

Birmingham-Troy Legion '9'

continues its winning ways

Troy Birmingham won its sixth straight ball game in 18th district American Legion play last night, defeating Lake Orion and all-state pitcher Steve Lower 5-1 in an action which was limited due to rain and the July Fourth holiday. Auburn Heights upset Riverdale 12-4.

The Beaver topped his league record to 10-0 against Orion on a four-hit night. The Oakland University freshman pitched to and walked only one. He also scored his own run with a two-run double in the eighth inning, capping a five-run rally.

With the score tied at zero, John Mugarichian led off the fourth for Troy with a base hit and advanced to third on Mare Seaton's double.

After Paul Stanton's fielder's choice forced Mugarichian at the plate, shortstop Chuck Wagner walked to load the bases. Also, University freshman Doug Smith singled in a run and Randy Moon doubled to give Troy a 3-0 lead.

After Pete Obbe walked, George added two more insurance runs with a double scoring Smith and Moon.

ALBURN HEIGHTS shocked Rochester on Friday behind an 11th hit attack and the complete game pitching of Keith Strubbe. Playing with former Rochester Legion player Dan Sarkisian who collected a pair of hits in four at bats, Auburn Heights scored seven runs in the first inning to take a commanding lead.

Rochester starting pitcher Mark Traver, who had been effective in his previous outings, was shelled by the visitors and only lasted a third of an inning.

The first eight Auburn Heights batters got on base before number nine batter Rick Zeubille finally popped out. But Keith McElreath followed with a two-run double which got rid of Traver.

McElreath and Gary Chapman led the game off with walks before Dan Sarkisian loaded the bases via an infield error. Pat Balazs, Auburn Heights' top hitter as of late, and John Sennel hit back-to-back singles, scoring three runs. Strubbe's double scored another run and Auburn was on its way to an easy win.

Balazs paced the winners with three singles, four runs batted in and a pair of runs scored. Prior to the Rochester encounter, he had hit five home runs in as many ballgames.

STROUSCHEN WON his second game of the year which happens to equal the total number of victories for Auburn Heights this year. A catcher in high school, Strouschen keeps the ball low and to the dismay of opposing managers has been successful at getting the opposition out.

Rochester came back to split a twin bill with Suburban Federation for Grosse Pointe Five. Despite Jim Breugh's four hits in the opening, coach Jerry Strunthaus' team just 1-0 Sarkisian who plays Legion ball with Auburn Heights and Federation with Rochester, collected the team's sixth hit on a sixth inning single.

Grosse Pointe's lone run came on a walk, an infield single, another walk and a fielder's choice.

Rochester got five cheapies of its own in the nightcap however, winning 5-0 on Mars Martin's two-hitter. Five different Rochester runners were wild pitched home, raising Rochester's record in Federation play to 3-1, which is good enough for a first place tie with Farmington.

Team Waterford 7-1
Troy Birmingham 8-2
Lake Orion 4-4
Rochester 3-3
Auburn Heights 2-9

South Division
Berkley 6-2
Farmington 5-3
Walled Lake 3-4
Royal Oak 1-7

Records fall in Village loss

Dave Smith broke two Village Swim Club records as his team dropped a 302-207 decision to Farmington Beechmaw last week in a Northwest Suburban Swim League meet.

Swimming in the boys' 15-17-year-old group, Smith established Village records in the 50-meter butterfly (1:28.1) and the 100-meter individual medley (1:08.5). Another Village swimmer, Sam MacMillan, won two events in the girls' 13-14-year competition. She won the 100 IM (1:15.1) and the 50 fly (1:23.4). Village coach, Larry Driver, has a 2-1 record this season.

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