With defending champion Cedarburg having wrapped up another Northern Division title, it's up to other Land O' Lakes baseball teams to fight for runner-up honors.

Saukville took over sole possession of second place by winning a pair of games last week, most recently a 19-3 thumping of Port Washington on Sunday.

The Saints, who improved to 8-5, scored in each of the first five frames on the way to a mercy-rule victory in seven innings.

With the game tied at 3-3, Saukville erupted for eight runs in the second inning. Sam Matthies sparked the rally with a three-run homer.

The Saints outhit Port, 19-7. Leading the assault were Ian Tucker with four hits and six RBI and Matthies and Cole Granrath with three hits each.

Port got two hits apiece from Kyle Kichura and Ryan Romens, as well as a solo homer from Josh Stanisch.

Casey Johnson pitched a complete game for the win.

Port saw its fifth-place record fall to 6-8.

Cedarburg (14-0) kept a firm grip on the division's top spot with a 14-2 win over Thiensville-Mequon on Sunday that clinched the regular-season crown.

Highlights of other local games follow.

Grafton 10, Howards Grove 2

The Express pounded out 15 hits and overcame an early deficit in a home win Sunday.

Howards Grove (2-11) scored twice in the first inning, only to have Grafton respond with four runs in its half of the frame. Mickey Pruefer's two-run double was the key hit in the comeback.

Skyler Bohn's three hits led the Express, who improved their third-place record to 8-6.

Plymouth 9, Port Washington 1

A six-run ninth inning allowed the Flames to break open a close game in a road win July 13.

Port trailed by only 3-1 entering the inning but allowed seven consecutive Plymouth batters to reach base without a hit.

Kyle Kichura had two hits for the host Lakers. Port wasted a 14-strikeout performance by starting pitcher Gavin Locke.

Saukville 14, Howards Grove 8

The Saints pulled away from a 6-6 tie by scoring seven unanswered runs in a road win July 11.

Mike Sherrick's two-run single was the key hit in the four-run fifth that gave Saukville a 10-6 lead.

Steve Dickmann had five hits for the Saints, who also got a two-run homer by Granrath in the first inning.

Image Information: GRAFTON'S ROBBIE DORING slid into second base ahead of a throw during his team's win over Howards Grove in a Land O' Lakes baseball game Sunday. Photo by Sam Arendt