

# Butt'r Topp whips Collins for state fast-pitch crown

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

SIOUX CITY, IA. — Butt'r Topp of Clear Lake exploded for six runs with two out in the third inning and went on to defeat Collins Radio of Cedar Rapids, 8-1, in the championship game of the state men's fast-pitch softball tournament here Sunday.

Butt'r Topp, 5-0 in tournament play, gained the title game, beating host Penn Corp. of Sioux City, 2-0.

Al Rausch allowed five hits in the finale, but was named the tournament's most valuable pitcher. He was 5-0 in the meet, struck out 56 in 33 innings, allowed only 11 hits and had two no-hitters.

His string of 32 scoreless innings ended in the first inning when Tom Busch bunted for a single and Dirk Dunbar doubled him home for Collins' only score.

With two out, Butt'r Topp erupted for its six runs in the third inning. Bob Sturgis, named the tournament's most valuable player — he was 9-for-12 and had three home runs and a double — hit a key double in the frame.

Sturgis also hit a solo homer in the fifth inning.

Both teams will advance to the Regional tournament in Topeka, Kan., over the Labor Day weekend.

Collins Radio cashed in on a gutsy showing by injured pitcher Greg Bosch to advance through the losers' bracket to the finale. Bosch suffered a pulled hamstring Saturday and played in obvious pain for much of three wins and the loss Sunday, including a 3-1 win that eliminated Penn Corp.

Bosch, the 33-year-old athletic director at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, managed to hurl two shutouts on the day and contributed to the one-hit win over Penn Corp.

The second shutout for Bosch came on a 7-0 losers' bracket semifinal over Major Oil of Merrill. In that contest, he surrendered a walk and double to the first two Major batters, then retired 21 in a row.

Bosch came back to start against Penn Corp. but limped to the dugout in the second inning, barely able to stand with the injury.

However, he was called upon again in the fourth with Penn Corp. runners loading the bases and only one out. Bosch quickly forced the next two hitters to pop out, ending the threat.

"I was just throwing with my arm [in the Penn Corp. game]. I had no leg strength left," Bosch explained.

Bosch started the Collins-Butt'r Topp final but gave way in the third inning.

Larry Saalfield drove in all three runs for Collins with a bases-loaded triple in the fourth.

Penn Corp., down 3-1, put runners on second and third in the bottom of the seventh but failed to score when Steve Anderson made a leaping catch at the wall in right field to rob Penn's Steve Zediker of an extra-base hit.

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**LOSERS' BRACKET**  
**QUARTERFINAL ROUND**

Siouxland Merchants (S.C.)	000	000	0	0	2	3
Collins Radio (C.R.)	000	111	x	3	4	0
Quade and Blankenburg; Bosch and O'Brien.						
ADM (C.R.)	000	000	0	0	3	0
Major Oil (Merrill)	010	000	x	1	2	2
Monroe and Hale; Rohlfes and Kommes.						

**WINNERS' BRACKET**  
**CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**

Collins Radio	100	000	0	1	5	2
Butt'r Topp	006	011	x	8	13	1
Bosch, Handley (3) and Anderson; Rausch and Calvert. L — Bosch. HR: Butt'r Topp — Sturgis.						

**FINAL ROUND**

Penn Corp. (S.C.)	000	000	0	0	3	1
Butt'r Topp (Clear Lake)	000	002	x	2	5	0
Sandman and Zediker; Rausch and Calvert.						

**LOSERS' BRACKET**  
**SEMIFINAL**

Major Oil (Merrill)	000	000	0	0	1	2
Collins Radio (C.R.)	105	100	x	7	11	0
Rohlfes, Fedders (3) and Borchers, Kommes (6); Bosch and O'Brien, Anderson (5).						

**FINAL**

Penn Corp. (S.C.)	000	001	0	1	1	2
Collins Radio (C.R.)	000	300	x	3	5	2
Plangner, Sandman (5) and Zediker; Bosch, Hutchins (2), Bosch (4) and O'Brien.						