

# Ouch!

## Athens downed in regional play

By Jim Hughes  
staff writer

The winningest baseball team in the eight-year history of Troy Athens High School had its visions of a Class A Regional championship shattered Saturday as Ulica Ford came away with a 6-4 win at Royal Oak's Memorial Park.

The Red Hawks, winners of the Kimball District a week earlier, fell victim to three unearned runs in the third inning and left 14 runners on base through seven innings.

The loss left the Red Hawks with an 18-10 record, which set a school baseball record for most wins in a season.

"It was a very successful season," Athens coach Glenn Baird said. "We won a district, which is the first for a Troy baseball team, and we started out 10-0. It was just a very enjoyable year."

"OF COURSE, we'd still like to be playing, but we didn't get any breaks," he added. "In a state tournament, or any tournament for that matter, you have to get some breaks, and we didn't."

Athens ended the game with the tying runs on base. Phil Shaller drove a ball to deep right field, but a fine running catch by the Ulica Ford fielder accounted for the final out of the game.

"The kid made a nice running catch," Baird said. "If that ball drops in, we win the ball game. He just made a nice play on a well-hit ball."

Scott Watson, who was victimized for three unearned runs, was saddled with the loss. He pitched all seven innings, allowed 10 hits, walked one and fanned three. Watson finished the season with an 8-1 record and a 1.21 earned run average.

Athens, down 3-0 in the third inning, tightened the margin with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Shaller doubled, Chris Zilny was hit by a pitched

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ball, and Tim Drumbeller and Terry Frazier rifled RBI singles to make it a 3-2 game.

IN THE FOURTH, Shaller walked, stole second and third, and tried to make it a clean sweep with a theft at home. According to Baird, Shaller was called out at the plate, even though the Ford catcher dropped the ball on the attempted put out.

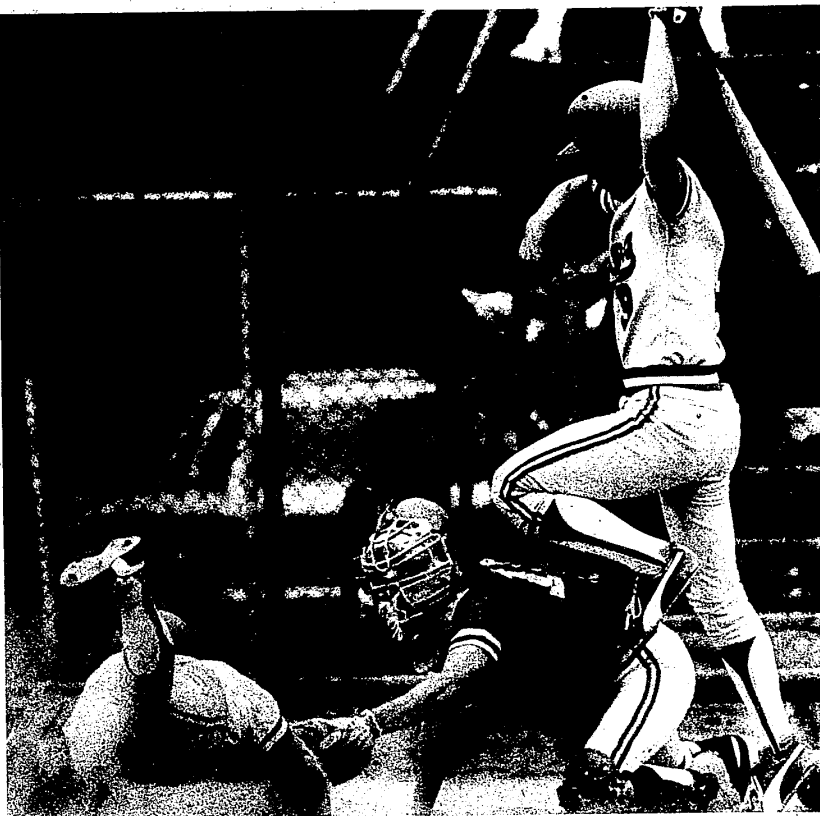
"It was a disputed play," Baird said. "The catcher dropped the ball, but the umpire called Phil out."

After Ford scored one in the fifth, the Red Hawks scored once in the bottom half of the inning. Kirk Lawitzke, Frazier and Watson each singled to account for the run.

