

Lakers go down

West Bloomfield's baseball season came to a halt Saturday as the Lakers were eliminated from the Class A state tournament with a 4-4 extra-inning loss to Clarkston in the Waterford District finals.

The Lakers, who finished the season with a 19-6 record, defeated Waterford Mott 8-5 in the district semifinals.

Todd Krumm was the winning pitcher, and he also saved his own victory in relief. Krumm worked the first 4 1/2 innings before giving way to Todd Rich. He came back in relief of Rich to notch the save.

Krumm walked one, struck out two and allowed two hits.

Brad Silverstein led a nine-hit Lakers attack with a two-run homer and four runs batted in. Jeff Gowman and Rob Patteri each collected two hits.

AGAINST CLARKSTON, the Lakers held a 4-3 lead in the seventh. They could have won the ball

game on a potential double-play ball, but the Lakers couldn't turn it, and Clarkston eventually scored the tying run.

The Wolves scored the game winner in the eighth.

Rich had two hits and one RBI for West Bloomfield, while teammate Jeff George had two hits and three RBI, including a two-run triple.

"Overall, we very pleased with the season," Laker coach Larry Reichle said. "Our No. 1 goal was to improve everybody as a person and a baseball player, and we did that. Next, we wanted to win the GOAL (Greater Oakland Activities League), and we did, with a 10-0 record."

"We wanted to win the district, and we came within an inch of that, and we wanted to win 20 games, and we came within one with 19," he continued. "You can't ask for much more than that. They were a super group of guys — the best I've had here in three years."

Takes 2nd in 3,200-meter run

Krafsur shines in track final

By Tom Beer
staff writer

David Krafsur, Southfield-Lathrup's lone claim to track fame this season, ended his high school career on a successful note Saturday by finishing second in the 3,200-meter run at the state Class A boys' track final at Flint's Guy Houston Field.

Krafsur, who was timed in 9:24.1, battled a familiar foe — Royal Oak Dondero's Jamie Elliott — at the state meet. Elliott won the 3,200 with a 9:21.5 clocking. Dondero and Lathrup are members of the Metro Suburban Activities Association.

Although the high school season is officially over, Krafsur will have one more chance to display his skills as a

Charger. He'll be running in the Midwest Meet of Champions Saturday at Concordia College in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

The annual meet draws top senior track and field competitors from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

"We're going to break nine minutes in that meet," said Ed Lazar, Lathrup's enthusiastic coach. "That's the goal, and David's ready."

"That'll be like a 20-second drop for him, but all the training has been geared to that. His mental preparation during these last 10 days will make the difference."

Lazar continued: "He trains with the intensity of a race. His ability to concentrate on what he's doing makes him an excellent trainer and racer. And he's the most well-mannered individual

you'd ever want to meet... you'll never hear a harsh word toward anyone or anything out of his mouth."

Krafsur's state-meet time was 3.1 seconds slower than his season best recorded in the MSAA conference meet in which he bested Dondero's Elliott. Another memorable meet for Krafsur was this season's Oakland County championships where he won the 3,200 and finished second in the 1,600.

Krafsur also was a cross country standout at Lathrup.

THE ONLY OTHER state meet scoring performance came from South-

field Christian's 1,600-meter relay, which finished fifth with a time of 4:15.0 at the Class D final at Caro High School.

Christian compiled an impressive 13-1 record and won the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference under coach Justice Ruark.

Southfield, which won the Southeastern Michigan Association boys' track title, failed to score at the Class A state meet.

Southfield's 400-meter relay (Terrence Robinson, Cornelius Edwards, Mark Harris and Mike McCaskill) logged its best time of the year — 43.6.

Cranbrook wins 3rd net title

By Roger Hart
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The third time was definitely a charmer for coach Don Brown and his tennis team from Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook High School as they captured their third straight Class B tennis title Saturday.

Cranbrook finished with 32 points, 11

points ahead of the nearest competitors, East Grand Rapids and Three Rivers, which finished in a tie for second with 21 points. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central was fourth with 18 points, Battle Creek Lakeside and Okemos tied for fifth with 13 points, Mason was seventh with 9 points, Saginaw MacArthur was eighth with 7 points, and Esserville Garber finished ninth with 6 points.

Along with the state title, the Crane's collected four individual state championships. This was the third straight year that all seven flights of the Cranbrook tennis team made the state match.

In No. 3 singles, Keith Soltruff, a captain of the Cranbrook team, defeated Rick Bernehl of Three Rivers, 6-3, 7-6, 6-2. In No. 4 singles, John Solik of Cranbrook downed Ted Tuckler of Three Rivers, 6-3, 6-4.

In No. 1 doubles, Keith King and Jeff Trees defeated the team of Jeff Vanderhoff and Tom Goodspeed of East Grand Rapids 6-3, 6-1. In No. 2 doubles,

the Cranbrook team of Bruce Hendrick and Charlie Moore dumped Scott Trimble and Mike Zamara of Sparta by identical scores of 6-4.

CRANBROOK'S TOP singles player, Dan Brumberg, lost in the finals to Scott Langs of Potomac 6-4, 0-6, 6-1, and No. 2 player Bob Jasmur lost to Mike Kiewiet of Three Rivers by identical 6-3, 6-4.

And in No. 3 doubles, the Crane's team of Dave Jasmur and Kurt Kobajak lost to Scott Andrews and Doug Buske of East Grand Rapids in the finals 6-3, 6-4.

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