

Kuhn pitches Marion into substate finals

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EPWORTH - David Kuhn pitched an eight-hit shutout Monday night as the Marion Indians blanked Western Dubuque, 2-0, to win the Class 3A district title in Epworth.

Marion (24-15) will face Davenport Assumption (22-15) in the Class 3A substate finals Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Maquoketa, with the winner advancing to the state tournament.

Kuhn (7-2) tossed a complete game with six strikeouts and only one walk. The Indians escaped several jams with good defense and timely pitching.

Marion took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning. Kuhn reached on a fielder's choice, courtesy runner Owen Carstensen stole second and scored on a single by Maverick Miller.

Marion made it 2-0 in the sixth inning. Logan Fuller singled and Christian Stekl drew a walk. They advanced to second and third on a sacrifice bunt by Quinn Cannoy. John Carstenson hit a hard grounder up the middle with then infield in, driving in Fuller.

Western Dubuque put runners on second and third in the top of the seventh, but Kuhn pitched out of the jam and ended the game by striking out clean-up hitter Tyler Johnson.

Miller had two hits for Marion, which had only three hits in the game.

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