

# Baseball star recovers to boost N. Farmington

Rich Nutter is back. North Farmington's baseball team is winning.

Nutter, a pitcher-third baseman, missed six games this season because of mononucleosis. The Raiders lost four games while he was out.

But Nutter returned last Friday and collected a single and a triple in three games before being relieved by Nutter. Nutter tripled, and John Letich had an RBI single for North, which had nine hits.

**FARMINGTON HIGH'S** baseball team has logged four straight victories, including a 10-2 decision over Walled Lake Central last Monday in the Inter Lakes League.

Winning pitcher John Dunn (3-2) gave up five hits, struck out seven and walked two. Sophomore third baseman Greg Kudis was the hitting star with three hits and two RBIs. He was on base five times and scored a run.

"He looks well to me," said a happy coach Jerry Maxwell, whose Raiders are 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the NSL.

In the Thurston game, winning pitcher Mark Rund won the distance and struck out 11. He had a no-hitter going for 6½ innings. North had eight runs with eight hits.

Sophomore Kevin Shaw designed a

four-hitter and fanned 10 to pace North's 7-1 win over Central in the opening game last Saturday. Rex Baker led North's seven-hit attack with a three-run homer and an RBI single.

North won the second game, 5-1, as John Letich pitched five strong innings before being relieved by Nutter. Nutter tripled, and John Letich had an RBI single for North, which had nine hits.

"Greg's hitting really well — 353 for the season," said Farmington coach Tony Wenson. "He's a good third baseman, too. He could be all-conference if he continues to do well."

Steve Rutkowski added Farmington's offensive with a homer and a single, and junior Greg Barry Williams clouted a three-run homer in the sixth inning. Sophomore infielder Joe Hamilton had two hits, including a double.

Farmington kept a twin bill from Birmingham Groves, 5-0 and 11-0, last Saturday.

Winning pitcher Jim Whitworth went the distance, allowing three hits and striking out five in the opening game. Dave Schultz and Dave Hall, Farmington co-captains, each had two hits.

Kudis went three-for-three in the nightcap. Rutkowski, the winning pitcher, tossed a three-hitter and struck out six.

North Farmington won the Lake Orion Doubles Invitational last weekend. In the second flight championship

match, North's Evan Hughes and Mike

Gaskill defeated Lake Orion's Spittle

and Wohleber, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

North also won the third flight championship with Lockett and VanCott, beating Davison's Ellsworth and Carter, 6-2, 7-6.

In another recent tennis meet, Farmington, Harrison raised its overall

record to 6-1 and its Western Six

League mark to 4-1 with a 6-1 win over

Livonia Churchill.

In the No. 1 singles match, Harrison's Bill Knauer lost to Doug Gruber,

7-6, 6-1. The meet lost left Farmington with a 4-2 record in the Inter Lakes

League.

Jim Hammer blasted a solo homer to clinch Mr. Joe's +2 victory over Carriage House on May 4 in the championship game of the third annual Men's Spring Training Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament.

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