



Adams' Bob Cupples attempts to elude the tag of Rochester last week. Cupples was safe at third on the Lathrup shortstop Steve Mardigan during a game in play. (Staff photo by Doug Bauman)

Lathrup edges Athens; SCS falls in district

Kal Najjar's seventh-inning single drove in two runs to cap Southfield-Lathrup's 4-3 come-from-behind victory over Troy Athens last Thursday in a Metro Suburban Association baseball game.

Lathrup, which has an 8-15 overall record and a 3-12 MSA mark, trailed by two runs going into the seventh

inning. But Scott Stark singled and sent to third on Paul Pyles' double to set the stage for Najjar's game-winning hit.

Winning pitcher Mike Roman worked the last two innings in relief of starter Andy Coden.

Earlier last week, Lathrup dropped both ends of an MSA double header to

Rochester Adams, 2-0 and 5-3. Steve Mardigan had a homer and three singles, and Pyles had two hits for Lathrup in the second game.

FERNDALE — SOUTHFIELD

Ferndale's Jay North scattered six hits and struck out five to lead his team past Southfield High, 6-1, last week in a Southeastern Michigan Association contest. The loss dropped Southfield to 7-14 overall and 2-11 in the SMA.

Losing pitcher Tony Slatin went all the way, giving up five hits, striking out seven and walking five. Mike McCann, Southfield's cleanup hitter, had one hit to boost his average to .345. Southfield was charged with six fielding errors.

LIGGETT — CHRISTIAN

Southfield Christian ended its 1978 baseball season last Thursday with a 13-3 loss to Grrosse Pointe University Liggett in a Class D pre-district game on Liggett's field. Coach Bob Newman's Christian team finished with an 8-11 record.

Winning pitcher Larry Kiehl pitched five innings before the game was halted by a mercy rule. Teammate John Martin had two singles and a triple. Christian's Jim Varsinski belted a three-run homer in the fourth inning.

Earlier, Kevin Edwards pitched a four-hitter to pace Christian's 3-2 victory over Royal Oak St. Mary. Steve Lawwill and Varsinski each went three for three for the winners.

Christian gals rip St. Andrew

Alyssa Edblom pitched a five-inning two-hitter and struck out four batters as Southfield Christian battered Detroit St. Andrew, 15-5, in a Class D girls' softball game last week. The victory put Christian at 8-4 this season.

Coach Dave Sells' Christian squad had 11 hits, including a three-run homer by Lynn Frank, and a two-run round tripper by Robin Harris. Christian's Jody Johnson went four for four at the plate.

Earlier last week, Christian blanked Detroit East Catholic, 19-0. Edblom, who worked the first three innings, earned the victory. Sandra Sanders had a pinch-hit three-run homer.

Christian plays next on Tuesday (May 30) at Pontiac Oakland Christian. Game time is 4:15 p.m. On June 2, Christian will play the winner of the Royal Oak St. Mary-Waterford Our Lady of the Lakes game in the Class D district at the Waterford school.

LATHRUP — ATHENS

Nancy Finzel walked in the bottom of the seventh inning, driving in the

Hawks, Marlins shine

Some of the area's best high school girls track athletes attend schools which are just a mile from each other in Farmington Hills.

Our Lady of Mercy, located at Eleven Mile and Middlebelt, surprised the field at the Catholic League field by winning the circuit's league meet with 42 points last Wednesday at Berkley High.

Harrison High, located on Twelve Mile just west of Middlebelt, logged an impressive 10th-place

finish in the all-Oakland County meet last Tuesday at West Bloomfield.

Mercy's showing in the Catholic League meet was a surprise because it had to compete with Redford Bishop Borgess. Borgess had beaten Mercy earlier in a dual meet.

But Mercy outscored Borgess by six points in the league meet. "Our team depth really did it for us," said Mercy coach Bob Kirkland.

"We double scored in a lot of events."

Mercy's best performance — and its only first in the meet — came from Sue Heinlen, who set a league record of 11:35.1 in the two-mile run. Heinlen also finished third in the mile with a time of 6:22.1. Lynn Yachach provided Mercy with a second in the 440-yard dash (.59.5). Michele Collins finished second in the mile (6:20.5), and Beth Bosse was runner up in the 800 (101-0). Mercy's

440-yard relay (Sherry West, Terry Whalen, Kathy Whalen and Ann Miller) finished second in .51.7.

HARRISON, COACHED by Mark Timmins, finished 10th in the 25-school field at Oakland, scoring 22 team points.

Harrison has one of the state's most talented quartermilers in senior Ruth Grabowski. At the county meet, she won the 440 dash with a time of :58.7, and ran on the Hawks' mile relay (with Dawn Johnston, Debbie Sweeney and Linda Tremonti), which finished fifth in 4:15.0. Harrison took another first place when Terri Duckett won the high jump at 5-6, tying a meet record.

Royal Oak Dondoro won the county meet with 72 points. Royal Oak Kimball was second with 67, and Pontiac Central took third with 46. Mercy didn't run in the county meet because it interfered with the Catholic League meet.

Last Thursday, Harrison closed out its dual-meet season with 77-57 victory over Northville in the Western Six League.

Grabowski won the 440 (.58.5), Carolyn Leeson won the 100 dash (.12.2), Sue Kufinsky took the two mile (14:50), and Duckett won the high jump (4-8). Harrison's 440 relay (Leeson, Sue Mahall, Beth Dille and Sue Sanders) won in :54.0.

Pacheco paces NF soccer squad

Debbie Pacheco, a middle forward on North Farmington's girls' soccer team, scored three goals last Wednesday to lead her team past city-rival Farmington Harrison, 6-1. Pacheco, a senior, has scored 21 of North's 41 goals this season.

Susan Pacheco added two goals and an assist, and Kathy Cole had one goal against Harrison. In other recent games, North defeated Livonia Franklin (5-1) and Livonia Churchill (4-0). Coach Mark Hoerner's Raiders, now 8-1 this season, play next on Wednesday (May 31) at Farmington High. The game has a 3:45 p.m. start.

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