

Farmington '9' wins twin bill

Farmington High's Randy Meier pitched a three-hitter to help his team down Walled Lake Central, 3-0, in the second game of an Inter Lakes League doubleheader last Monday at Farmington. Farmington won the opener, 15-2.

Meier's pitching victory lifted his record to 4-1. He struck out two and walked two. Farmington scored a run in the second inning when Mark Murray doubled and scored on Terry Hall's single. The winners added two more runs in the sixth. Marty Bona doubled and scored when Hal McLean reached second base on an error. Dave Anderson then singled to score McLean.

Farmington had seven hits, all by different players.

In the first game, Farmington scored seven runs in first inning. Murray provided the big blow, a bases-loaded double. Farmington had 15 hits, including four by Rick Mühler and three by Meier.

Winning pitcher Kevin Delp, now 5-1, worked the first five innings before the game was called because of a mercy rule. He gave up four hits, struck out four and walked one.

Earlier, Farmington bested Livonia Stevenson, 15-4, as Delp pitched the first six innings to record the win. Meier went three for four and drove in three runs. Rob Patrick had three hits in four trips, and Dick Radatz was three for five at the plate.

Farmington, now 11-3 overall and 7-1 in the I.L.L. plays next on Friday (May 20) at home against Pontiac Northern. The I.L.L. game begins at 4 p.m.

HARRISON—WESTERN

Farmington Harrison's Gregg Mathiak had a no-hitter going until the top of the seventh inning in Harrison's 4-0 victory over Walled Lake Western in a Western Six League game at home last Monday.

Mathiak, who has a 4-1 pitching record, gave up just the seventh-inning single by Western's Tom Hunter. The Harrison right-hander fanned five and walked two.

All four Harrison runs were unearned as Western made seven costly errors. In the first inning, Al Shay singled, stole second, took third on the bad throw and scored when the ball got by the centerfielder. The winners added another run in the fourth when Kevin Collar reached first on an error, stole second and scored on another error.

Earlier, Plymouth Canton defeated Harrison, 5-1, in a key WSL game at home. Pitching ace Mark Perkins lifted his record to 9-0, striking out three and allowing six hits.

Harrison, now 10-3 overall and 6-1 in the league, has a rematch with Canton on Friday (May 20) at home. Game time is 4 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON—THURSTON

North Farmington belted out 15 hits and defeated Thurston, 18-7, in a Northwest Suburban League baseball game last week in Redford Township. The win lifted coach Jerry Maxwell's North Farmington team to 10-5 overall.

North's Greg Hughes led the way with a homer and a triple and four RBIs. Teammate Gus Patek knocked in three runs with a homer and a single, and Dan Gasser drove in four with a double and two singles. Tom Meggas contributed a bases-empty homer.

Winning pitcher Mark Bentley worked the first five innings.

North has an NSL game on Friday (May 20) at Westland John Glenn, and then the Raiders take on non-league Birmingham Groves in a doubleheader on Saturday at Groves.



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Harrison's Gregg Mathiak delivers against Western. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Farmington's Randy Meier takes his cuts.

Tennis regional set

The three Farmington high school tennis teams will find themselves in good company this weekend at the Class A regional tournament hosted by Southfield-Lathrup High.

The regional, which will be held Friday and Saturday (May 20-21) at several locations in Southfield and Lathrup Village, will feature some of the best prep competitors in the area. In addition to the three Farmington schools and Lathrup, the regional includes Southfield High, Birmingham Brother Rice, Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm, Highland Park, Ferndale High, Berkeley High and Detroit Catholic Central.

Lathrup, enjoying one of its best tennis seasons ever, and Brother Rice loom as favorites to win the 12-school regional.

Under a new format, the regionals will be divided into seven flights, each corresponding to the singles and doubles competition—used in high school dual meets. Teams will gain points according to their players' performances in each grouping.

The top two teams from each regional will advance to the state finals, scheduled for June 3-4. Also, the winners of No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles will advance to the state finals if they're not already part of the best two teams.

The Lathrup regional will be played at three sites—Southfield High School, the Southfield Civic Center and the Village Athletic Club—on Friday. The finals will be played at Southfield High on Saturday.

NORTH FARMINGTON defeated Oak Park, 6-1, in a non-league dual meet last Monday afternoon on North's courts. The win lifted North to 6-3 overall.

Dave Epstein, North's No. 1 singles player, defeated Mickey Harris, 6-0, 6-1. Oak Park's only match victory came in No. 4 singles, where Mike Lester downed George Stroh in three sets, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. In No. 1 doubles, North's Steve Chipinsky and Bob Schaffer defeated Vince Wordeman and Mike Costello, 6-2, 6-3.

