

### East tops Glenn in crucial game

# Softball crown shared

Crown Garden City East co-champion of the Northwest Suburban League softball race along with Westland John Glenn.

The Panthers held off Glenn, 9-8, Tuesday to win a share of the conference title. Both teams finished with 8-2 league records.

Sherry Kissela, Barb Niemiec and Sheri Lisk all rapped two hits for East. Gerri Pizutti collected a pair for the Rocks.

Glenn rallied for three runs in the top of the seventh inning, but couldn't quite make up its deficit. The Panthers had scored three times in the bottom of the fifth.

Kim Lackey was the winning pitcher. She worked five innings in relief, walked six hits, walked nine and struck out two.

Sue Barbalas took the loss. She went the distance, relinquished eight hits, walked eight and struck out two.

As expected, the game was closely contested. Several minor arguments interrupted the action.

REDFORD UNION concluded its NSL season with a 7-6 victory over North Farmington.

Wren Mumford scampared home with what turned out to be the winning run in the fifth inning. She was at third base when a pick-off attempt there went awry.

The Panthers out-hit North, 9-6. Kathy Walker punched a pair of singles for RU. Dorene Gundie clubbed a double and a single for North.

Jean Crowley picked up the pitching victory. DeAnna Forman was tagged with the loss.

RU completed its league season with a 4-6 slate, North 3-7.

LIVONIA FRANKLIN nailed down third place in the NSL standings by downing Redford Thurston, 5-2.

Donna Merlino walked 11 batters, but still recorded the pitching victory. She struck out three. Thurston managed only two hits — both by Jean Rowley. Rowley had a pair of singles and drove in one run with each.

Karen Phillips, with a triple and a

single, accounted for half of the Patriots' hits.

Barb McNamara, the Eagles' starting pitcher, took the defeat.

Franklin finishes with a 6-4 conference record, Thurston 1-9.

Earlier, the Patriots fell to Plymouth Canton, 8-2, in a Class A state tournament pre-district game.

Four Franklin pitchers gave up 11 walks. The Chiefs clubbed eight hits. Joni Sommerville and Karen Pink led the attack with two apiece.

Canton notched four runs during the first inning and coasted after that.

The Patriots experienced some injury problems during that contest, especially to the pitching corps.

Julie Johnson left the game after she was spiked in the knee. Merlino exited after she was hit in the hand with a line drive.

Johnson was the losing pitcher. "They (Chiefs) played a nice defensive game. They made no errors and took advantage of passed balls and errors," said Franklin coach Chuck Hebestreit.



Westland John Glenn's Nancy Bondy won the battle — being called safe after sliding into third — but her team lost the war, 9-8, to Northwest Suburban

League foe Garden City East. (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

## Salem, Bentley tie for title

Plymouth Salem's baseball team settled for a first-place tie in the Suburban Eight League after being upset Tuesday afternoon by Trenton, 5-2.

Livonia Bentley, a 12-6 winner Tuesday over Dearborn Edsel Ford, shares the league crown with the Rocks. Both teams ended the league season with 8-3-1 marks.

Uncharacteristically, Salem left 12 runners on base in the season ending finale as Trenton handed Salem starter Pat McNamara his first loss of the year in eight decisions.

"We didn't play bad ball," said a somewhat disappointed Brian Gilles. "We made some nice plays, but had no key base hits."

"Pat just didn't have it today and the team wasn't real fired up."

Salem grabbed an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, chasing Trenton starter Vince DeFelice from the mound.

The Trojans, however, exploded for four runs off McNamara in the second and added another run in the fourth to put the game away.

McNamara was relieved in the fourth by Jeff Primeau, who allowed no hits in 1 1/2 innings of work. Junior Jim Jimmerson finished up in the seventh, holding Trenton scoreless.

Trenton managed eight hits to Salem's five.

Bob Hoshaw, taking over for DeFelice, picked up the victory going 5 1/3 innings.

The loss dropped Salem to 14-6-2 on the season.

### PRE-DISTRICT TRIUMPH

The Rocks advanced in the state tourney by whipping Walled Lake Western last week, 2-0.

McNamara recorded his seventh win of the season with a three-hitter. He struck out 11 and walked four.

Salem will meet North Farmington at 10 a.m. Saturday at home in a district semifinal game. The other semifinal will pit Milford Lakeland and Farmington at 12:30 p.m. The finals are scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

Third baseman Mike Woodard staked Salem to a 2-0 lead in the first inning against Western when he singled home John Hetkowski and Mitch Wilcox.

In the third inning, Salem increased its lead to 4-1. McNamara opened the inning with a walk, and Woodard followed with a single. McNamara then scored on an infield error, and Woodard raced home on Greg Etienne's double.

McNamara, aided by a successful pick-off play, got out of trouble in the fifth.

"Our flipper play (pick-off) has won four or five games for us," said Gilles. "They (Western) had the sacks loaded. I was happy to get out of that inning with one run."

In the seventh, Salem added two insurance runs when McNamara tripled home Hetkowski, who had doubled, and Wilcox.

Wilcox, Woodard and Etienne had six of the eight Salem hits. Wilcox, a junior second baseman, scored two runs.

## County plans golf tourney

Two-member teams will be able to combine their golf skills for one score June 14 at the annual Two-Man Scramble Golf Tournament at White Lake Oaks Golf Course in Pontiac.

The first 66 teams to register will be given tee times between 7 a.m. and noon for the 18-hole tournament. Both golfers on a team will hit a drive to decide which ball is in a better position. Both golfers will take their next shots from that position.

Once on the green, both golfers can putt until one makes the putt. The lowest score will be used.

The cost is \$28 per team, and deadline for applications is June 11. White Lakes Oaks is located at 991 Williams Lake Road. Additional information may be obtained by calling 698-2700.

## Hawk kickers down Falcons

Davie Churchill, Jill Wright and Amy Elison each scored a goal to lead Farmington Harrison past Farmington High, 3-1, last week in the Western Division of the North Suburban Girls' Soccer League. The win put Harrison at 3-7-3. Harrison goalie Barbara Blumhardt stopped 10 Farmington shots.

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