

Victory eludes Livonia stars

By BRAD EMONS

Foiled again.
A three-run rally in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the Detroit Adray League All-Stars a 4-3 triumph Monday morning over the Livonia Adray League elite in a baseball clash at Tiger Stadium.

It was the 10th win in the last 11 meetings for the Detroit stars. Before the fatal ninth, it looked as if Livonia would break the Detroit jinx.
"We should have beaten them," said Livonia Adray League manager Ron Holler. "I thought we could beat them going in."

Trailing 3-1, Detroit started its rally when Mike Rappa beat out an infield single. He went to second base on another single by Randy Morse. Livonia Adray pitcher Jeff Sergison really found himself in hot water when he hit Steve Chiodo with a pitch to load the bases.
Rob Kinnear then cut the margin to 3-2 with a sharp single, scoring Rappa.

Ray Stephen of Detroit, a shortstop from H.O.M.E., hit a grounder to Jim Kuzara (Westland) who forced Morse at the plate.
Deron Washington, also of H.O.M.E., won it for Detroit with a line-drive single just past Kuzara's glove to right center. Chiodo and Kinnear crossed home on the play to end the game.

"THAT INFIELD hit hurt us," said Holler. "I think we are as good as their all-star team."
"It shows me how even the two-leagues are beginning to come."

Detroit was stymied by five Livonia pitchers until the ninth.

Mike Migoski of Livonia Adray was sharp in his two-inning stint. He was the victim, however, of an infield error and an unearned run in the second inning.

Brian James of Redford Adray held Detroit scoreless in the third inning. Lefty Paul Assen-

macher hurled the fourth and fifth innings, allowing two hits and no runs. Livonia Adray's Ken Webster shut out Detroit in the sixth and Redford's Doug Holloway followed with an impressive stint in the seventh and eighth innings. He retired all six batters he faced.

Livonia scored all three runs in the sixth inning to take a 3-1 advantage.
Redford's Matt Etienne led off with a walk and scored on Herb McManaway's triple to dead center field over the outstretched glove of Adray Photo's Greg Howe.

Detroit pitcher Alphonso Lee then yielded another run when McManaway scored on a ground out by A.W.I.'s Ken Hayward. Lee then walked Jim Belisle (Wendy's), Brian Harris (A.W.I.) and Kuzara to load the bases. John McClean (Westland) walked to make it 3-1.

Detroit manager Bob Atkins of Adray Appliance replaced Lee with Jim Lada, his ace pitcher.

LADA, who played high school baseball at Allen Park, shut out Livonia over the final 3 1/2 innings.
"He shut the door on them," said Atkins about

Lada's performance. "He gets my first star award."

Atkins, athletic director at Redford Union, was impressed with Livonia's pitching and the hitting of McManaway, who in his first two times at bat, sent two screaming line drives to short that were caught by Stephen.

"Their pitching was good," complimented Atkins. "Herb hit the ball real well. He is a hitter."

The Appliance coach said "Livonia is a good league."

"I haven't seen their league enough to say how good it is," he said. "I do know that Stu Rose (league director) does an excellent job in that area."

Although outbit 11-5, Livonia came up with several defensive gems. Harris, a shortstop, was particularly sharp.

"I thought we played great defense," said Holler. "I was impressed with Harris, and Holloway looked good."

"Of course I was impressed with Herb's hitting. As a team, we just didn't hit the ball."



Jim Gemund of the Livonia Adray All Stars, crosses first base as Detroit's Mike Rappa awaits the throw during last Monday's Adray All Star game at Tiger Stadium. (Staff photo by Art Emanuele)

Records fall in swim win

Paula King established two pool and team records to pace Farmington Hills Beechview Swim Club's 308-260 win over Orchard Valley.
Paula, swimming in the girls' 11-12 age group, recorded a time of :35.42 in the 50-meter backstroke, and then logged a time of :32.44 in the 50-meter butterfly. She also swam a leg on Beechview's 52-year medley relay

(with Janine Whittemore, Sandy Schwedt and Nancy Ross), which went 2:22.09 for a team and pool record.
Beechview's boys' 40-year relay (Joe AbuNassar, Scott Farabes, Gary Schwedt and Mike Valvona) won with a 1:03.94 clocking — a club record. The winners' combined relay (Nick Allen, Helen Tucker, Maureen Kelly and Mary Goode) won with a 2:12.8.

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