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UMass Softball Complex, Amherst, MA

### Wahconah repeats as Western Mass. Division II softball champs with 8-0 win over Hampshire

Fran Sypek, June 15, 2011 5:27 p.m.

AMHERST - For five innings this was a pitcher's duel, with a pair of hurlers with contrasting styles keeping the opposition at bay.

Then things started to go wrong for Hampshire Regional of Westhampton, just as everything came up roses for Wahconah Regional of Dalton.

Wahconah exploded for seven sixth inning runs to break open a close game and the Warriors went on to claim the Western Massachusetts Division II softball championship with an 8-0 victory over the Red Raiders at the UMass Softball Complex.

It was the second straight title for Wahconah, which beat Hampshire last season for the sectional title. Wahconah will play Leicester Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in a state semifinal here.

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This was a game dominated by the power pitching of Wahconah senior Sam Burgner, who held Hampshire to one hit and struck out 10.

"She was as good as any pitcher we faced all season," Hampshire catcher Bri Mousette said. "We just couldn't hit her."

Maybe the week-long layoff hurt the Red Raiders. "It was the same for them," coach Brian McGan said. "We just couldn't get the bats going".

Hampshire pitcher Ashlee McGan took a one-hitter into the fifth inning when the Warriors touched her for a run. This was her first appearance in one week, after she was taken off the field at Elms College in Chicopee by a stretcher and rushed to the hospital due to dehydration.

"If this game were played (last) Saturday, she would not have been able to go," Brian McGan said.

Ashlee McGan moved the ball around very well and hit her spots. But she tired in the sixth and the Warriors came alive at the plate with eight hits.

"She ran out of gas and you could see she just didn't have the legs," coach McGan said.

McGan's teammates wanted to rally around her.

"She showed so much by just going out there after what she went through," Mousette said.

Through four innings, each team had only a single hit. Both pitchers were that good.

Just when it appeared McGan would breeze through another strong inning, she issued a four-pitch walk to the No. 8 hitter, Erin Grogan, Megan Lussier followed with a base hit and Kelcie Yarmey delivered a single to center to score the game's first run.

That run seemed to pump up Burgner, who had struck out the side in the top of the sixth inning. Only an infield error in the seventh kept her from facing the minimum number of batters. "She's a good pitcher and there are a very good team," Brian McGan said.

Shannon Lussier's two-run single keyed the seven-run sixth for the Warriors. Several of the hits were of the seeing-eye-variety.

Janelle Gorman got Hampshire's lone hit in the fifth inning when she belted a sharp single up the middle. But pinch runner Chelsea Mousette was picked off first and the Red Raiders would not get a runner into scoring position the entire game.