

# Muffets grab junior softball lead

WEST BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Robert & Charles maintained the Women's League lead by coming up with three victories last week. A key win over the Brewhaus was led by Sue Graham's homer. Carol Shuttleworth blasted a four-bagger for Brewhaus in a losing cause.

Decor Streakers maintained a perfect record and stayed on Robert & Charles heels with an overwhelming victory over the hapless Wolverine Precious Metals. Nancy Green had five hits with Chris Kendall, Janet Hallman, Diane Mahaf, Pam Klemm and Carol Balenorth all having four hits. Two of Balenorth's hits were homers.

Carnival Gourmet squeezed past Frederico Fathucin 7-4 on the strength of Anne Hoffman's home run.

Norwest Little Caesar's maintained its unbeaten record in the Mens' League with a pair of victories. Bertin Agency was a shutout victim when John Vincent, Carl Childress, Jim Robinson and Jerry DiPaola all gathered three hits with Russ Miner contributing a home run in the up-rising.

Little Caesar's ruled over Guaranteed Construction when three hits were produced by Gary McKee and Russ Green, who also had a three-run homer.

Bertin bounced back with a victory over Arnold Drugs 10-3 with homers by Jay Levine and Jerry Cohen, who also had a triple.

Arnold Drugs broke into the win column with a 12-6 victory over Big Brake. Joe Lupi and Walt contributed home runs.

Carmen's Party Store moved into a first-place tie in Men's Division II with its third consecutive victory, a 27-13 victory over the Lizards.

Dana Reynolds had two home runs. Rick Linaham and Don Smallman each had one homer. Dana and Rick had five hits. Smallman was 4-4.

Fiddler on the Rye was upset by Connolly's. Gino's fell from the undefeated ranks by losing to Keego Harbor Business & Professional Association.

West Bloomfield Lanes remained unbeaten in the Mens' Over 30 League by handing Wolverine its first loss of the season, 7-2. Jim Long had a pair of doubles to lead the Lanes hitting attack.

Vintage Wine maintained its hold on second by handing Wolverine its second loss, 11-9. Hustle broke into the win column with a 14-8 victory over the Bad News Bears.

**NORTH FARMINGTON - WEST BLOOMFIELD**

Although the Junior Softball Muffets were handed their first defeat in the season, 15-12 against the Phillies, they came back to beat the Dusters and assure themselves of a first place finish.

Lesley Cullen and Cheryl Kraus turned in good pitching performances for the Dusters and Lor Scher slammed a home run in the rain-shortened game against the Phillies.

The Muffet's Kelly Cockley went the whole game on the pitcher's mound and Kitty Adams contributed three hits.

Despite rainy weather, the Battin and Blue Jeans had to go into extra innings to come up with a winner in the bottom of the eighth. Karen McGrain doubled and Linda Kallablasted a homer to break a tie game and bring in an 8-6 victory.

The Sweet Peas came up with victories over

the Swingers and the Chicks, with the help of Jackie Nabel who hit a game-winning home run in each game. She was aided by good pitching performances by Beth Josephson, Frances Spehn and Lynda Crall.

The Chick bats became explosive in the decisive victory over the Swingers. Lisa Kluk, Vickie Promo, Lesley Perford and Margie Lee all had home runs.

**SURPRISES MARKED** the start of the second half season of the Pony National League action. The first-half champion Cardinals were defeated by the Dodgers 7-0. Morrison struck out 10 and allowed only three hits in going the full seven innings. Dale Sklar led the Expos hitting with a 3-4 performance.

The Braves out-hit the Padres 11-8, but ended up on the short end of a 5-4 ball game. Jim Roberts of the Braves got two hits and knocked in two runs. Gregg Meggas and Bill Sonenberg each scored twice. With the score 4-0 in favor of the Braves, the Padres came to life with Steve Young, Sam McCarter and John King leading the way.

