

## Pitching shows promise

# Little Caesars improves

By TOM BAER

Farmington Little Caesars, a new entry in the tough Livonia Adray League this summer got off to a shaky start at the beginning of the sandlot baseball wars. But better times are coming for manager John Stenson's Little Caesars squad if some of its recent games are any indication.

Recordwise Little Caesars had a disastrous June, winning just one game and losing 10. But the team has shown promise in its July outings.

For example Caesars Bill Mathews pitched a three-hitter to help his team trounce Redford Adray, 7-0 last Thursday.

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at Redford Township's Bell Creek Park. On the same date, Caesars dropped a 10-9 decision to Livonia Adray's Restaurant at Henry Ford Field. The split gave Caesars a 3-1 record in Adray games this summer.

Mathews, a left-hander who pitched for Clarkston High School's baseball team last spring, lifted his Adray record to 2-0 with the win over Redford.

He displayed "a good mixture of pitches, striking out seven in the game.

Mathews has a good mixture of pitches — a fastball, a real good knuckle and a more than adequate curve," Stenson said. "You have to have a good mixture to survive in Adray baseball. He's also big, about 6'4", and he's fast on the mound. He has all the tools to become a good pitcher."

At Clarkston High, Mathews always pitched in the shadow of Steve Howe, Stenson added. But Bill always had to pitch the rubber game. He always had the pressure on him."

HITTING WASN'T a problem for Caesars in either game last Thursday. Against Redford, Caesars won the underdog stat, logging four runs to the Adray's three. Caesars scored two runs in the third inning. With two out, Ron Silberstein walked and took second when Thomas singled. The runners then executed a successful double steal and scored on Gus Patek's single. The winners added three more runs.

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Caesars has been getting some hitting and fielding help from Silberstein, who was named team captain by his coach, days at Southfield Lathrup. He joined the team after its fourth game and has provided "a lot of hustle," according to Stenson.

"Ron's doing a great job at shortstop," the manager said. "We really needed that. He's a good fielder, has a lot of hustle and he gets on base a lot. He's also a real leader, a little older and more mature than some of our players."

Little Caesars plays next on July 14

against Redford Adray. The game begins at 8 p.m. at Bell Creek Park.

**Federation leaders  
nip Farmington '9'**

Rochester held on to first place in the Suburban Federation League by beating the Farmington Reds, 21-10 in innings last Thursday.

Rochester, which leads the league with a 6-1 record, rapped out seven hits, including the 10th-inning single which won the game.

With one out in the 10th, John Shely and took second when John Shely and Joe Urie was awarded first because of catcher's interference. Jim Cupples then singled, and Shely came home with the winning run.

Winning pitcher Mark Martin worked 7½

innings in relief, allowing two hits, striking

out eight and walking two. Jim Brechin,

the starting pitcher, lasted 7½, managing

striking out none, walking three and hit-

ting a batter.

Farmington, which had four hits, opened

the scoring with a run in the third inning

and a run in the fourth. Jim Brechin and Dan Marion drew walks. Curtis took

third on a passed ball. Marion was cut

down trying to steal second base but

Curtis scored on the play.

Rochester tied it in the sixth inning when Greg Dubala drove in a run with

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