

Happy Day For Redford, 2 Teams In State Meets

How do you play in two state tournaments some 30 miles apart at the same time? It can be done...and was being done this weekend by Redford Township in Connie Mack and Free Press League baseball competition.

The Township's Earl Morrall team was in Marshall for the state Mack meet.

Redford's Free Press team, meantime had a date in Ann Arbor in pursuit of the Michigan crown which would mean a trip to Johnston, Pa., for the All American Boys championship tournament.

Several of the regulars on the Morrall team are members of the Free Press unit... and vice versa.

But for tournaments, each team may add three players from league rivals.

"SO WE'LL be able to do it without any problem!" declared Bob Atkins, who generally manages both Redford teams.

"The shuffling back and forth won't be too difficult and we may use boys in both tournaments, if the schedules don't conflict."

Atkins will get managerial assistance from Al Turner, long-time pilot of teams in the Township from Little League to Class A.

The Morrall team won its way to the Marshall state meet where Redford won the state crown four years ago by taking the Greater Livonia American Division flag and then the Mack district at Ypsilanti last weekend.

In Free Press play, Redford posted back-to-back wins over Cardinal. Decorating of Livonia to capture the best-of-three playoff series for the Greater Livonia League flag.

In the clincher last Tuesday, Redford romped, 12-2.

It marked the sixth straight year that Redford has reigned in the Livonia Free Press League. The last two years has seen Redford win the state and a trip to the national tournament.

They performed together on Redford Union High's Suburban Six League pennant winners... then on the victorious Connie Mack team... and finally on the Free Press champ.

Tom Fieszer, a junior this fall at the University of Michigan, turned in one of his best pitching efforts of the season against Cardinal in the deciding game. He fanned nine, allowed five hits and walked one.

Cardinal got off to a 1-0 lead when Tim Fisher walked, and came around on John Schroeter's sacrifice, which was followed by an error.

But Redford responded with three quick runs to chase Cardinal starter Bill McAlpine, who was plagued by wildness. Fahey walked and took second on Reg Barringer's single. Then Bob Holmes, Howe, Bob Holmes and Rod Ferguson all walked. In the second Leland Bjerk delivered a sacrifice fly.

REDFORD SCORED two more in the third when Howe singled, Bob Holmes walked, Ferguson was safe on a fielder's choice, Fieszer walked and Leland Bjerk delivered a sacrifice fly.

Schroeter's single and Carl Gutbrousen's triple accounted for the second Cardinal run in the fourth.

But Redford got two back on singles by Fahey, Barringer, Howe and Holmes. In the fifth, Joe Himmelspach's triple climaxed a four-run inning.

Class D Playoffs Turn Into A Rush, Rush Affair

Rush, Rush, Rush. That's the way the Connie Mack playoffs... have been going in Livonia's Class D League.

There was a rush to decide a winner for the district tournaments and the story was the same this past week in trying to qualify a winner for the Inter-Cities Class D meet which opens Monday.

Because of the "jam" sessions, teams have been caught short. One was forced to forfeit, because a game was scheduled on a day when neither players or coach had been told.

Other teams have played short-handed because their rosters were paired down by star players going off to help other Livonia area teams in Connie Mack and Free Press tournaments.

Rain Thursday caused further complications and put one team in a situation that it would have to play four times in three days--and win 'em all to make the Inter-Cities.

GOING INTO Friday's play, Allen Fence of Livonia was unbeaten, along with Garden City West in the upper half of the draw, while Northville and the Livonia Optimists each had one loss in the double-defeat-and-out competition.

Allen scored one of the most thrilling figures in the Class D playoffs by noosing out Northville, 1-0. Ken Gawkowski was the winner, allowing one hit--an infield dribbler--in the second inning. He fanned eight and walked two.

The only run Allen scored came when Bill Rice and Paul Miller singled and Marv Hurlbert was safe on an error.

Northville later turned around and kayped Phillippi Service, 1-0, on an error in the seventh inning. A brilliant three-hitter by Phillippi's Jim Davies went to waste.

It was Phillippi which had to forfeit its first game when the players and coach were told that they wouldn't have to play until Monday or Tuesday--then were surprised to find out the game was scheduled for Sunday.

THE LIVONIA Optimists stayed alive with a 3-0 victory over Farmington's Coleman-Moss. Dave Kelly tossed a three-hitter, fanned seven and walked one.

John Schroeter scored the first run on an error and a single by Ken Grates. In the fifth, hits by Tim Malone, Schroeter and Bob Cascaden made it 2-0.

The final runs came over in the sixth when Grates walked, Bob Buckley singled and Kelly dropped a perfect squeeze play.

The original schedule called for deciding the playoff champion at Ford Field Saturday night.



THE ARM Coach Joe Schmidt, of the Lions, figured would make his team a top contender this year, is out of action for several weeks. Bill Munson, secured from the Los Angeles Rams in a deal during the winter, was injured in a scrimmage... and how the Lions are missing his throwing and quarterbacking.

U-M Plucks Cage Great

ANN ARBOR -- The University of Michigan has plucked basketball star Richard Carter who averaged 24 points for the Fort Dodge Junior College in Iowa last season.