Three double-plays helped pave the way for the Red's 6-4 victory over the Giants. With the bases loaded and one out in the fifth, Kevin Mandarra, Mickey Muenster and Greg Molitz executed the third double-play of the evening. Kevin, Shaw and Jim Carrier each had a single and a

double for the losers. Dale Sklar struck out six and allowed only three hits in his seven-inning stint against the Braves, bringing the Expos an 8-1 victory. Bill Sonenberg scored the only Brave run.

The Cardinals got their first victory of the second-half when they beat the Pirates 15-9. The Padres squeaked by the Dodgers 11-10, aided by home run hitting from Scott Williams and Mike Kirk. Jim Franchi also contributed, hitting three singles. Rod Mackay had one single and a triple for the Dodgers.

**GIRLS' SENIOR SOFTBALL** action saw the Sluggers lose their first-place bid to the Honeybees by falling to the Goldiggers 12-8. Goldigger pitcher Kathy Kirkendall hit a homer in that game.

The Honeybees gained uncontested first place with victories over the Fireflies 14-2 and the Goldiggers 10-6. In their game with the Fireflies, Honeybees Laura Weingarden and Kathy Dwyer were 4-4 at the plate. Weingarden excelled at second base.

The Fireflies surprised the Angels 18-7 sparked by homers from Gayle Corsi, Liz Rambo, Clint Trice and Michael Goers. Sandy Smith saved the Rockettes in their 7-1 win over the Rag A Muffins by robbing them of two good hits with outstanding catches in the outfield in the third inning.

**THE FEDERAL MAJOR** Expos kept their unbeaten record intact with a 6-5 victory over the Mets. A single by Eric Turken in the bottom of the sixth spoiled the Met upset plans. Mike Israel walked, Bill Kaska singled and Turken slid into home with the winning run. Zachary Childress was 2-3 and pitched shutout relief for two innings.

The Mets battled all the way, led by Tom Dooley who doubled with two men on, Jeff Hines who was 2-3 and Howard J. Eisenstadt who hit a two-run homer.

The Expos also defeated the Orioles 19-12. Jim Hall had a fantastic day at bat with three hits, one of which was an over the fence homer. He also had three hits, while Zachary Childress, Dave Austin and Jim Mirris had two hits each.

Oriole Pat Seyferth had a perfect 3-3. Dan Murphy had two hits, including a bases loaded triple. Joe Boyle rallied with a bases loaded triple, but the Birds were unable to pull ahead.

The Phillies defeated the Cubs 6-4, but lost to the Dodgers 6-5. The Phillies used an injured player, Ray Boyle, and a minors substitute (Matt Reineke who had a base hit and a good fielding play) to fill out their necessary nine against the Cubs. Hitting in eight runs in the first two innings of the game, the Phillies leading hitters were Mike Garber (4-4) and Jeff Lawton (2-2). The Cubs retaliated with a triple by Jeff Poeszat, a double by Tim Harkness and a home run plus a double by Vince Janunas.

Pete Kaligren smacked a homer which lifted the Phillies past the Dodgers 6-5. Marty Scanlon of the Phillies

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The Brewers beat the Rangers 9-5 behind the pitching of Bob Merrell and Joe Scavone. Merrell was 3-3 with three RBIs, while Scavone had two hits and was the outstanding defensive player. Bret Bauman contributed to the victory with three hits and five RBIs. Dave Wednesick had two hits for the Rangers and played a superb game at first base.

Two aces by Marc Wittenberg and Paul Kassa helped the Astros post a 13-1 victory over the Athletics. Geoff Saham was 2-4 for the Athletics.

The Padres beat the Mets 12-4. Chris Shepard hit a bases loaded triple for the Padres. Teammate Robbie Teitel made an outstanding catch in centerfield. Another bases loaded triple was hit by Tom Dooley for the Mets. Nick Spencer played a super defensive game in center.

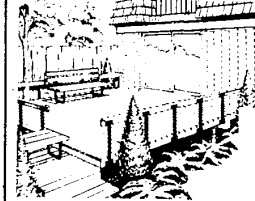
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