

SPORTS

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Lathrup nips Troy Athens

Sophomore catcher Ron Curcio belted a two-run triple in the second inning to lead Southfield-Lathrup past Troy Athens, 2-1, in the first game of a Metro Suburban Association double header last week.

Winning pitcher Joey Silver, a senior right-hander, gave up six hits, struck out four and walked three. He was in trouble in the sixth inning, with two on and no outs, but pitched out of it. "He's been our best pitcher so far this season," said Lathrup coach Bob Marten.

"He has a pretty good curve and a fastball, and he mixes them up effectively. He keeps the batters off stride."

Athens won the second game, 12-3, as Jim Bishop pitched a four-hitter and struck out five. Doug McCauley had three hits and knocked in three runs.

Lathrup had the bases loaded with no outs in the second, but left the runners stranded. Losing pitcher Hugh Baver lasted four innings. Jack Dakasian pitched in relief.

Lathrup, now 6-5 overall and 2-4 in the MSA, entertains Birmingham Groves Monday. The MSA game begins at 7 p.m. under the lights at the Southfield Civic Center.

SEAHOLM - SOUTHFIELD

Birmingham Seaholm took two from Southfield High, 6-3 and 3-0, last Wednesday in a Southeastern Michigan Association twin bill at the Civic Center. Southfield dropped to 2-11 overall and 1-5 in the SMA, with the losses.

In the first game, winning pitcher Todd Murphy scattered six hits and struck out three. Sophomore Dave Epstein, the losing pitcher, worked the entire game, giving up five hits, striking out three and walking three. Mike McCann and Don Bradey each drove in a run for Southfield, which scored another run on a wild pitch.

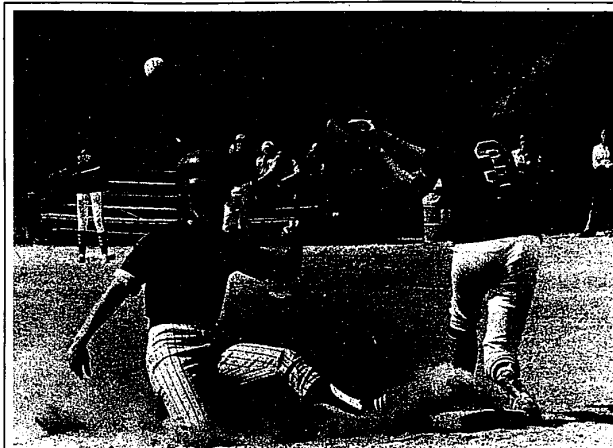
Losing pitcher Dane Smith gave up four hits, walked four and hit four batters in the nightcap. Southfield had five hits.

Southfield plays host to Hazel Park Tuesday. The game has a 4 p.m. start.

LIGGETT - CHRISTIAN

Brian Wilson and Jim Warsinski each hit a home run in a losing cause last week as Grosse Pointe University Liggett thrashed Southfield Christian, 12-5. Warsinski was the losing pitcher. Dave Popkey earned the win.

Christian, now 2-6, plays Tuesday at home against Troy Bethany Christian.



Regina third baseman Sue Cunningham gets a late throw in an attempt to put out Mercy's Diane Jones. Mercy pulled ahead in the early stages of the game, but Regina came back to win it, 10-7. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Harrison rolls over Northville

Barb Erickson and Lori Webb combined to pitch Harrison past Northville High, 15-4, last week in a Western Six League softball game on Harrison's turf. The win boosted Harrison to 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the WSL.

Harrison pounded out 16 hits. Judy Keck blasted a three-run homer, and Nancy Bowden clouted a solo roundtripper. Kathy Corbett and Laura Arnoldy combined for five hits and four runs batted in.

Earlier, Plymouth Canton defeated Harrison, 13-4, on Susan Howe's five hits. The Canton chucker struck out five Hawk batters. Sue Shay, one of three Harrison pitchers, took the loss.

Harrison has a rematch with Canton at 3:45 p.m. Monday at home.

STEVENSON - FARMINGTON

Livonia Stevenson, behind Linda Potter's five-hit pitching, overcame Farmington Harrison, 6-2, in Inter Lakes League softball. Potter worked seven innings, striking out two and passing four.

