

Fred Holdsworth Silences Fraser In Finals

N'ville Blanks 2 Foes To Win Champions' Title

It was a repeat performance for Northville High at Livonia's Ford Field.

A week before Northville, led by pitching star Fred Holdsworth, won the Les Anders Invitational baseball tournament, outlasting a crack field of 20 teams.

Then last week, going against the winners of three other Invitationals — Pontiac, Wyandotte and Macomb County — it was Northville and Holdsworth again.

AND TOSS IN the name of

Bernie Bach, too. It was Bach who shut out Fraser, 3-0, in the first game and then Holdsworth who blanked Taylor Kennedy, 4-0, in the finale.

Kennedy ousted Southfield's Blue Jays, 7-1, in the first round of the Invitational finals. Southfield had come to Livonia fresh from winning the tough Pontiac Invitational.

But the big Southfield bats, perhaps tired by having to play for the fourth evening in a row, were stifled by Mike O'Malley.

At the same time, Bob Muir, the ace Southfield pitcher,

encountered more problems against Taylor than he had all spring and his Jays were ousted in the first round.

THE BIG STORY of the invitational had to be Holdsworth.

He was voted the most valuable player in the Anders Invitational.

Between his appearances in the Anders and the regionals, he was among the players drafted by the Detroit Tigers at last week's major league grab in New York.

So, now there's a big deci-

sion for this 18-year-old senior, who'll be graduated from Northville High this weekend.

Does he go to college on a full-ride scholarship to the University of Michigan or does he sign a professional contract?

When the tournament was over, it was evident that the Tigers were present in force to make their pitch.

HOLDSWORTH'S DAD is the principal of Northville High where his son is graduating with all A's and as valedictorian of the class.

Thus, young Mr. Holdsworth has carved quite a record for himself in the scholastic world as well as the baseball world.

He not only has started for Northville High, but he has excelled on the sandlots each summer and at the end of last season he was picked by Redford Township as an added pitcher when the team went to the national tournament at Johnston, Pa.

He allowed Taylor Kennedy four hits and fanned 10. He didn't walk a batter. A week before he had beaten Bentley and Garden City East in the

tournament. He struck out 15 Bentley batters...and Bentley boasted one of the most potent batting attacks of any prep team in the area.

O'Malley, who won from Southfield, tried to make it a double hit against Northville. He didn't do badly fanning 11 and walking two.

But he couldn't win when his mates didn't score. Besides, the Kennedy defense let O'Malley down.

Hits by Terry Mills and Holdsworth and a sacrifice fly led to the first Northville run in the first inning. Mills hit a

fly in the third and when the centerfielder missed it, Mills circled the bases.

In the sixth, Bach and Steve Eley got aboard on a single and walk, respectively, and they scored on an error.

Muirer fanned three and walked four when Southfield lost to Kennedy.

SOUTHFIELD JUMPED off to a 1-0 lead when Jim Manchell singled and scored on John Solberg's hit.

But that was all the runs Southfield could muster. Kennedy came back to get

even when O'Malley knocked in the equalizer in the first inning.

Then Kennedy scored again in the second and fourth innings to put the game out of reach.

Bach allowed two hits when Northville blanked Fraser. He fanned seven and walked two.

Rick Larue was safe on an error and eventually scored Northville's first run. In the fourth inning D'Arcy singled in Bach who had singled along with Rick Adams. In the fifth, Mills singled and scored on Larue's single.



THERE HE GOES...Northville's Terry Mills scampers across the plate on his home run in the second inning of the championship game against Taylor Kennedy during the Champion of Champions tourney at Ford Field in Livonia. Mills' clout helped the Mustangs to a 4-0 victory and the title. (Observer photo by Vince Witke).

Borgess Net Star Defeated In Finals

Mark Rath, of Bishop Borgess, just missed making Michigan high school tennis history.

He was shooting to become the first prep in the state to win Michigan championships in different classes in successive years.

In 1969, he captured the Class B title when he swept through an unbeaten season.

Then 1970 found Bishop Borgess elevated to Class A status based on increased enrollment.

But Mark's play continued to be brilliant.

HE DIDN'T LOSE a match during the regular season. He didn't lose in the regionals. In fact, when he reached the regional finals he found himself against his younger brother Joel, who's just 14, and a sophomore at Borgess.

Mark didn't let family business get in his way. He blasted past his brother in fancy fashion.

But it was on to the state finals last weekend in Kalamazoo, and Mark was his usual brilliant self.

He won three matches in a breeze.

Now it was the finals for the state title Mark Rath was pitted against Dennis MacIntosh of East Grand Rapids.

It looked like another runaway for Mark. He won the first set, 6-0.

But MacIntosh came back and took the next two sets, 6-3, 6-3, as a high crowd watched to a conclusion.

