

Bloomfield Hills pitchers rattle Royal Oak

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staff writer

Bloomfield Hills has enjoyed the fine side of a rather fierce but sportsman-like rivalry against Royal Oak in 18th District American Legion baseball action.

Norm Kaplan's Hills' team received some excellent pitching and swept a double-header from Royal Oak on Sunday, 5-2, 6-4. The wins allowed Bloomfield Hills to stay in third place in the 12-team league, while Royal Oak dropped to the fourth position.

"We're four-for-four against them over the last two years," said Kaplan,

whose team is 13-6 overall.

"We pushed them down below us, and we upset them slightly by doing that — we knocked the out of second place. All of a sudden we have our hitting back."

In the first game, Chip Vaughan pitched a five-hitter and struck out 10. The right-handed graduate of Pontiac Catholic High School is now 5-2 on the season.

RIGHT-HANDER Mike Rom, who will be a sophomore this year at Miami of Ohio University, was the winning pitcher in the second game. He struck out six, and allowed only one earned run in his personal record to 3-1.

"Chip pitched a two-hitter against

Berkley, but we had five errors and lost the ball game," said Kaplan. "This time he was in control all the way."

"And Rom has lost only one game for me in three years of legion play," he said.

Pete Orman supplied a key, two-run single in the fourth inning which proved to be the game-winning RBI. Jim Bennett, who had two hits, punched a two-run home run in the first inning.

Dave Kuntzman had a hit and an RBI.

Brad Cross went the distance and struck out eight in a losing effort for Royal Oak.

In the nightcap, Bloomfield Hills battled back from a three-run deficit early in the game. Royal Oak scored three unearned runs — thanks to three Bloomfield Hills errors — then added another tally in the seventh inning.

In between the Royal Oak scoring, Bloomfield Hills pushed across a half-dozen runs.

CHAD SWITZER had a two-run single in the first inning, and B.J. Cameron added a clutch, two-out, two-run single in the second inning. Bloomfield Hills added two more in the fourth on a single by Switzer and a long sacrifice fly by Kevin Granader.

Switzer had two hits and three RBI,

and Mike Baughman added two hits. Granader, Cameron and Kuntzman also had base hits.

The losing pitcher in this game was Gary Peters.

Last Friday, Auburn Heights — in second place in the 12-team league — extended its winning streak to 12 straight with a 4-2 win over Bloomfield Hills.

Winning pitcher Jim Zubkus, who has been a thorn to Bloomfield Hills all season, allowed six hits. Zubkus, a left-hander, now has two victories and a save in three appearances against Bloomfield Hills this season.

Orman had three hits to lead the

Hills offense, while Willie Holoman and Steve Mandalari each had two hits for Auburn Heights.

Joe Sheeran was the losing pitcher. Bloomfield Hills plays 6:30 p.m. Friday at Milford, and hosts league-leading Ferndale at 2 p.m. Sunday at Andover High School.

18th DISTRICT
AMERICAN LEGION
BASEBALL STANDINGS
(As of July 19)

- 1. Ferndale, 14-2; 2. Auburn Heights, 14-4; 3. Bloomfield Hills, 13-6; 4. Royal Oak, 12-7; 5. Rochester, 11-9; 6. Oxford, 9-8; 7. Clair Pointe, 8-6; 8. Berkley, 8-10; 9. Troy-Birmingham, 7-11; 10. Milford, 5-12; 11. Farmington, 4-15; 12. Novi, 4-15.

Softball's 'King' comes to Southfield

"The King" of softball will be in Southfield next week.

Eddie Feigner, more popularly known as The King and his Court, will play a benefit softball game at 6 p.m. July 23 at the Southfield Civic Center Diamond No. 1. Feigner and his three fielders will play the suburban All-Stars.

The Breakfast Optimist clubs of Southfield/Lathrup and Birmingham are sponsoring the game, in which all proceeds will go towards the John Grace Community Center of Southfield.

Feigner has played and pleased softball crowds all over the world. He is best known for such antics as pitching blindfolded, between his legs and from second base.

Feigner has played in approximately 3,719 cities across the world and has the record of 187 straight victories. He has struck out 4,318 batters while pitching with a blindfold.

