

Pre-district baseball roundup

Brother Rice eliminates Southfield-Lathrup

Score Friday's Birmingham Brother Rice's pre-district baseball win "K" as in "Kochanski".

The Warrior's Al Kochanski ran up a string of 16 "K's" — scoring shorthand for strikeouts — in seven innings of relief work as Rice dropped Southfield-Lathrup out of the state baseball tournament, 5-1 in 10 innings.

The win puts Rice into district competition Saturday at Memorial Park. The Warriors play at 12:30 p.m. against Bloomfield Hills Lathrup. The Knights advanced to district competition with a 3-1 upset victory over Birmingham Seaholm on Friday.

Kochanski came in for Jeff Setteceri in the third inning. Kochanski struck out 16 Lathrup batters, walked one and allowed two hits.

Lathrup's Ron Curcio was the only Charger who had Kochanski figured. Curcio had both hits off the Rice pitcher.

Kochanski also came through for Rice at the plate, driving in the winning run with a two-out single in the 10th inning.

Mark Sokolov took the loss for Lathrup. Sokolov went the distance on the mound, striking out four, walking seven and giving up 11 hits.

CRANBROOK 8, MADISON 7

Some fancy baserunning by Tom Ilitch in the top of the ninth inning kept Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook in the Class B baseball tournament.

Ilitch singled with one out in the ninth and the score tied 7-7. He stole second base, took third on a wild throw by the catcher, and scored when the centerfielder bobbled the ball while backing up the play.

Madison actually had the game in the bag. Cranbrook went into the seventh inning trailing 7-3. And the Cranes

were hit with two quick outs before they put together a tying rally.

Cranbrook took advantage of a Madison error and three wild pitches to pull to within one, 7-6. Singles by Ilitch and Vince Guadagni then filled the bases, and Stephen Park was hit by a pitch to force in the tying run.

Madison had one more chance to win it in the bottom of the eighth inning, but Cranbrook leftfielder Ed Coniff threw out a Madison runner at the plate.

Guadagni picked up the win in relief. Steve Billes started for the Cranes and worked six innings.

SEAHOLM 4, GROVES 0

Bill Beachum got the shutout Wednesday for Seaholm, allowing only three hits while striking out four and walking only one.

Groves' Bill Rankin took the loss. Rankin worked only five innings, giving up five hits while striking out two and walking two. Paul Dreiman finished in relief.

One of Rankin's two walks hurt him in the first inning. With two out, Cranbrook took advantage of a Madison error and three wild pitches to pull to within one, 7-6. Singles by Ilitch and Vince Guadagni then filled the bases, and Stephen Park was hit by a pitch to force in the tying run.

Seaholm scored in the second inning after Greg Lotzwar walked. Lotzwar stole second, went to third on a passed ball, and came home on a fielder's choice by Beskhe.

Seaholm scored its final run in the fifth inning on a solo homer by Righter.

CRANBROOK 9, COUNTRY DAY 8 Cranbrook and Country Day both came from behind Wednesday. Cranbrook just had the last shot.

Country Day came from behind in the top of the seventh, scoring three runs to take an 8-7 lead. But Cranbrook came right back in the bottom of the inning with two runs to take the win.

Tom Ilitch started the winning rally by leading off the seventh with a single. He then stole second base, and advanced to third on a wild pitch. Al Scarf walked to put men at first and third. Dave Tyler came in to run for Scarf and proceeded to steal second.

A sacrifice fly by Vince Guadagni scored Ilitch with the tying run. Dave Miller's loop double down the rightfield line scored Tyler with the winner.

Ed Coniff took the win.

Bentley shares softball crown

It was a touch-and-go finish, but Livonia Bentley managed to hang on for a 10-9 softball win Tuesday over Dearborn Edsel Ford.

The victory gives the Bulldogs a share of the Suburban Eight League championship with a 10-2 record. Bentley is 17-2 overall.

