1981

Sturges' homer lifts Butt'r Topp past Marion

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Metros, 7-0, in the losers' bracket final to advance to the title game.

Modern Piping won three consecutive losers' bracket games en route to the final. It blanked Sully Plumbing and Heating, 5-0, and edged Reames of Des Moines, 1-0, before meeting Marion.

Rausch struck out five while setting down 21 straight batters against Marion and was backed by two-run homers by Bruce Hotchkiss and Mike Palleson. Rausch fanned 16 while only allowing two hits in the victory over Sully Plumbing and Heating.

Butt'r Topp was a 4-2 victor over Marion in the winners' bracket finals as Sturges belted a three-run homer in the eighth for the winning margin. The teams traded home runs in the early going, Rich Kriz homering in the second for Butt'r Topp and Gary Reid doing the same in the third for Marion.

Sully Plumbing and Heating ousted the Coors Bombers of Des Moines, 4-3, earlier in the day. Winning pitcher Larry Hendricks had two singles and scored twice.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Modern Piping	000	000	0 — 0	2	0
Butt'r Topp	010	000	x — 1	1	1

Bosch and Anderson; Dreesman and Smith. HR — Butt'r Topp: Sturges.

LOSERS' BRACKET FINAL

Modern Piping	202	120	0 — 7	10	0
Marion Metros	000	000	0 — 0	0	2

Rausch and Rice; Clark and Alberhasky. HR — Modern Piping: Hotchkiss, Palleson.

WINNERS' BRACKET FINAL

Butt'r Topp	010	000	03 — 4	4	0
Marion Metros	001	000	01 — 2	9	0

Siegle and Smith; Larson and Waechter. HR — Butt'r Topp: Kriz, Sturges; Marion: Reid.

LOSERS' BRACKET

Reames	000	000	0 — 0	2	1
Modern Piping	100	000	x — 1	6	0

Olson and Buddin; Bosch and Anderson.

Sully	300	001	0 — 4	5	2
Coors Bombers	011	010	0 — 3	4	3

Hendricks and Neal; Linderbaum and Forrester.

Modern Piping	002	000	3 — 5	11	1
Sully	000	000	0 — 0	2	3

Rausch and Rice; Blom and Neal.

Butt'r Topp captures State fast-pitch crown

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. — Bob Sturges hit a solo home run to back the two-hit pitching of Lance Dreesman Sunday as Butt'r Topp of Clear Lake won its second straight Men's State Open fast-pitch softball title with 1-0 victory over Modern Piping of Cedar Rapids.

Sturges, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, batted .333 with two homers and seven runs-batted-in for the tournament.

Sturges' home run was the only hit losing pitcher Greg Bosch allowed in the title game.

"When you play Modern Piping it takes a lot of luck. The pitch I hit was a drop ball but it stayed pretty flat," said Sturges, a native of Rockwell.

The most valuable pitcher award went to Al Rausch of Modern Piping. Rausch was unscored upon in 28 innings while allowing only five hits and striking out 52 for the tournament.

Butt'r Topp also beat Modern Piping, 1-0, in last year's championship game.

Rausch pitched a perfect game as Modern Piping ousted the Marion

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