

# **Around The Nation: May 26**

## **Malm proves himself correct**

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**It has become obvious that the baseball gods have reason to shine upon Jeff Malm. After all, the first baseman for Bishop Gorman High of Las Vegas seems to be a prophet. When Malm entered Bishop Gorman as a freshman, he didn't waste any time in predicting that the team would win four straight state titles.**

**"He said it as a freshman before we won one and I looked at him like he was crazy," head coach Chris Sheff said.**

**Maybe he was crazy, but he was also right. The Gaels claimed their fourth straight title on Saturday and finished the season at 40-4. Three of those losses came in a tournament that kicked off the season. After the disappointing start, Bishop Gorman rallied for 35 straight wins before dropping one to Las Vegas foe Cimarron-Memorial High in the playoffs. That forced the Gaels into a play-in game against Las Vegas High which they won handily and marched to the state finals only to see Cimarron again. They prevailed 3-1 with Malm closing it out.**

**"It's almost unreal," Malm said. "It's pretty incredible the run we've been able to put together. All of our hard work the past four years finally paid off."**