Betsy VanDeusen, the losing pitcher, went the distance, giving up five hits, striking out seven and walking nine. Marsha Perry had a single and a triple for Farmington, and teammate Wendy Dierkes singled and reached base on a walk.

Farmington, which fell to 3-3 overall and 1-2 in the ILL with the loss, plays Monday at home against Milford Lakeland. The ILL contest has a 3:45 p.m. start.

REGINA - MERCY

Harper Woods Regina scored six runs in the sixth inning to overcome a 9-4 deficit and defeat Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 10-7, in a Catholic League softball game at Farmington City Park. The loss dropped Mercy to 2-4 in league play.

Winning pitcher Sue Lasky scattered five hits and struck out six in a seven-inning stint. Losing pitcher Margie Kueber lasted six innings and issued 12 walks. Megan Maher drove in three runs, going two for two at the plate.

Earlier, Pat McDonald had a homer, a triple

and four RBIs to pace Birmingham Marian's 6-4 victory over Mercy.

Mercy travels to Marian for a 4 p.m. game on Monday.

THURSTON - N. FARMINGTON

Pitcher Ann Rodewig went the distance in a losing cause as Redford Thurston bested North Farmington, 12-6, in the first game of a Northwest Suburban League softball double header. North Farmington lost the second game, 23-14.

Rodewig gave up 14 hits, struck out one and walked 12. Winning pitcher Jean Rowley threw a five-hitter and walked 12. North's Carol Flessa, the team captain, had a perfect day at the plate, collecting a single, double, homer and walk.

Flessa was on base a lot in the second game, too, with a single and three walks. Sandy Stumpf was the losing pitcher, giving up 23 hits in seven innings. Robin Luedtke earned the pitching victory for Thurston.

On Monday, North Farmington has a NSL game at Livonia Franklin. Game time is 3:45 p.m.

Southfield outruns Berkley

Bob Church, Dave Walmoth and Shawn Rowley each won two individual events to lead Southfield High past Southfield-Lathrup, 103-55, last week in a non-league boys' track meet.

Church won the mile run (4:31.6) and two-mile run (9:42.2). Walmoth took the shot put (55-3) and the discus (146-5), and Rowley topped the 100-yard dash (:10.5) and the 220-yard dash (:24.1).

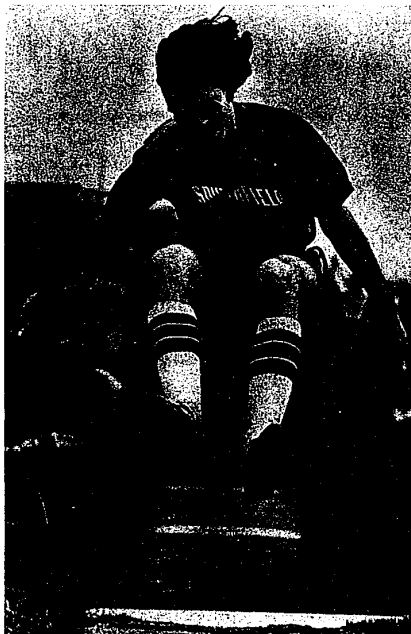
Southfield won 14 of the 16 events, including the high jump, where Mark Lee went 6-1. Lathrup's mile relay (Bill Dunn, John Alexander, Craig Rowley and Jeff Goforth) won with a time of 3:35.5.

In another dual meet last week, Lathrup defeated Rochester Adams, 82-78, in a Metro Suburban Association contest.

Goforth won the 440 (:52.0) and the 330 low hurdles (:41.0), and teammate Dave Foley took the two mile run (10:26.2).

Harper Woods Notre Dame defeated Southfield Christian, 112-43, in one end of a double dual meet last Wednesday. In the other meet, Royal Oak Shrine topped Christian, 86-73.

Tim Johnson won the 880 run (2:03.1) and the mile run (4:54.0) for Christian, and teammate Mark Springfield won the high jump at 6-0.



Rick Vingerelli of Southfield High Schools gives it all he's got in the long jump competition. (Photo by Allen Schlossberg)

Harrison wins, 5-2

North bounces Milford

Dave Weyher pitched a six-hitter, and Andy Salinas drove in a pair of runs to pace North Farmington's 6-2 victory over Milford High in a non-league baseball game last Thursday.

North climbed to 9-1 overall this season under coach Jerry Maxwell.

