

North fails baseball test, 2-0

By TOM BAER

North Farmington and Wayne Memorial beat the raindrops last Saturday, but Tom Miner and his Garden City West teammates will have to wait until this afternoon to settle their score with Trenton High.

That's how things stand in the state Class A high school baseball regional at Wyandotte's Memorial Field.

North Farmington's Matt Ruud and Wayne's Dan Perusse hooked up for a pitcher's duel in the regional opener Saturday morning. Wayne upped its record to 19-6 with a 2-0 win over North in a game played under generally dry conditions.

In the next game, Garden City West, with mound ace Tom Miner pitching well, established a 3-0 lead over Trenton before the skies opened and the downpour made the field unplayable.

The West-Trenton game will resume at 12:30 p.m. today at Memorial Field. West's Mike White was at bat with no outs in the top of the third when the game was halted.

Miner, who is coming back after an early-season injury to his pitching elbow, had struck out four and walked one while not allowing a hit. West scored three runs on five hits in the first inning. Catcher Dave Segar's single drove in two runs, and White's long double to right field knocked in the other.

The regional final — West or Trenton vs. Wayne — will be played later Monday afternoon.

"THIS (THE RAIN) delay will help Wayne," said West coach Bob Dropp as he watched the drizzle from his dugout.

"They'll get all this time to rest, and we'll have to play two games in a row — if we beat Trenton."

"We're going good right now, but you never know what tomorrow will bring."

In the opening game, Ruud, who entered the game with a 0.26 earned run average, hurt his cause by hitting Wayne outfielder Larry Browne on the right elbow with the bases loaded in the

first inning. As it turned out, that was the only run the Zebras needed.

The inning started on a sour note for North when leadoff batter Joe Guetta reached first on Chuck Kott's error. Guetta went to second on Mike Blair's single and took third a fielder's choice.

Ruud then walked Larry Reid — his only pass of the game — to load the bases before hitting Browne.

There was no more scoring until the Wayne fifth when Perusse, who is also the team's leading batter with a .400-plus average, singled to left and stole second. He scored on Reid's line single to center.

North Farmington's fans took hope in the last (seventh) inning when first baseman Scott Williams lined a single to left — probably the hardest-hit ball of the game. Pinch runner Kevin Shaw stole second. But Perusse fanned Kott for the final out of the game.

Perusse gave up just three hits and struck out five. Ruud, who finished with a 6-2 record, gave up seven hits, struck out six and walked two.

North, coach by Jerry Maxwell, closed its season with an 18-6 record. The Raiders won 16 of their last 18 games.

Pitching ace lifts HHS

Farmington Harrison's Mike Tetreault struck out 11 of the 15 batters he faced Saturday to pace his team's 3-0 win over Melvindale in the state Class B baseball district at River-view High School.

By winning, Harrison (13-13) advances to the regional finals to face Saline

High at 4 p.m. today. Saline beat Madison Heights Lamphere, 3-0, Saturday.

Harrison scored three runs in the third. Gary Kazanjian singled and scored on John Recker's double. Pete Tompson walked, and Bruce Morrison doubled to score Recker. Tompson came home on an infield error.



Matt Ruud, North Farmington's outstanding left-handed pitcher, is one reason for the Raiders' success this season. (Staff photo by Gary Caskey)



MARGARET MALLON
Our Lady of Mercy



LISA BILETI
Our Lady of Mercy

Mercy golfers earn top honor

By MARTY BUDNER

ington and West Bloomfield do not field varsity girls' golf teams.

Bileti and Mallon were key members of the Mercy team that finished fourth at last week's state finals.

Bileti had a dual-match average of 48 and was second-low medalist at the regionals with an 84. She finished 13th in the state meet with a 91.

Mercy coach Vicki Bunetta said Bileti, who will attend Michigan State — are Cyndi Evans of Troy Athens, University on an academic scholarship, Mercy's Margaret "Meg" Mallon and Troy's Arlene Romanski.

John Bailey of Rochester was picked as Coach of the Year.

The team was recently picked by the coaches' panel representing the Observer & Eccentric coverage areas. Rough's Farm regional with an 82, Public schools from Southfield, Farm-

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All-Area golf team

FIRST TEAM

Name	School
Lisa Bileti	Our Lady of Mercy
Cyndi Evans	Troy Athens
Jolayne Johnston	Rochester Adams
Margaret Mallon	Our Lady of Mercy
Sue McColgan	Rochester
Arlene Romanski	Troy
John Bailey	Rochester-coach

SECOND TEAM

Jeanne Gibbons	Kingswood
Lindy Kosak	Marian
Ann Lauer	Birmingham Groves
Dara Stevens	West Bloomfield
Sandy Thomas	Bloomfield Hills Andover
Sheryl Walden	Rochester

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Tam Bentley	Birmingham Marian
Carol Conway	Our Lady of Mercy
Julie Friemuth	Birmingham Seaholm
Karen Mouzakis	West Bloomfield
Kathy Mouzakis	West Bloomfield
Cindy Smith	Troy Athens
Carol Tranzow	Rochester



Our Lady of Mercy's Meg Mallon "consistently drives the ball 200 yards," according to her coach, Vicki Bunetta. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

Groves kickers lose, 6-1

By BOB GROSS

Livonia Stevenson junior Joanne Pohio had a hand — make that a foot — in every one of the Spartans' goals Wednesday as the Stevenson girls' soccer team beat Birmingham Groves, 6-1.

Pohio scored three goals, two on corner kicks, and assisted on three others as the Spartans, West Division champions of the Girls' High School Soccer League, beat Groves, the North Division champion.

Stevenson dominated from the kickoff, forcing the Falcons deep into their own zone. Yet Groves scored first. Karen O'Brien and Lee Peddie teamed up in a pretty give-and-go play. O'Brien crossed the ball from the right wing to Peddie who headed it back to O'Brien. O'Brien's quick chip shot caught Stevenson goalie Lisa Cluett completely off guard.

Stevenson came back less than a minute later. Pohio took the ball deep down the right wing, beat the Groves defense and crossed it over to Amy Lang breaking through the middle. Groves goalie Lynn Gualdoni, who allowed only five goals all year, had no chance as Lang pounded the ball past her.

Niether team had any real opportunity after that until O'Brien broke in on Cluett with no defenders in sight. O'Brien drilled a hard shot to the upper

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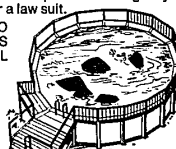
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