

Tecumseh ace handcuffs Hawks

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Tecumseh pitcher Marty Wallich made just one mistake — the home run pitch he served up to Farmington Harrison's Chris Misterovich.

Harrison pitcher John Recker also pitched a sharp game, but his mistakes — three walks and a single — were linked together in one in-

ning Saturday as Tecumseh eliminated the Hawks, 2-1, in the state Class B regional at Riverview High School.

Coach John Herrington's Harrison crew bowed out at 11-12. Tecumseh, which climbed to 14-11 with the win, was to play Royal Oak Shrine in the district final Saturday.

Wallich, a righthander with a 6-6 record, allowed only three hits,

struck out seven and walked two. He struck out Hawks in key situations. For example, with a runner in scoring position in the fifth, the Tecumseh ace fanned Mike Turnquist for the third out.

Harrison wasted another opportunity in the fourth when Dan Kehlegi reached first on an infield single, advanced to third on groundouts and died as Wallich got Tom Solomon swinging.

"HIS FASTBALL as just good enough so we couldn't do anything with it," Herrington said.

Tecumseh coach Bob Ondrovick explained his pitcher's success against Harrison.

"Wallich located his fastball real well," Ondrovick said. "The Harrison kid (Recker) had more velocity, but Wallich was hitting his spots. Actually, Wallich has been pitching this well all season. We just never supported him."

Tecumseh's win overshadowed an outstanding pitching performance by Recker, a righthander with a 4-4 record. He gave up three hits, fanned seven and walked five.

His one bad inning was the top of the third. Wallich and Jim Quina drew walks and then moved to second and third on Jeff Butler's sacrifice. Darr Burnside walked to fill the bases.

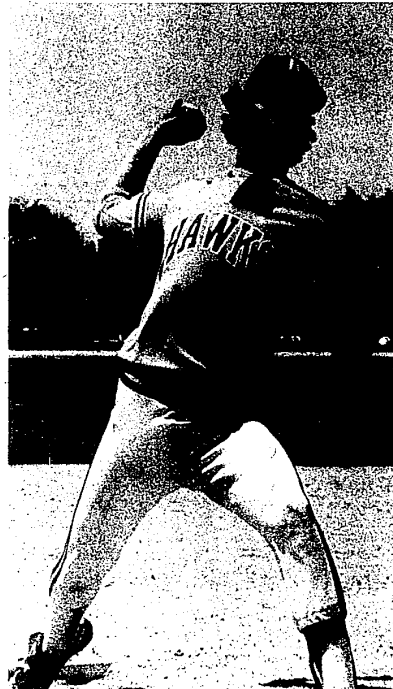
Recker struck out Ken Kursniech for the second out, but Mike Watters drilled a base hit to left field to score Wallich and Quina.

MISTEROVICH'S HOMER — a mighty blast which cleared the fence in left-center, came in the bottom of the third.

"Harrison has a fine team," Ondrovick said. "That's probably the best hitting team we've played all season. Misterovich, the boy who hit the homer, was batting near the bottom of the lineup. Their players hit the ball hard."

Shrine made the regional final by nipping Melvindale, 1-0, Saturday. Shrine mound ace Jeff Drozdowski went the distance with a three-hitter. He struck out 16 Melvindale batters and walked one. Bill Will had two of Shrine's five hits.

The Royal Oak squad took a 15-16 record into the district final.



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Todd Smith connects for a single, one of Harrison's three hits of Tecumseh's Marty Wallich.

Opportunity knocks Great chance for caddies

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No one can accuse Oakland Hills Country Club of failing to do its part to relieve summer unemployment among young people.

John Monitz, OHCC caddie superintendent, and Dick Geraghty, chairman of the caddie committee, are as hungry for good caddies as Arnie Palmer is to win the U.S. Senior Open at Oakland Hills July 9-12.

Of the 150 players competing in the Senior Open, only 25 are expected to bring their own caddies.

"We'll need about 125 caddies for the U.S. Senior Open," said Geraghty, "and about half of them will be from here (Oakland Hills). It depends on how many caddies come back this year. The rest will be from other clubs."

