

Hawks whip Western, remain atop WSL



Barb Erickson of Farmington Harrison concentrates on her delivery during Monday's contest against Walled Lake Western. (Staff photo by Harry Maute)

By TOM BAER

Farmington Harrison survived a shaky start—four errors in the first two innings—to outlast Walled Lake Western, 5-4, in a 10-inning Western Six League girls' softball game last Monday.

Harrison's Linda Bache scored the winning run when she singled, stole second, advanced to third on Kathy Corbett's sacrifice and scored on Kathy Purcell's infield hit.

"This was a big win for us," said Harrison coach Sondra Rivers, whose club climbed to 7-2 overall and 5-0 in the WSL. "This got us through the first round of league play without a loss."

Winning pitcher Barb Erickson (4-1) worked the last eight innings, giving up four hits, striking out six and walking one. Bache and Corbett each had two hits for Harrison, which had eight hits in the game.

Last weekend, Harrison participated in the Pontiac Catholic softball tournament, defeating Pontiac Northern (7-0) and L'Anse Crue (6-2) before losing to Troy Athens (11-1) and Clarkston (9-5) in the double-elimination tourney.

Against Northern, Lori Webb pitched a four-hitter, and Erickson had three hits and scored two runs. Debbie Goodwin and Erickson each had two hits in the win over L'Anse Crue. Harrison was guilty of eight errors in the loss to Athens.

In another recent WSL game, Harrison bested Livonia Churchill, 4-3. Winning pitcher Webb allowed five hits and struck out two. Bache had three hits and drove in a run, and Cynthia Pink had a hit and two RBIs. Churchill had the tying run on third in the seventh inning, but a Harrison double play eliminated the threat.

On Thursday (May 10), Harrison hosts city-rival North Farmington at 4 p.m. On the following Monday (May 14), Harrison travels to Plymouth Canton for a WSL game at 4 p.m.

Farmington Observer

SPORTS

Thursday, May 10, 1979

(F1B)

FARMINGTON 15 WALLED LK. CENTRAL 5

The mercy rule ended Farmington High's 15-5 slaughter of Walled Lake Central after six innings last Monday in an Inter Lakes League softball game at Central.

Sophomore Jean Zuhorski was the leader for Farmington—both on the mound and at the plate. She was the winning pitcher (2-1), allowing seven hits and striking out five. She also had two hits, including a grand-slam homer which ended the game in the sixth.

Kay Deig banged out four hits and knocked in two runs, while teammate Wendy Dierkes had two hits and scored two runs.

Earlier, Livonia Stevenson battered Farmington, 15-7. Farmington outhit Stevenson, 7-4, but the losers made 12 errors. Betsy VanDeusen was the losing pitcher.

Farmington, now 4-3 overall and 3-2 in the ILL, plays next on Friday (May 11) at Pontiac Northern. Game time is 4 p.m.

BORGESS 2 MERCY 1

Redford Bishop Borgess scored two runs in the first inning and held on to

edge Farmington Our Lady of Mercy, 2-1, last Monday in Catholic League softball. The loss put Mercy at 2-2 this season.

Mercy scored its run in the first when Diane Jones singled, went to second on a sacrifice and scored on an infield error. Mercy had seven hits off winning pitcher Diane Lecner, who struck out one. Losing pitcher Grethchen Larges gave up just two hits, fanned six and walked seven.

Earlier, Mercy belted Birmingham Marian, 14-4, in another Catholic League game. Winning pitcher Lisa Morris struck out five and walked seven. Mercy had eight hits. Jones poked two hits and drove in four runs. Mercy plays at Harper Woods Regina on Thursday (May 10) at 4 p.m.

REDFORD UNION 23 NORTH FARMINGTON 12

Carol Rambus, Stacy Smith and Doreen Gundie each had a double, but North Farmington dropped a 23-12 decision to Redford Union in a recent Northwest Suburban League game. North fell to 0-4 with the loss. Sally Stumph was the losing pitcher.

North travels to Westland John Glenn for a 4 p.m. game on Friday (May 11).

Raiders rout Seaholm

North Farmington raised its girls' soccer record to 3-2 last Monday with a 4-0 victory over Birmingham Seaholm in the Eastern Division of the Suburban High School Girls' Soccer League.

Julie Pacheco, Marsha Kitch, Wendy Shuler and Cathy Cole each scored a goal for North Farmington. Goaltender Janice Higuera made five saves to preserve the shutout.

Earlier, Birmingham Groves bested North Farmington, 2-1, in a key Eastern Division game on Groves' field. Kathy Hoard and Linda Huff each scored a goal for Groves, and Falcon netminder Karla Onisko faced 11 shots. Pacheco scored North's goal on a penalty shot.

