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WALFORD - The Walford Hogs and Norway Bandits finished the first weekend of the IABA state baseball tournament with perfect records, but Red Top is lurking in the wings.

Walford nipped Red Top, 2-1, in a pitcher's duel on Saturday and advanced to next weekend with a 2-0 record. Norway trimmed the Quad City 76ers, 4-1, on Sunday and advanced with a 3-0 mark.

Red Top, the 76ers, the Quad City Cardinals and Osage all advanced to the final weekend of the double-elimination tournament with 2-1 records. Fairfax, Watkins and Williamsburg from the Iowa Valley League were eliminated.

The tournament will resume Saturday in Norway with four games. Red Top plays Osage at noon, the 76ers face the Cardinals at 2 p.m., Norway will play the Red Top/Osage winner at 4 p.m. and Walford will play the 76ers/Cardinals winner at 6 p.m.

The tournament will continue next Sunday and possibly next Monday as well.

There were several well-played games during the first weekend of the state tournament. The best game may have been Walford's 2-1 victory over Red Top, which won the Iowa Valley League regular-season title and entered the tournament as the team to beat.

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HOUSTON, Texas (AP) — The Houston Astros and the St. Louis Cardinals are the two teams that have advanced to the championship game of the 2016 Major League Baseball World Series. The Astros defeated the Los Angeles Angels 5-1 in the American League Championship Series, and the Cardinals defeated the New York Yankees 4-1 in the National League Championship Series. The game is scheduled for October 25, 2016, at the Minute Maid Park in Houston, Texas.