

# Redford Splits Dramatic Class A Duels

Talk about dramatics in baseball. Redford's Wonderland Lanes found itself involved in a pair of spectaculars over the weekend. In game one, Wonderland fought nine innings before losing to Livonia's Hubert Realty, 1-0.

Then Wonderland rebounded to down powerful Detroit ITM, 5-1, in an 11th-inning battle.

handed ITM its first loss of the season in the Greater Livonia Class A league and its first reversal in almost 25 games in the two leagues in which the team plays.

Rick Konik bested Rick Krumm in the Hubert-Wonderland game.

IT WAS A heartbreaker for Krumm to drop. He allowed

only three hits, while his mates clubbed out eight off Konik.

The game's only run was scored in the ninth when Jeff Peck tripled and Konik himself followed with a sacrifice fly on which Peck came home.

Roger Coryell went the distance in halting the winning ways of ITM. He allowed only four hits and fanned 11.

Wonderland trailed 1-0 until the seventh when singles by John Hornyak and Bob Holmes and a sacrifice by Terry Roth went through in the tying run.

Then the teams went four more innings before Rick Berryman, the Wonderland team's playing manager, walked Mark Crammel and Leland Bjerke walked to fill the bases.

Up came Hornyak to clear the sacks with a triple and he scored a moment later with Wonderland's fifth run of the game.

The victory squared accounts for Wonderland in action during the week with ITM, which had downed the Redford team, 4-3, on Tuesday.

Carrow and Hornyak each had tripled and Leland Bjerke a double in the losing game. Bob Smoots was the losing pitcher.

HUBERT FOLLOWED up its win over Wonderland by downing Garden City, 5-1. Manager Bill Ziegler hurried

the route for the winners and was touched for nine hits, three by Greg Macy. But Ziegler was tough when he had to be.

Meantime, King had two more hits and Peck a triple to lead the Hubert attack.

Hubert scored in the first inning without the benefit of a

hit. It was the same way in the second inning when two walks started things.

In the third Peck tripled and after Roger Frayer was hit by a pitch, Gary Krupinski doubled both home. In the second Ziegler was safe on an error. Chip Rose singled and Peck kicked a sacrifice fly.

# Plymouth Shows Power In Twin Mack Triumphs

During the school year, Wayne Sparkman coaches at Plymouth High. His job in the spring is to handle the baseball team.

With an eye to developing a stronger Plymouth nine for next season, Sparkman this summer is managing the Plymouth Elks in the Connie Mack League.

For the most part, his Elks team is comprised of undergraduates at the high school... boys who'll have at least one more year of intercollegiate eligibility.

The youngsters have been coming through for Sparkman and the Elks.

Hurtik hit and the other two on errors. In the fifth, Mathias tripled with two on.

Steve Straley with relief help from Mark Bidigare combined to down Garden City East, Gary Close and Howie Schryer each went two for four for the winners who scored twice in the fourth inning to decide the game.

Steve KREAGER continued his brilliant pitching for Thurston in shutting out the Livonia Optimists, 3-0.

He struck out 16 to bring his total of "whiffs" to 41 in three games. He gave up only three hits and walked four against the Optimists.

Kreager singled in the first Thurston run and bunted in his team's second marker to up the Thurston record to 4-1.

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By W. W. EDGAR

Mal Ravitz, scholarly president of the Detroit Common Council, has posed some interesting questions regarding the proposed stadium for the downtown area.

Speaking informally at the coming out party for Bob Sweeney, newly appointed executive director of the Downtown Stadium Working Group, the council president asked:

- With four proposals to choose from, who is going to make the final decision?
- How will it be financed?
- Will it require the displacement of many families?
- What about the traffic problem?
- Will it be revenue producing between events?

Admitting that he was highly in favor of a new

stadium in the downtown area he also expressed fear of a chaotic traffic problem.

"I am not too concerned about the parking problem," he said. "That, somehow, can take care of itself. But what about traffic?"

"Suppose," he went on, "we have a big game in the stadium on a day or night when there also is a major event in Cobo Hall, another in Cobo Arena, and a concert in the Ford Auditorium."

"Why, the fans could be locked in traffic jams for hours."

IN MENTIONING the four proposed sites he listed the area just west of Cobo Hall; one south of Michigan Avenue and Trumbull proposed by John E. Fetzer, owner of the Tigers; the one proposed

by Councilman Billy Rogell, north of the present stadium, and the State Fair Grounds.

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SCORING FROM SECOND on a liner to right is Ken Chapek, of Big Boy, in the game against Livonia Optimists. That's Catcher Doug Moulds, of Livonia, looking for the relay that never came. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)



SAFE AT THIRD is Holcomb's Dave Thomas who slides into the bag as Redford's Joe Himmelpach takes the throw. It was an easy victory for Redford, 13-2. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

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