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Penn Corp snares state fast-pitch title

Sunday's Results

Winner's Bracket

Penn Corp 11, Like Bombers 0

Like Bombers 4, Penn Corp 1

Penn Corp 4, Like Bombers 3 (Championship)

Loser's Bracket

Sundown-Budweiser 6, Collins Radio 1

Sundown-Budweiser 4, Borchers Supply 0

Like Bombers 3, Sundown-Budweiser 0

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CEDAR RAPIDS, IA. — Steve Maguire slapped a 3-2 pitch off the wall in right-center field with two out in the bottom of the seventh inning to lift Penn Corp of Sioux City to a 4-3 victory over Like Bombers of Des Moines in the championship game of the State Men's Fast-Pitch softball tournament at Kirkwood Softball Complex Sunday night.

The single by Maguire ended what had been a three-game series for the two teams during the final day of the tournament. First it was Penn Corp that blasted the Bombers, 11-0, to go undefeated in the winner's bracket.

That victory meant that Penn Corp needed only one victory over the Bombers, who were seeking their fifth state title in the past 11 years, to claim the title.

The loss sent Like into the loser's bracket, where it shut out Sundown-Budweiser of West Union, 7-0, to set up a second showdown with the eventual champs. In the Sundown game, Like's Willie Herndon was 3-for-3 with four runs-batted-in.

John Kelly had a two-run double to pace Like in its 4-1 victory over Penn Corp in their next meeting.

In the championship game, Penn Corp's Bobby Michaelson ripped a towering home run to left field as Penn Corp went ahead, 2-0.

But Like took the lead on Tom Peterson's three-run homer over the fence in right field with one out in the sixth. It was Peterson's fourth home run and his 13th RBI of the tournament. He was the leader in homers during the meet and was named most valuable player.

Penn Corp tied the game in the seventh when LeRoy Wegmann's single on an 0-2 pitch scored Curt Baker, who was running for Kevin Hartwig. Walks to Steve Zedicker and Jon Ege loaded the bases to set up Maguire's game-winning hit.

Penn Corp, Like Bombers and Sundown-Budweiser all qualified for the fast-pitch regional tournament scheduled for Labor Day weekend at Lincoln, Neb. They will be joined by the Iowans, last year's regional champion, which received an automatic berth in the tourney.

The following all-tournament team members were named: Penn Corp — Rich Smith, Bob Michaelson, Jon Ege, LeRoy Wegmann; Like Bombers — Kim Nikkel, Willie Herndon, Gary Bachus, Tom Bakey, Tom Peterson; Sundown-Budweiser — Brian Wedeking, Joe Wedeking; Borchers Supply — Dean Noble.