

# National Majors' Phillies win 1st half of season

The NFWB National Majors first half-season's games and results were omitted from last week's article. In a three-way fight for first place, the Dodgers were

defeated by the Reds, leaving the Phillies and the Cubs.

The Phillies overcame the Cubs 12-9 in what might be described as a walkathon. The Cubs

had 12 walks. Eric Kakhonen of the Phillies and Mike Garver made some great fielding plays. Leading their team with good hitting were Mike Paulus 22,

Eric Kakhonen a home run, Marty Scanlon 34 and John Griswold with a double.

The Cubs' Randy Richardson kept the Phillies from scoring more hits with terrific running catches from his position in centerfield. Cubs Jeff Fisher and Todd Williams hit doubles with the bases loaded. Dan Martin played well

at catcher and also scored two runs. In other action, the Cubs defeated the Pirates 2-0. Top hitters for the Pirates were: Todd Forinski 23; Kent

Kengas 13 and Gregg Lesman 13. For the Cubs: Jeff Poesz 34 including a home run; Dan Thalacker 33; Vince Janonis 34 and Martin Dugas, Jr. 11.

THE NATIONAL MAJORS broke a six-game losing streak by topping the Reds 19-4. Jon Umrath made an outstanding catch with the bases loaded and two outs to insure the win.

Third baseman Danny Fantich made a good rundown play. Pat Schaefer had two hits for the Dodgers and pitched three strong innings. Steve Brown also pitched well.

GARY GOLDBERG was top hitter for the Reds. David Hoffman showed good control in his one-inning pitching performance.

SOFTBALL is again the site of a first-place battle between the Honeybees and the Sluggers. The Sluggers gained an edge by beating the Honeybees 7-6. Two home runs by Julie White and

another by Laurie Stratford were crucial to the victory.

The Angels then surprised the Sluggers 12-4 with a late-inning rally. Home runs by Betsy Lee, Michele McCoy and Nancy Souder, plus the pitching of Kim Garver and fielding of Gina Coury at third base helped the Angels.

The Chargers clobbered the Rag-A-Muffs 22-7 and edged the Fireflies 15-4. Sue Potter belted a grand slam homer and Amy Mensloff had a double play against the Rag-A-Muffs.

The Goldiggers bounced back from a 5-4 loss to the Angels to pitch the Rockettes 27-6. Stacey Smith blasted two home runs and a triple against the Rockettes.

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## Borgess has no mercy for Mercy

By DAVID SAUNDERS

Farmington Our Lady of Mercy lost its bid for the regional championship, as they lost to Bishop Borgess in the first round, 12-2.

Mercy fell victim to the mercy rule, in the fifth inning, when Borgess added four more runs to their eight runs they got in the fourth inning.

Borgess was aided by seven walks in the fourth, and six walks in the fifth. Before those two innings, it looked like Mercy was cruising along with a 2-0 lead.

"Our first pitcher usually hits the corner," said Mercy coach Linda Barber after the game.

Sophomore pitcher Gretchen Larges faced only 10 batters in the first three innings, but got into fourth inning trouble. After Borgess scored seven runs, Barber brought in freshman Margie Kueber and got the side out after Borgess added another run.

"I think they both are good pitchers," said Barber. "We have something to build around, and we'll be tough next year."

"We'll just have to develop those two pitchers for next year."

Larges walked the first batter on a 3-1 pitch, and then came back to strike out the next batter. Then Borgess got their second hit off Larges,

a double up the left-center alley. Then after a walk, and a pop out to shallow center, it looked like Larges would work her way out of trouble.

BUT BORGESS didn't have that in mind. They got a walk, single and a walk to Bridget Katanski brought in, what proved to be the winning run. Borgess didn't stop there.

Another single, and then hit, combined with an error gave them three more runs. After a couple more walks by Larges, Barber brought in the freshman.

Margie Kueber walked the next batter to make the score 8-2, but got Karen Stanchina to ground out. Mercy threatened in the top of the fifth, but Borgess got out of the inning unscathed.

After a walk to the lead-off batter, Megan Maher, Kueber hit into a fielder's choice. Both runners were safe after Borgess' second baseman missed the tag.

Diane Jones hit into a fielders choice, and the runner was forced out at third. Diane Dietz hit into another fielders choice, and once again, they got the lead-off runner out. K.D. Harte ended Mercy's threat by popping out to the short stop.

Borgess got their four runs in the fifth inning on six walks and a punt.



Margie Kueber is forced out at third base in Saturday's 12-2 loss to Bishop Borgess in the first round of the regionals.

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