Carter, who hails from Detroit Northwestern High School, will enroll at Michigan later this month and be eligible for the Wolverines' cage opener on Dec. 2 against Northern Illinois.

In high school Carter played under Fred Snowden, newly named assistant cage coach at the U. of M.

New Name

Governor Romney this week signed into law a bill which will rename the Department of Conservation as the Department of Natural Resources.

The name change, first in the department's 47-year history, is scheduled to take effect 90 days after the State Legislature adjourns. It reflects the department's broadening scope of responsibilities which in recent years has been expanded to cover such areas of administration as tourism, water pollution control, aid to local recreation, waterways, and boat and water safety.

By George Maskin

observing sports

In the life of Denny McLain, as most married men, his family comes first -- meaning his lovely wife and two children and their well-being in their home in Farmington Township.

Next comes pitching for the Detroit Tigers.

Thirdly, there's McLain's organ career.

Denny thinks that playing the organ some day may become as big, if not bigger, than baseball in his life.

And his reason makes sense.

"Heck, I won't be pitching all my life, even if I wanted to," he says as he greets you in the plush Tiger clubhouse where the ball players can escape the heat.

"Playing the organ is something else again. It's a profession that can go on well after I'm through as an active participant in baseball."

RIGHT NOW, the No. 1 winning pitcher in the major leagues, who's bidding to become the first 30-game victor in 34 seasons, manages to blend his pitching and organ performing happily for all concerned.

He's connected with the Hammond organ people and Grinnells and was quick to remind us that he'd be around during the week to help demonstrate a new \$8,000 instrument. Or was it a \$12,000 organ?

Also Denny has turned recording star for one of the major labels. He cut his first album the other afternoon between pitching starts.

Chances are the record will hit the streets just about the time the Tigers square off with the St. Louis Cardinals in the world series.

That's what you call the right timing. Consider the national publicity he'll get free -- for his record -- with sports writers from every section of the United States on deck for the series.

WE CAN just picture the scene in the clubhouse. Denny has beaten the Cardinals.

The scribes flock in... and head for the side of the clubhouse where Denny hangs his clothes.

"What did you throw today?" one will no doubt ask.

"How'd you feel?"

"What about that final pitch?"

Denny will politely give the answers... and somewhere along the line he may turn to his locker and pull out his new album.

"Hey, fellows... how about a mention for this?"

He'll get it.

One of the wire service guys unquestionably will write an entire feature on Denny the pitcher and Denny the organist.

WHEREVER HE goes these days, the question of reaching 30 victories pops up first in all discussions with McLain.

Denny still has the same answer:

"I don't care how many I win personally. The big thing is our Tigers winning the pennant."

McLain should get to 30 at his present pace. All he has to do is split even in his final 14 starts, assuming he'll be called upon to work every fourth day, as he has, in the weeks ahead.

There are times, Denny says, that he wishes he could get an extra day off.

"But until the pennant is clinched, I can't expect that," he says. "If we're well ahead in September I'd welcome five days off between starts."

He's not one to think that a pitcher should be rushed to the mound without proper rest for the sake of trying to win an extra game in the stretch.

He cites the 1954 season when the Philadelphia Phillies tried using Jim Bunning all the time and they never could hold onto a lead and win the flag.

TIGER MANAGER Mayo Smith agrees with McLain's thinking. But if the going gets rough in September, you'll see McLain pitching out of turn.

McLain has a chance to set a couple of Tiger records this season. He may wind up surpassing the 44 starts George Mullin made in 1904 and the 381 innings Mullin pitched the same season.

But two other Mullin records are out of reach. In those 44 starts, he finished 42 of them. He also lost 23.

Here are some other Tiger records which McLain could shatter:

Most victories in a season -- 29 by Mullin (1909) and Hal Newhouser (1944); highest season percentage -- .862 Bill Conovan, 25-4, in 1907; lowest earned run average of 1.81 by Newhouser in 1945; most shutouts -- 8, by Ed Kilian in 1905 and Newhouser in '45, and most strikeouts -- 275 by Newhouser in '46.

McLain already has carved four Tiger records -- 14 strikeouts in a night game to equal a Bunning mark; most consecutive strikeouts in a game and in relief -- seven, and most home run pitches in a season -- 24.

Denny has beaten every American League club at least once this year. In fact he's done the trick in each of the last four seasons, a feat unmatched by any other American League or National League pitcher.

Little wonder that when he relaxes at the Hammond organ, Denny McLain plays such sweet and happy music.

The world never has been nicer -- for a 24-year-old father of two.

No Deer Permits Until Sept.

Michigan hunters must wait until early September to apply for permits offered under this fall's antlerless deer and wild turkey seasons, the Conservation Department reports.

By that time, the Department hopes to have completed distribution of 1968 big game and small game hunting licenses, and special application forms for antlerless deer permits to license dealers throughout the state.

About these licenses, neither would-be turkey nor antlerless deer hunters can apply for permits. Both groups of sportsmen must first buy their appropriate 1968 licenses whose numbers must be included on their permit applications.

Besides meeting this requirement, applicants for antlerless deer permits must use the special forms which will carry their pre-marked license numbers. Those seeking turkey hunting permits will be required to enter their 1968 small game license numbers on U.S. Government postcards, which will serve as their entry forms.

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