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Bay senior pitcher Sam Ward (7-1) got the win as he struck out five in six innings of work.

The Rockets play Vermilion today in the district final at Southview High at 4:30 p.m.

Vermilion 3, Norton 0

Junior Anthony Labondano struck out 16 on his way to a no-hitter as the Sailors (22-4) won the Division II Lorain District semifinal. Junior Wesley White's two-run double broke open a scoreless game in the top of the sixth inning.

Benedictine 5, Orange 1

Junior Taylor Branisel doubled home two runs, and junior Joe Bova also had a run-scoring double to back the four-hit pitching of Matt Thomas. The Bengals (17-9) advance to the Division II Bedford District final today.

Benedictine baseball team voted No. 1 seed at Bedford district

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Benedictine righted itself with a 9-3 win against St. Thomas Aquinas with 14 hits. Hromulak (3-2) threw six innings, gave up seven hits and one earned run, and struck out three while bashing three more hits, including a triple, and driving in a run.

Boothe pitched a scoreless seventh inning. Kovar had two hits and scored twice. Marinelli drove in two runs, scored twice and had a hit, Szalay was three for four with two RBIs, two runs and two RBIs, while Cooper had two hits and an RBI.



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Taylor Branisel of Benedictine takes a swing during a Division II Sectional Baseball Tournament game at Bedford High School on May 18, 2009. (Kyle Lanzer/Sun News)