Earlier, North Farmington defeated Thurston High, 5-1, in a Northwest Suburban League meet. North is 5-1 in the NSL. Epstein won the No. 1 singles match, beating Bill Morris, 6-0, 6-3.

In another area meet last Monday, Farmington Harrison blanked Walled Lake Western, 7-0, in a Western Six League contest. Harrison is 8-3 overall and 6-2 in the league.

In No. 1 singles, Harrison's Danny Green topped Ron Poland, 6-2, 6-4. Harrison's twin-brother team of Chris and David Forberg downed Steve Burt and Don Draheim, 6-4, 6-0, in No. 1 doubles. Chuck Miller and Al LaForet needed three sets to defeat Mike Draheim and Jeff Chono, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, in No. 3 doubles.

Walled Lake Central stopped Farmington High, 5-2, in the Inter Lakes League last Monday. Farmington's Dave Krohn and Jeremy Dando won the No. 1 doubles match, beating Brad Clancy and Chris Grath, 6-4, 7-5. Farmington's other match win came in No. 2 doubles where Keith Farnie and Greg Murland beat Paul Benson and Ray

McLeod in three sets, 6-0, 6-7, 6-0.

Earlier, Livonia Stevenson defeated Farmington, 7-0, in an I.L.L. meet. Stevenson's Kevin Green beat Tom Ringwald, 6-0, 6-0, in No. 1 singles.

Farmington High and North Farmington continue their dual-meet season on Monday (May 23). Garden City East plays at North Farmington, while Farmington High moves to Northville. On Tuesday (May 24), Harrison entertains Plymouth Canton. All meets begin at 4 p.m.

N. FARMINGTON—OAK PARK 1

SINGLES—Dave Epstein (NF) defeated Mickey Harris, 6-0, 6-1; Lars Johansson (NF) defeated Doug Smith, 6-4, 6-3; Mike Lester (OP) defeated George Stroh, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Bruce Allen (NF) defeated Jay Cook, 6-2, 6-1.

DOUBLES—Steve Chipinsky and Bob Schaffer (NF) defeated Vince Wordeman and Mike Costello, 6-2, 6-3; Rick Karoub and Kevin Hawley (NF) defeated Howard Fingerhut and Steve Chanes, 6-2, 6-0; Dave Blume and Brian Hartley (NF) defeated Steve Pittler and Dave Firstenberg, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3.

HARRISON 7—WESTERN 0

SINGLES—Danny Green (H) defeated Ron Poland, 6-2, 6-4; Bob Maltz (H) defeated Ken Koskunk, 6-0, 6-0; Brian Gordon (H) defeated Wayne Miggs, 6-0, 6-2; Barry Leshman (H) defeated Doug Poland, 6-1, 6-1.

DOUBLES—Chris Forberg and David Forberg (H) defeated Steve Burt and Don Draheim, 6-4, 6-0; Barry Sokol and Richard Wald (H) defeated Randy Herrada and Matt Graycheck, 6-2, 6-3; Chuck Miller and Al LaForet (H) defeated Mike Draheim and Jeff Chono, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3.

CENTRAL 5—FARMINGTON 2

SINGLES—Roy Rody (WLC) defeated Tom Ringwald, 7-5, 6-4; Jeff Segnitz (WLC) defeated Brian Zanke, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Doug Gruber (WLC) defeated Chuck Amori, 7-5, 6-4; Mike Fagerite (WLC) defeated Doug Williams, 6-0, 6-2.

DOUBLES—Dave Krohn and Jeremy Dando (F) defeated Brad Clancy and Chris Grath, 6-4, 7-5; Keith Farnie and Greg Murland (F) defeated Paul Benson and Ray McLeod, 6-0, 6-7, 6-0; Ray Ejays and Bob Kamenoff (WLC) defeated Chris Renner and Dave Jameson, 6-0, 6-7, 6-1.

N. FARMINGTON 5—THURSTON 2

SINGLES—Dave Epstein (NF) defeated Bill Morris, 6-0, 6-3; Lars Johansson (NF) defeated Kevin Kohls, 6-1, 6-4; George Stroh (NF) defeated Paul Brown, 6-1, 6-0; Maher Cash (T) defeated Dave Dittmar, 6-0, 6-3.

DOUBLES—Steve Chipinsky and Bob Schaffer (NF) defeated Tim Merkel and Stewart Holmes, 6-3, 6-1; Rick Karoub and Kevin Hawley (NF) defeated Paul Maiorana and Mike Kosakowski, 6-2, 6-4; John McGrath and Bob Litwinick (T) defeated Tom Clancy and Steve Carp, 6-4, 6-1.

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Discus warmup

Farmington High's Doug Beck warms up for the discus throw during the Bloomfield Hills Relays last Saturday. Farmington had several outstanding performances, to finish third in the 28-school meet. See story on Page 2. (Photo by Jack Margolis)