

Brady Donohue pitched six strong innings Monday night as the Marion Indians topped Xavier, 5-1, in the first round of the Bob Vrbicek Metro Baseball Tournament at Ken Charipar Field.

Washington defeated Jefferson, 12-0, in six innings in the other first-round game at Xavier.

Xavier and Jefferson will meet in a consolation game at Xavier Tuesday at 5 p.m., followed by the winners bracket semifinal game between Marion and Washington at 7 p.m.

Linn-Mar trimmed Mount Vernon, 4-3, in eight innings and Prairie defeated Kennedy, 6-2, in the first-round games at Prairie on Monday. Kennedy and Mount Vernon meet in a losers bracket game at 5 p.m. at Prairie Tuesday, then Prairie will face Linn-Mar in the winners bracket semifinal at 7 p.m.

The final round is Wednesday with the championship and consolation games to be played at Veterans Memorial Stadium. The fifth and seventh-place games are slated for Xavier.

Donohue struck out seven batters for Marion and allowed one unearned run. Luke Golla pitched a 1-2-3 seventh for the Indians with two strikeouts.

Marion scored single runs against Xavier right-hander Bryce Schulte in the first and second innings without the benefit of a base hit. The Indians did not get their first hit against Schulte until the fifth inning, when they strung three hits together for a 3-0 lead and chased Schulte from the mound.

Marion scored two more runs in the sixth.

The Saints scored their only run in the third inning on two hits and an error.

Catcher Garrett Ries had two hits for Xavier.