Among his other records are 225 perfect games; 1,698 shutouts; 793 no-hitters; 110,000 strikeouts; 5,878 wins; 950 losses; 283 ties; and 7,121 games pitched.

The Ann Arbor Pacers will play the Birmingham Golden Eagles in a girls' fastpitch game prior to The King and his Court. The Pacers defeated the Golden Eagles in the 1981 state Class A championship game.

The Optimist clubs will have stands providing refreshments.

Ticket prices are \$3 (adult) or \$2 (children, 12 or under) in advance, or \$4 or \$2.50 at the gate. They may be purchased in advance at the Southfield Department of Parks and Recreation (354-9683) or the Birmingham Parks and Recreation Department (644-1807).

The Southfield Civic Center is located at 26000 Evergreen Road (approximately 10 1/2 Mile Road).

● **HAGEN TOURNAMENT**

Farmington's Glen Oaks Golf Course is one of five Detroit-area courses that will host the annual Walter Hagen Championship benefit for the American Cancer Society.

Hagen competitors will play an 18-hole round at Glen Oaks July 28. The tournament is divided into two divisions: Masters (ages 13-15) and Golden Masters (16-18).

The other four courses to host Hagen rounds are South Lyon's Goldwin Glen (July 26), Livonia's Idyl Wyld (July 27), New Haven's Oak Ridge (July 29) and the Pontiac Country Club (July 30).

The Hagen championship playoffs are scheduled for Aug. 2 at Salem Hills Golf Course in Northville. A Hagen state final has been added this year. It will be held at the University of Michigan Golf Course, on a date to be determined.

Entry forms are available at most public courses and at the American Cancer Society office, 29500 Southfield Road, in Southfield. The \$20 entry fee includes greens fees and a bag tag.

Additional information may be obtained by calling 557-5353.

● **ADD SOFTBALL**

A late registration for the second sessions of the Midwest All-Star Softball Clinic at Birmingham Groves High School will be held 8-9 a.m. July 26.

The second session starts July 26 and will run through July 30.

Clinic directors include Gary Bryce, head softball coach at Wayne State University; Dave Lazar, head softball coach at Fenelon High School; Steve Crane, head softball coach at Groves High School; and Pete Phelan, assistant to Bryce.

For further information, call 649-4200. Groves is located at 20500 W. 13 Mile Road at Evergreen.

● **GOLF'S LONGEST DAY**

Larry Steel, Steve Segel, Aaron Weiss and Spencer Steel of West Bloomfield have a long day of golf ahead of them.

The four golfers will play from sunup to sundown at the Sheenadosh Golf Club July 23 when they plan to play in support of the American Cancer Society. They will seek pledges for each hole of golf they complete during the American Cancer Society's "Longest Day of Golf."

Doug Smith, course chairman, anticipates the completion of some 90 holes for the day. They will take a one-hour rest period sometime during the day.

Dollars raised as a result of this special event will be used to support American Cancer Society Research, Education and Service.

The "Longest Day of Golf" will be featured at a dozen courses in the Metro Detroit area this month.

● **COACHING VACANCIES**

The Bloomfield Hills Schools currently has many interscholastic athletic coaching positions available for the 1982-83 school year.

Coaching spots are available in high-school and junior-high-school football, basketball, soccer, swimming, volleyball and track.

Anyone interested in applying should contact Norman Quinn, director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics in the Bloomfield Hills Schools. His phone number is 647-1224.

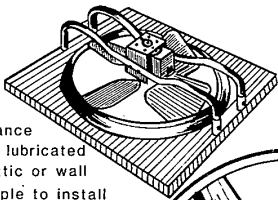
● **BMX MOTO-CROSS**

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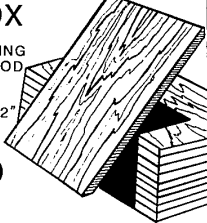


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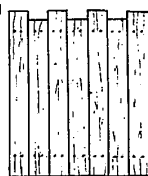
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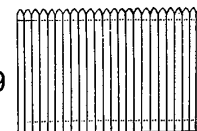


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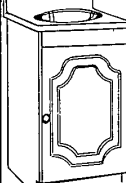
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