

Franklin cools heels in baseball regional

By BRAD EMONS

A lot of questions will be answered today when Livonia Franklin and Warren meet resume their regional semifinal baseball clash at Hazel Park.

A driving thunderstorm halted play

Livonia Bentley, eliminated, 7-6

By DOUG FUNKE

ANN ARBOR—Rain fell on Livonia Bentley's softball parade both literally and figuratively here Saturday in a state Class A regional game against Ann Arbor Huron.

The Bulldogs, which seemed in command of the situation throughout the first half of the contest, were stunned by six runs during the third inning and lost to Huron 7-6.

The game lasted eight innings. The second game of the regional between Westland John Glenn and Temperance Bedford was never started. Thunderstorms forced a postponement until today (Monday).

The Glenn-Temperance confrontation was tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. The winner of that game was to battle Huron at 4 p.m. for the regional championship.

BENTLEY simply stopped hitting after jumping out to a 6-1 lead through

the first four innings. The River Rats made the most of their hits down the stretch.

The Bulldogs struck early against Huron, getting their first run during their first turn at bat.

Sheila DeGrazia, who had reached first on a fielder's choice after Lori Swanson's single, crossed the plate on a triple by Kim Archer.

Archer blasted the ball over the head of Huron's leftfielder Joanne Robinson. Bentley added a run in the third inning. Swanson walked and moved to second base on a passed ball. DeGrazia then walked and Archer smashed an

infield fly, this time into right center field. DeGrazia's run was erased on an appeal play after Archer's hit. The umpire ruled that DeGrazia missed third when scampering around the bases.

Seemingly undeterred, the Bulldogs exploded for four runs during the fourth inning.

Carrie Sirola smashed a triple into

left center field scored when Mary Lou O'Connor grounded out to second base.

Kim Mira walked and Lisa Waldo was safe on an error. Both scored on a single by Swanson and Swanson subsequently scored on a single by DeGrazia.

After those fireworks, Bentley managed four hits the final four innings but could not score.

alldock and Lisa Parsons singled in the sixth, but Waldo was subsequently picked off third base on a disputed call.

Ann Roy beat out a ground ball to shortstop for an infield single in the seventh inning and O'Connor singled in the eighth.

KELLI NAGY, Bentley's pitcher who had scattered three Huron hits during the first four innings, was reached for three runs during the fifth frame.

The River Rats put together three singles and a double and were aided by an error during their uprising.

Huron tied the game in the bottom

half of the seventh inning with two walks, a sacrifice, a bloop single and a groundout.

With one out for the River Rats in the eighth inning, Kris Carson clubbed a triple into left center field. She crossed the plate with the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Kathy Dyer.

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Mott's Doug Schmidt and Al White slammed consecutive singles off George in the first inning, but the Franklin junior got Bill Stark on a

strikeout to end the threat.

FRANKLIN FAILED to score in its half of the inning. The Patriots' Herb McManaway belted a line drive to center field that Mike Milczarski hauled in near the base of the fence at the 400-foot mark.

Mott grabbed a 2-0 lead in the second when Milczarski tripled over the head of McManaway in deep center. He scored on Matt Pietsch's perfect suicide squeeze bunt.

Pietsch then crossed home on a double by lead-off man Greg Suhajda. George, however, got out of danger by fanning Jim Aleo for the third out.

In the bottom of the second, Franklin scored two runs to knot the score at 2-1.

First baseman Dave Rettig led off with a single and went to second base on Dave Gourlay's bunt. Gourlay was

safe when Mott pitcher Joe Kowynia unsuccessfully tried to force out Rettig at second.

Bill Yeates, a designated hitter, drove home Rettig with a single to center, which was misplayed. Gourlay raced all the way home from first when the ball got by third, tying the score.

Meanwhile, George got the first two outs in the third but found himself in another jam as Mott loaded up the bases on a single and two walks.

GEORGE fell behind Pietsch with a 3-1 count, but came back strong to end the threat with another strike out.

Franklin took the lead in the first when McManaway walked and later scored on Rettig's sacrifice fly to left field.

Shortly after, the rain moved in to halt play until 2 p.m. today.

If George cannot throw, another junior lefty, Ralph Scharf, is waiting in the wings. Scharf beat Detroit Catholic Central last Saturday in the district final.

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part of the net, but Chuet was just able to get her fingers on it. She knocked the ball to the ground and smothered it before Peddie, who was breaking in on the left wing, could get to it.

THAT SAVE was the turning point as far as Groves coach Doug Regulbuze was concerned.

"That goalie made a superb play with the score tied, 1-1," said Regulbuze. "Had that ball gone in, it might have been a different game."

Stevenson seemed to come alive after that save. The Spartans went into a five-minute spurt in which they put the game away.

Potho had a lot to do with that spurt. She brought the ball down the right wing immediately following Chuet's save and crossed it over to the left side of the net. This time Julie Smith got her foot on it, sending the winning goal into the Groves net.

Potho went into her right wing act again less than two minutes later. She

set up Sue Firestone in the right corner who, taking a cue from Potho, crossed it over to the left wing where Roseanna Veri was waiting and presto, Stevenson 3, Groves 1.

Potho must have decided to get in on the scoring because the next time she took the ball down the right wing she kept it instead of crossing it. She broke clean around the Groves defense and slipped the ball by Gualdoni.

The Stevenson winger scored the last goal of the half when her corner kick, in the confusion around the goal mouth, went in off of Groves defender Allison Webster.

GROVES COACH Regulbuze said the team knew Potho was good and that he had planned on stopping her. Her little forays down the right wing, according to Regulbuze, were what cost Groves the game.

"In the pre-game meeting," said Regulbuze, "we discussed the fact that Stevenson coach Norene Divens made no bones about her opinion of the

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value of her star, calling her "the best right winger in girls' soccer anywhere."

But she also recognized the fact that Potho wasn't the only Stevenson player on the field.

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