Weyher, a senior right-hander, pitched the whole game, striking out eight and walking four. North had eight hits.

Earlier last week, North chucker Jeff Thomas struck out seven and allowed just three hits in a 7-2 victory over Redford Thurston in a Northwest Suburban League game. North is 8-1 in the NSL.

North's Ron Fredericks knocked in two runs, stole two bases and scored a run. Teammates Gregg Hughes and Tom Godwin each had a RBI single.

North plays on Monday at home against Livonia Franklin. Game time is 3:45 p.m.

HARRISON - NORTHVILLE

Farmington Harrison, which has a Western Six League baseball showdown at Plymouth Canton on Monday, tuned up with a 5-2 triumph over Northville High last Wednesday. Harrison is 4-1 overall and 3-3 overall.

Steve Zerip pitched three innings in relief of Mark Recker, to earn the victory. Zerip didn't allow a hit and struck out six. Harrison scored the winning run in the seventh when Win Dehm's single drove in Tom Cundy and Brett Homocov. Pat Golch's single drove in Al Shay with the tying run in the sixth.

STEVENSON - FARMINGTON

John Giragosian scored from third on a throwing error in the sixth inning, as Livonia Stevenson beat Farmington High, 2-1, in the Inter Lakes League. Farmington, under coach Rich Roy, fell to 6-4 overall and 2-1 in the league.

Winning pitcher John Mallane went the distance, striking out three and walking one. Losing pitcher Greg Kuhnlein fanned five, walked two and gave up five hits. Farmington got its run in the fourth inning. Kuhnlein singled, took second on Hal McLean's single, went to third on Bill Philp's bunt and scored on Tim O'Malley's single.

Farmington travels to Milford Lakeland for an ILL game on Monday.

Are bubbles in trouble?

By JOHN BOZZO

It's bubbles versus buildings. Local amateur team tennis is receiving a face lift. Some participants believe the change is "political."

"The permanent facilities are more or less trying to exclude the bubble facilities from participating with their clubs," said Mark Conti, pro at the Oak Park Racquet Club and a Birmingham resident.

"We don't have the tremendous debt and utility costs that the permanent facilities have," Conti said. "In the face of competition, we're doing better and they're jealous."

George Russell, owner of the Farmington Racquet Club, is director of the new Suburban Tennis League. He said the new league was formed because the clubs are close together, reducing travel time.

However, when it was pointed out that the new league includes clubs in Rochester and Waterford he agreed, "There may be something political" in forming the new league.

In general, Russell said, "the permanent clubs, because they're a little more expensive, are looking for their people to play in a little better facility."

SIX OF THE SEVEN Metro Tennis League teams have formed their own Suburban Tennis League. Five of the six clubs are permanent indoor tennis facilities.

Only one club equipped with a temporary "bubble," which is removed from the courts during the summer, will participate in the new Suburban Tennis League. That club is Court House Tennis and Racquets Club, two-time defending champion in the Metro Tennis League.

Other former Metro clubs joining the new league are the Farmington, Franklin, Centaur Farms, Square Lake and Rochester Hills racquet clubs.

Two other permanent facilities, the Beverly Hills and Deer Lake (Waterford) racquet clubs, will also compete in the Suburban Tennis League.

Remaining behind to rebuild the Metro Tennis League is the Oak Park Racquet Club, a bubble facility.

Three more bubble clubs will definitely participate in the Metro Tennis League next season. They are the Birmingham, Royal Oak and Troy racquet clubs.

Mike Mehas, head pro at Court House, said his club may field a team in both the Suburban and Metro tennis leagues.

"I'm going to be in the Suburban Tennis League because all the clubs are the same except for Oak Park," Mehas said. "I'll have to wait and see on which clubs join the Metro. I don't want to have to travel too far."

THE NEW SUBURBAN Tennis League will offer singles and doubles play in the adult, junior and open divisions, the same as the Metro league.

In addition, the new league will feature mixed doubles play and a new Ladies Day Division. Play will begin in the adult and ladies day divisions during the first week of June.

Russell said the leagues are important to the tennis clubs.

"These leagues help to maintain indoor play throughout the summer," Russell said.

Conti said formation of the new league will "probably" not hurt any-

one. "There's a lot of interest in competitive tennis," Conti said. "There's a market for it. Both leagues will do well next year."

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