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SPORTS

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Reds fall in Mack tournament

By TOM BAER

The victories have been numerous this summer for the Farmington Reds, a sandlot baseball team which dominated the Pontiac Class D Conroe Mack League.

The Reds, managed by Jack Marion, had an easy time winning the league title with a 19-1 record. Farmington also played in the Suburban Federation League, and recently dropped two post-season tournament games. The team is now involved in the Conroe Mack sectional tournament, and dropped its opening tournament outing, 3-1, last Thursday at Pontiac's Jayce Park.

The Reds can look back on an excellent

summer season, the recent tournament losses notwithstanding.

"Our pitching has been first rate, especially during the first part of the season," Marion said. "Then our bats came alive and that carried us right through to the tournaments. Actually, even in the games we lost, we were hitting well."

Marion has four starting pitchers, but the most effective has been Dave Dueto, a right-hander who prepped at Farmington High School and now pitches for Jackson Community College's baseball team. Dueto, who was the losing pitcher against Livonia last Thursday, has compiled an 8-2 record in Conroe Mack.

"He has good breaking stuff, and he mixes up his pitches," Marion said. "He'll

give you two or three different breaking pitches. You're lucky if you get anything above the belt. Everything he throws is between the knees and the belt."

OTHER REDS pitchers include Mike Mayne (4-3 win-loss record), a right-hander who pitched for Milford Lakeland High; Chris Curtis (4-1), a left-hander who plays shortstop when he's not pitching; and Bill Lowman, a right-hander who can also play first base.

Curtis leads the team's batters with a .529 mark as of the end of the regular Mack season. Second baseman Bob Jenks isn't far behind with a .410 mark. Outfielder Dave Herberholz and catcher Mike Scanlon carried batting averages of .380 and .340 respectively.

Dueto pitched six complete innings in a losing effort against Livonia last Thursday. He fanned four and walked one. Bob McKenna pitched the last inning, striking out one and walking none.

The game was a good example of Farmington's batting skills in a losing cause. "We out them, 9-4, but we left 11 men on base," Marion said.

The Reds opened the scoring with a run in the first inning. Jim Brown doubled, took third on Curtis' single and scored on Herberholz' sacrifice fly.

Livonia scored three runs in the third inning on four hits, a walk and a hit batsman. John Kulis led off with a single. The next batter, Randy Colon, flied out. But then Jim Snyder singled, and John Butcher doubled, scoring Kulis and sending Snyder to third. Dave Pell was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Randy Bech singled to score Butcher and Snyder.

Dueto allowed no more hits after the third inning.

In the Federation tournament, which was played at Oakland University, Canton, Mich., last Saturday, Farmington, 6-1, then Technical Service stopped the Reds, 8-4.

If Farmington wins the Mack tournament, it will advance to the Marshall, Mich. state tournament. The champion of that outing will play in the National Conroe Mack Tournament in Farmington, N.M.

Little Caesars wins, 11-0

Detroit has been good for Farmington Little Caesars sandlot baseball team.

Little Caesars, managed by John Stenson, finished up a dismal 5-30 season in the Livonia area last week. But now Caesars is playing in the Detroit Recreation League — and things are looking up for the Farmington-based squad.

Farmington ran its Detroit record to 4-2, including an 11-0 victory over Local 163 last Thursday at Butler Field. Caesars' pitching has been sharp recently, giving up no runs and only three hits in the last two games.

"The guys relaxed and played a beautiful ballgame for us," Stenson said after the victory over Local 163.

The win featured a fine pitching effort by right-hander John Japich, who gave up only two hits, struck out 11 and walked four. Japich has a 2-4 win-loss record in the Detroit league.

"He had a good fastball," Stenson said.

"It was really sapping in there. And it had that little jump to it. That's how he got most of those 11 strikeouts."

Caesars pounded out 11 hits, scoring six runs in the third inning and four more in the sixth. Mike Thomas and Jim Vogl each had three hits in four trips to the plate. Randy Wroten went two for two and walked twice.

In the third, John Patrick singled, took second on an infield out, and scored on Ron Sutherland's triple. Wroten then drove in Sutherland with a single. Vogl singled,

sending Wroten to third. Vogl stole second and scored on Thomas' single. Bill Mathews singled, knocking in another run.

Nine men batted in the Farmington sixth. Sherman Skermon and Wroten drew walks, and then pulled a successful double steal. Vogl singled, scoring both runners and then came home on Thomas' double. Thomas took third on Japich's sacrifice and scored on a wild pitch.

Caesars is in second place behind the league-leading Toros.

O & E golf outing set for September

By DOUG FUNKE

After many months of practice ranging out the links in their games, golfers will soon have the opportunity to find out exactly who is the finest linkman in the area.

The eighth annual Observer & Eccentric Open Golf Tournament, a 3-hole medal play affair, will be contested the weekend after Labor Day, Sept. 11-12, at Livonia's Whispering Willows Golf Course.

All amateur golfers in the O&E circulation may participate in the tourney. As in past years, the tournament will be organized into flights based on handicaps so that players of varying abilities may participate on more competitive parities.

to Tournament Director Gary Whetener, may be mailed to Whispering Willows Golf Course, 20880 Newburgh Road, Livonia 48150.

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