0 lead.

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Charles Town's first tally came in the first frame when Sager scored. Then after a scoreless second frame, the Panthers came back with two in the third, one in the fourth, two more in each of the fifth and sixth frames.

The Tuesday victory marked the third of the season for the Panthers over the Bulldogs, while the latter gained one decision over the Panthers.

In reaching the tourney finals Charles Town first had to knock off Harpers Ferry, which they did by a 6-4 count last Thursday; then beat Martinsburg 7-2 on Friday and after losing to Mar-



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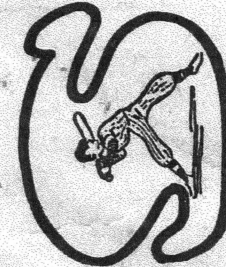
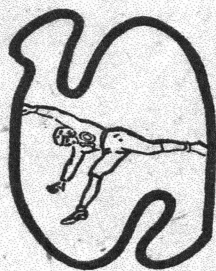
tinsburg on Monday, came back to win Tuesday.

In the other opening tourney game the Martinsburg High Bulldogs helped themselves to an easy win over the weak, but game Hedgesville High batsmen by a 4-1 score.

In the second Friday game the Harpers Ferry Tigers scored a 7-6 win over the Hedgesville boys, this eliminating the Berkeley county batsmen from tourney play.

Monday afternoon when tourney action was resumed the Martinsburg baseballers took a 7-4 decision from Harpers Ferry to eliminate the Tigers and earn the

right to meet the Panthers in the second game and also the chance for the third and deciding tourney battle.



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