Ford scored single runs in the sixth and seventh inning before the Red Hawks' bottom-of-the-seventh-inning rally fell short.

Lawitzke singled, and Scott Boland and John Watson walked to start the inning. John Merana hit into a fielder's choice (with the put out at third base) which scored Lawitzke. Following a strikeout, Shaller made a bid to put the Red Hawks into the finals, but his fly ball was tracked down.

In the other semifinal game, Lapeer East defeated Clarkston, 10-0, and Ford topped East, 1-0, in the championship.



Athens baserunner Phil Shaller attempts to steal home against Ulica Ford catcher Bill Brandon while teammate Chris Zilny looks on. Shaller was called out on a disputed play at the plate. Athens' frustration was compounded as Ford won the regional semifinal game, 6-4.

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## Area recreation softball standings

**FARMINGTON HILLS PARKS & RECREATION SOFTBALL STANDINGS**

**Women's Industrial A**

Team	W	L	T
McFreck's Saloon	5	0	0
Dunlavy's	4	1	0
PSO Kidz	3	2	0
Metro Bank	3	2	0
J&T Transmission	2	3	0
Manufacturer's	2	3	0
Jacques Seafood	0	5	0
J.W. Saloon	0	5	0

**Recent Results**

McFreck's Saloon 10, PSO Kidz 4; Manufacturer's 14, J&T Transmission 10; Dunlavy's Pub & Grub 5, J.W. Saloon & Metro Bank 12; Jacques Seafood 9.

**Women's Industrial B**

Team	W	L	T
Alexander Hamilton	5	0	0
Botaford Hospital	5	0	0
Jervis B. Webb	4	1	0
Livonia Ophthalmologist	4	1	0
Tally Hall	2	3	0
Hewlett Packard	1	4	0
Koehler & Valentine	1	4	0
Hot & Tasty	0	5	0

**Recent Results**

Botaford Hospital 12, Jervis B. Webb 1; Alexander Hamilton 18, Hewlett Packard 0; Tally Hall 25, Hot & Tasty 0; Livonia Ophthalmologist 4, Koehler & Valentine 2.

**Men's Tuesday Open**

Team	W	L	T
EAM Cement	5	0	0
Charlie's Place	5	0	0
Dunlavy's Pub	4	1	0
Dunham's Sport Gds	4	1	0
M.J. White	2	4	0

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**Women's Wednesday Open**

Team	W	L	T
LaPlata's Raiders	6	0	0
Mr. Joe's	5	1	0
Footstep	3	3	0
Farm Cycle World	3	3	0
Caplain Nemo's	1	4	0
Roadrunners	1	4	0
Dunlavy's Irish	0	5	0

**Recent Results**

Footstep 14, Dunlavy's Irish Saloon 0; LaPlata's Raiders 4, Farmington Cycle World 0; Mr. Joe's 10, Roadrunners 1; Mr. Joe's 10, Caplain Nemo's Saloon 2.

**Men's Industrial A**

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EAM Cement	5	0	0
Charlie's Place	5	0	0
Dunlavy's Pub	4	1	0
Dunham's Sport Gds	4	1	0
M.J. White	2	4	0

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Ballison Saloon	1	5	0
Diamond Auto.	1	5	0
Diplomats	0	6	0

**Recent Results**

E&M Cement 11, M.J. White 7; Charlie's Place 21, Diplomats 2; Dunham Sporting Goods 17, Dunham Sporting Goods 17; Ballison Saloon 6; Dunlavy's Pub & Grub 14; Diamond Automation 10.

**Men's Industrial D**

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**Recent Results**

Court Time 6, Dunlavy's Pub & Grub 9; Macinnis Brothers Asphalt 7.

**Men's 3-2**

Team	W	L	T
Ingersoll Rand	5	0	0
Farm Merchants	4	0	1
J.W. Saloon	3	2	0
Precision Color	3	2	0
Nedrow Refractories	1	3	1
General Automation	1	4	0
M.B.'s	1	4	0

**Recent Results**

Ingersoll Rand & Precision Color 7; Nedrow Refractories 3; Farmington Merchants 2; General Automation 11; Rubbish Company 9; J.W. Saloon 12; M.B.'s 9.

**Men's Industrial B**

Team	W	L	T
M.C. Sport Goods	5	0	0
Bosco's	4	1	0

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