

Spartans Split Tests In Meet

FLINT -- So who needs rest? Not the Livonia Spartans baseball team.

The Spartans had to sweat out winning a spot in the Conle Mack district baseball playoffs until 10:45 a.m. Thursday when they left the field in Livonia a 4-0 winner over Redford's Big Boy.

With no chance to wipe the sweat from their faces, the Spartans made a dash to their cars and then another dash some 60 miles to Flint where they had to face Midland at 12:30 p.m., the same afternoon.

The effects of the strain of a last-minute victory in Livonia and the drive to Flint

might have shook up an ordinary team.

But the Spartans responded

with a 3-0 victory, thanks to some help from Dave Rice, a pitcher added from the Allen

Fence team of Livonia.

WHEN THE Spartans were facing Big Boy Thursday morning, Rice and his Allen mates sat in the stands cheering against the Livonia team.

Once he got to Flint, he forgot his morning cheers, he held Midland to two hits, fanned five and didn't walk a batter.

Rice also figured in all the scoring of the winners.

In the second inning Rice walked and came home on Greg Wilkinson's triple.

In the sixth, singles by Jerry Deiter, Rice and Paul Camp, plus an error, produced two more runs.

The Spartans rattled out eight hits with Camp leading the way with two.

FORM REVERSED ITSELF Friday morning when the Spartans were blanked by Flint, 4-0, in an opening round game in Flint.

Paul Tonnemacher started for the Spartans and lasted three innings when Ken Gradowski took over.

Dave Frost limited the Livonians to two hits in the shut-out. Camp collected one and Tim DeWitt had the other.

The Spartans were slated for action again Saturday morning in the double elimination tourney.

Shorthanded Lions Face Bills In 1st Exhibition

It'll be unrelenting day Monday night for the Detroit Lions when they start their exhibition schedule facing the Buffalo Bills in Buffalo.

The Lions won't show their best against the Bills.

Injuries, walkouts, the All-Star game ... all have reduced the Lion's roster to perhaps a danger point.

On the sidelines, among others, will be No. 1 quarterback Bill Munson, who was obtained from the Los Angeles Rams.

He underwent a leg operation this week and will miss at least two or three of the tuesday games.

Two or three other regulars also are ailing.

THREE of the Lions' brightest youngsters—quarterback Greg Landry, Earl McCullouch and Charles Sanders—played in Friday night's All-Star game.

They were to join the Lions Saturday, but it'll take them several days to become adjusted to the Lions' plays, etc.

Landry is the highly touted quarterback, who along with Munson and Greg Barton, another rookie QB, led to the Lions this past week asking waivers on veteran Karl Sweetan.

Sweetan had asked that the Lions trade him or release him since he could see no future on the team.

But, suddenly, Sweetan has

become important. The Lions find themselves with only Sweetan and Barton for QB duties Monday and it would be too much of a gamble to rest all their hopes on Barton.

Thus, the man they didn't want—and the man who didn't want to stay with the Lions—becomes a key figure, meaning Sweetan.

SWEETAN WANTS to play for New Orleans and the Saints put in a claim for him. Whether he winds up there remains to be seen.

But in the meantime he'll be shooting passes for the Lions Monday night.

The game against the Bills will offer the Lions a great opportunity to test the knee of second-year back Nick Eddy from Notre Dame.

Eddy saw little service last season as a rookie, but has shown in practice that he is healthy and sound again.

The Lions' game Monday will be carried on WXYZ radio with Van Patrick and Bob Reynolds calling the plays.

The Lions go to Mexico City next Sunday to face Philadelphia and will play their only home exhibition on Aug. 23 when they engage Baltimore in the annual contest sponsored by the Free Press Charities.

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Area Golfers Share Title In Tourney

Two area golfers performed on winning teams in the Salem Hills two-man, best ball tournament.

Play was restricted to 18 holes after rain washed out one-round of action.

Matt Williams, of Plymouth, teamed with Ray Hartner, of Northville, while Tom Kawooya, of Farmington, played with Craig Seelman, of Sylvania, O., to tie the combine of Dr. Roy Smith of Southfield-Paul Haase of Detroit for top honors at 69.

The second flight crown went to the Farmington pair of Tim Peterson and Charles Conn, who shot a 78.

Gary Robinson and John Jakubak, of Plymouth and Redford Township, respectively, shot 36-36--72 between them in the championship flight.

Plymouth's Bob Visser played with Westland's Ron Higgins and posted a 76 while Lew and Bob Mettelat of Plymouth had an 83.

Detroit sports fans will get another good look at their Lions before it really counts when WJBK-TV2 telecasts an exhibition game between the Lions and the New York Jets to be played in Cleveland Stadium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, in color.

Doing the play-by-play will be Van Patrick and Sonny Grandellus.

Immediately following a post-game show with Patrick and Grandellus interviewing some of the players and coaches of the game, WJBK-TV2 will present the second part of the doubleheader as the Baltimore Colts meet the Dallas Cowboys in Dallas.

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