Monitz said that so far, around 400 caddies (24 of them girls) have registered. "But about 300 of those aren't qualified," he added.

WHAT DOES it take to qualify?

"If a boy or girl has a minimum of two years of caddying experience and is between the ages of 13 and 17, they're probably qualified," said Monitz.

"We'll need ball-spotters and standard-bearers (youngsters to carry placards designating the number of strokes under par for each player)."

Geraghty said Oakland Hills will try to get a day's pay (\$25) even for caddies whose players don't make the cut. "They'll be able



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to work raking traps and removing trash," he said.

Monitz said prospective caddies stand to make \$2,000-3,000 for the summer — and at least \$200-250 during the Senior Open. "They could make a couple thousand if they caddied for the winner," he added.

"To register, all they have to do is come to Oakland Hills. We'll give them the paperwork and invite them to our training program which is the second week of June (from 4-6 p.m. June 9-12)."

Some of the areas covered will include replacing divots, learning where to stand, locating the ball, keeping up with the player, handling clubs, duties at sand traps and greens, behavior, policing the grounds and appearance.

"At Oakland Hills, we make sure every caddie has the opportunity to get a bag," said Geraghty. "And we've got a bonus program. In August, there's a drawing for bikes and gift certificates. We also award cash prizes to the 10 youngsters who've caddied the most loops."

"FOR THE SENIOR OPEN, we'll select the very best caddies based on the number of loops they've had," said Geraghty, "and

then assign players to caddies on a lottery basis."

"During the tournament, caddies will be attired in light blue, short-sleeved shirts, white pants and a safari-type jacket."

Geraghty said Oakland Hills experiences a problem competing against local supermarkets, fast food chains and parents who employ would-be caddies as clerks, cashiers and babysitters.

"This is an affluent area, and there just seems to be a lack of interest," he said. "And if a kid has to wait a few hours for a bag, the problem becomes larger. A kid goes to Krogers or McDonalds to work."

The reason for the club's caddie crunch is obvious. Pull-carts aren't allowed, only 100 golf carts are available, and there aren't enough teenage OHCC members to accommodate the large Senior Open field.

BOB WOOD, tournament chairman for the Senior Open, feels Oakland Hills offers an "opportunity for kids to be exposed to the great game of golf at a young age and earn good money at the same time."

Geraghty agreed, but pointed out that some caddies sometimes experience more than their fair share of frustration.

BOH gears for Grand Prix

An estimated \$10 million worth of four-legged horsepower will be in competition for 11 days at the Bloomfield Open Hunt beginning Wednesday morning as a tradition born in the 1930s has its richest renewal.

Michigan's foremost attractions on the American Horse Shows Association circuit will include the Motor City Show, June 10-14, and the Detroit Horse Show, first held in 1935, running June 16-21.

The combined prize package in nearly 200 categories of competition is \$82,000.

The somnolent of the equestrian trail will bring more than 600 horses from 23 states to BOH, ranging from international champions down to teenage near-neophytes.

They are bound by the common link of hoping to ride for the United States in the

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1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Three show rings will be kept in day-long use, starting at 9 a.m., and the first of five evening performances under the lights is scheduled for Friday, June 12.

The \$5,000 Motor City Classic will top the next night's program on Saturday, June 13. All-evening cards will feature the height-scaling, Olympic-level jumpers whose test will come Friday, June 19, in the \$20,000 North American Grand Prix.

That competition, which will match some of the world's finest riders and their mounts, will be held on a course having barriers up to 5 feet, 6 inches.

THESE TIPS may help the uninitiated enjoy the competition:

In watching the jumpers, keep your eye on the horse. What counts is how "faulless" and how fast.

With hunters, it's the horse being judged, not the rider, for manners and pace indicating the most agreeable mount to ride to the bounds.

In equitation, designed for young equestrians, it's the rider's form, skill and handling ease that are being judged.

The BOH grounds of more than 70 acres are at Long Lake and Kensington roads in Bloomfield Hills. Tickets, at \$3 for morning and afternoon programs and \$4 for the evening shows, may be purchased at the gate.

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