Several hours later, Mark was back home. He wasn't bitter.

He had only the highest praise for the rival who had snapped a streak of 22 straight winning efforts over a two-year period in prep tennis by Mark.

"He's a back-boarder," said Mark, referring to MacIntosh. "He gets everything back."

"I guess I let up a little in the second set. Maybe I thought I had him on the run. But that's all I had to do. He took advantage of everything and came right back at me. He

was terrific. He deserves the championship."

THUS, ENDED a spectacular tennis career-high school speaking — as any schoolboy ever has enjoyed in Michigan.

When Mark came to Borgess, when Mark came to Borgess, when Mark came to Borgess, when Mark came to Borgess.

As a sophomore, he was undefeated and won in the regionals, before losing in the state. He was perfect as a junior and one short of perfect as a senior.

Add it all together, he lost only two prep matches in the three years.

Mark won his way into the finals by beating Bob Epstein of Birmingham Groves, 6-2, 6-3.

It was Epstein who in the previous round dented Richard Nyman, the exchange student from Sweden who was playing for Plymouth High. Epstein had lost the first set to Nyman, 6-0, before rallying, 6-4, 6-4.

Pheasant Count Up

There is encouragement for pheasant hunters in the Department of Natural Resources just-released report of its spring crowing survey.

Crowing counts in the southern Michigan pheasant range this spring showed virtually the same total as a year ago and were well above the 1968 counts.

Victor C. Janson, department pheasant specialist, commented, "We again have the potential breeding population for a sizable increase in fall pheasant numbers. The spring nesting period to date appears to be fairly normal with about average amount of rainfall and normal temperatures."

There was an increase of 62% over 1969 in crowing counts in the central area of the pheasant range, with significant

gains in Eaton, Clinton, and Ionia counties. The western area of Allegan and Ottawa counties was about 20% above a year ago, with most of this increase in northwestern Allegan County.

The Thumb area and southwestern counties were about the same as in 1969. Southeastern counties showed a drop of 10 to 15%, with most of this in Monroe and Macomb counties.

Lenawee County showed an increase.

Most Valuable

Jerry Coury, a 6-2 junior guard, was named Wayne State University's Most Valuable Basketball Player in 1970 and will receive the Fred M. Fisher Award in recognition of his selection by his teammates.

Best Day

George Brazz's 149-yard rushing performance for Wayne State University against Central Michigan in 1969 was the eighth-highest in WSU annals and the biggest day ever for a WSU back in the 30-game series with CMU.

Golf Trio Cards 48

Poker hands paid off last week for the Livonia Women's Golf League meeting at Whispering Willows Municipal Golf Course.

In A flight, the winner was Jackie Stocks with five 6s. In B flight it was Sonia Judge with five 7s. Doris O'Connell in C flight with four 8s. Sue Magnoite in D flight with a straight, and Gretchen Goetz in E flight with four 6s.

The previous week saw three members come in with low gross of 48. They are Kay Coppola, league president; Shirley Adams and Faye Reardon, vice president.

Prizes for the May 29 round of golf were for low net.

Shirley Adams took A flight honors with a low net of 30.

Joan Wiljonen was B flight champ with 33 while Mike Haysken took C flight honors with a 29. Jane Shaw and Betty Hoy were D and E flight winners, carding 38 and 28 respectively.

U-M Lists Cage Games

ANN ARBOR Michigan's basketball team will face national powers Notre Dame, Kentucky and Duke to open the 1970-71 season.

Michigan will host its first Michigan Invitational Tournament, Dec. 21-22, with Wyoming, California and Harvard entered.

The Wolverines also will compete in the Rainbow Classic in Hawaii Dec. 26-30.

Other features of Michigan's schedule includes home games in Crisler Arena against Eastern Michigan (Dec. 10) and the University of Detroit (Dec. 12).

Michigan's 24-game schedule lists 12 games at home, including games with Notre Dame, Ohio State, Michigan State and Purdue.

Westland at Bentley in other 1:30 p.m. games.

Garden City draws the first round bye and makes its debut in the league as Darwin Construction meets Plymouth at Ford Field in Livonia next Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Hubert then will square off against Redford at 8 and Northville will play against Westland in the other Wednesday game at Bentley.

The Northville team will rate watching since it will be comprised of most of the play-

ers who carried Northville to the championship in the recent Les Anders Invitational and also to the title in last week-end's regional invitational champs from Livonia, Macomb County, Wyandotte and Pontiac.



DIRT FLIES in all directions, half-covering Rick LeRue of Northville as he scores on a passed ball against Fraser in the Champion of Champions tournament at Ford Field

in Livonia. Pitcher Gordie Sterling came dashing in to cover the plate but he couldn't even find the runner in all the dirt and dust. (Observer photo by Vince Witke).

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