In other recent girls' soccer games, Livonia Stevenson blanked Farmington Harrison, 7-0, last Monday afternoon. Stevenson climbed to 6-0 with the win. Harrison fell to 3-2.

Rosanna Veri and Amy Lang each scored two goals for the winners, and Theresa Mullin, Julie Smith and Joanne Potho each scored one. Stevenson coach Noreen Diven used several goaltenders, including Regina Katarskas.

On Friday (May 11), North Farmington plays at Livonia Franklin. On the following Monday (May 14), North entertains Dearborn Fordson. Harrison plays at Livonia Churchill, and Farmington High plays at Livonia Bentley.

Big innings help Farmington

West Bloomfield's win streak was halted at eight games by Royal Oak Shrine last Sunday, as the Lakers' softball team dropped a rain-delayed, 10-inning heartbreaker, 4-3. The game, part of the Shrine tournament, was resumed after rain caused the contest to be called after five innings the previous Sunday, with the score tied at 2-2. Neither team could score until the 10th inning, when the Lakers' Barb Arnold led off the frame with a single. When the Shrine rightfielder let the ball get away, Arnold went all the way to third.

A suicide squeeze play by sophomore Teri Dixon brought home the tie-breaking run and gave West Bloomfield a 3-2 lead.

But the lead didn't last long. The first Shrine batter was safe on an error, went to third on a bunt and scored when Laker first baseman Arnold

threw the ball away. Another error, two walks and a sacrifice fly brought home the winning run for Shrine.

Lynn Gerber went the distance for West Bloomfield, allowing four hits, four walks and four unearned runs. She struck out three.

The setback didn't keep the Lakers down for long, however, as they bounced back to win their fourth straight league contest, 10-6, over Milford last Monday.

Freshman Jana Baringer and senior Sandy DeSilvio provided all the firepower the squad needed, as Baringer pounded out three straight hits and knocked in four runs and DeSilvio went three-for-four, including a solo home run. Carolyn Barciewicz also had two hits in the win.

MERI STOCKWELL, A sophomore

right-hander, started for the Lakers but lasted only three innings. She gave up only two hits, but walked six and gave up five runs. She also fanned four.

Gerber took over in the fourth and surrendered just one run the rest of the way.

On Saturday, West Bloomfield swept a doubleheader from Southfield-Lathrup, with the mercy rule stopping both contests after five innings. The Lakers smashed Lathrup, 13-3 and 21-0.

Barciewicz fired a one-hitter in the opening contest to collect the victory. All three Lathrup runs were unearned.

Arnold and DeSilvio led the hitting attack with two hits and four runs batted in apiece. Dixon and Lisa Schmidt also had two hits each.

In the nightcap, Stockwell didn't allow a hit over the five innings, giving up six walks and striking out six.

Arnold again led the offense, this time collecting three hits and five RBIs. Stephanie Smith also had three hits, while Baringer, Dixon and Schmidt each contributed two safeties.

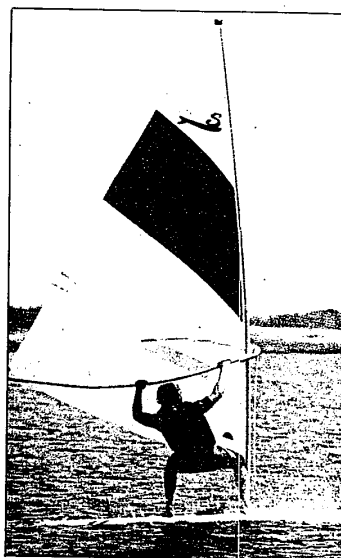
Last Friday, Gerber got some excellent relief help from Barciewicz, as the Lakers whipped Bloomfield Hills Andover, 11-6.

Gerber went the first five innings and gave up only three hits, but also walked 11. Barciewicz came on in the sixth and didn't allow a hit, surrendering just three walks and one run.

Schmidt, Baringer and Dixon each had two hits, with Dixon driving home two runs and Schmidt one.

West Bloomfield now stands at 9-1 overall and 4-0 in the league. The team plays at Clarkston Friday and takes part in the Royal Oak Dondoro tournament this weekend.

CATCH SOME WIND...



Combine the speed of waterskiing...
The challenge of surfing...
Riding free at speeds over 20 mph
with a **SAILRIDER**.

With Special Edition Sail \$670⁰⁰
in stock now

Bill Mc Machen
SeaRay

Van Dyke Rd., South of 16 Mile
Sterling Heights 939-7100



Jeff Goudie of Groves is too late with the tag of a Farmington High base stealer. The Groves Falcons won the first game of this Saturday

non-league doubleheader, 3-2 in eight innings, but fell to the Farmington squad 9-2 in the nightcap. (Staff photo by Stephen Cantrell)