Bentley led 10-4 going into the last half of the seventh inning, but Kelli

Nagy, the winning pitcher, experienced control problems and walked six batters. The bases were loaded when Edsel's final batter was retired.

Kim Archer smashed two solo home runs. She drew a pair of intentional walks after that. Lori Swanson belted a solo home run and singled. Ann Roy singled twice.

The Bulldogs out-hit Edsel 12-6 during the game. Nagy struck out two and walked 11.

Earlier, Bentley edged Detroit Henry Ford 30-2 in a Class A state tournament pre-district game. Carrie Sirala doubled in the winning run in the sixth inning.

Nagy was the winning pitcher. She struck out three and issued only two walks.

Sports shorts

World Cup Soccer clinics will be held June 15-20 and June 22-27 at Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

The clinics are open to boys 7 to 19 years old.

There is a fee of \$175 per one-week session which includes instruction, room and board, soccer ball, jersey and insurance.

For more information, call 645-3609.

24-HOUR MARATHON

The Total Runner store in Southfield is sponsoring a 24-hour team relay June 7 and 8 at the West Bloomfield High School track.

Teams comprised of 10 runners each will compete in the event. Each member of the team runs one mile in sequence. The object of the event is to accumulate as much mileage as possible in a 24-hour period.

The relay starts at 8:30 a.m. June 7.

WATERFORD OAKS TENNIS

The Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission will offer public tennis lessons at its newly completed tennis complex at Waterford Oaks Country Park.

The tennis complex is on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Pontiac Lake Road.

Classes will be taught by Greg Lesan and Kathy Picella, tennis director and assistant director of the Waterford Oaks complex.

For more information, call 858-0915.

BASKETBALL CAMP

The Bob Lanier-Dick Vitale All-Star Basketball Day Camp will be held June 23-27 at West Bloomfield High School.

Area coaches participating in the camp are Bob Shearn of Orchard Lake St. Mary's, Gary Nustad of Clarkston, Kurt Keener of Detroit Country Day and John Cvergros.

For more information, call 625-5148 or write Dick Vitale at 5264 N. Pebblecreek Road, West Bloomfield 48033.

CRANBROOK RUN

The Cranbrook Run 1980 will be held June 8 at the Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills.

Check-in time is 8 a.m. The two adult runs — 10,000 and 5,000 meters start at 9 a.m. The children's run of 200 meters starts at 10:30 a.m.

Entry fees, which should be submitted by May 29, are \$8 for the 10,000 and 5,000 meter runs, and \$1 for the children's run. Included in the fee are T-shirts. All finishers receive ribbons. No official times will be recorded.

An entry blank can be obtained by calling 645-3223 during business hours. The Cranbrook Institute of Science is at 500 Lone Pine Road in Bloomfield Hills.

AGE GROUP TRACK

The Michigan Age Group Track and Field Championships will be held June 8 at the University of Michigan's fabled Ferry Field in Ann Arbor.

The championships are open to all Michigan athletes 17 years old and under. A membership in either the AAU or the Athletic Congress is required. A special short-term membership is available for \$1 at the Michigan AAU office in Lathrup Village.

Entry fees are per individual event, \$6 per relay event. Checks should be payable to the Ann Arbor Track Club. All entries must be received by 5 p.m. June 2, 1980. Mail entries to Ann Arbor Track Club, 116 West Washington, Ann Arbor 48108.

For more information, call Jerry Matuzak at 761-5515 during business hours, or Jack Arnold at 995-7276 from 8 to 10 p.m.

Dean Rutledge plays lounge

Dean Rutledge will appear during June in Winston's The Bar at Win Schuler's restaurant in Rochester.

Rutledge is a vocalist and guitarist whose selections span music from the 1940s-1980s and include pop, rock, folk

and reggae. Past performances have included working with the New Christy Minstrels and the Kingston Trio. Rutledge has entertained in more than 100 clubs from Denver to Detroit and from Traverse City to Florida.

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