

Chwalik hurls gem at Pats

The race for the final Northwest Suburban League baseball title is heating up.

Redford Thurston surprised league-leading John Glenn on Friday 9-6. And North Farmington, thanks to a brilliant pitching performance by Bob Chwalik, bested Livonia Franklin 2-1.

"That means Glenn (4-3) now has a .ne game lead over North Farmington City and Redford Union — all with 3-3 league records. Franklin is 2-4. North will host Glenn on Tuesday.

"We're playing real well," said North coach Irv Horowitz. "I'm happy just to be in the race. Everybody picked us to be in the cellar at the beginning of the year."

Chwalik, a 6-foot-4 left-hander, shut Franklin down on four hits. He fanned six and walked one.

Mike Rudin and Brian McDaniels accounted for all four North hits, each getting a pair. Rudin scored both runs. In the second, Rudin walked, went to second on a passed ball, to third on a fielder's choice and scored on an error. Rudin singled in the sixth, was sacrificed to second and scored on another error.

Franklin's lone run came in the bottom of the sixth on Dave DeMay's single.

Bob Solnikowski pitched a strong game for Franklin, fanning six and walking two.

North is 7-3 overall.

CANTON 7, HARRISON 3: Plymouth Canton, with the help of five walks, scored five times in the first inning and never looked back.

baseball

Canton was the recipient of 10 walks on the day.

Brian Smolinski hit his third home run of the season for Harrison. He also had a single in three trips. Vince Enright had a pair of hits also.

Dave Knapp hit a home run and knocked in three runs for Canton (9-1, 5-1 in the Western Lakes).

Mike Inch pitched a strong 6 1/2 innings of relief for the Hawks. He allowed just one run. Mark Schmidt started and took the loss.

The Hawks stranded 10 runners on the bases.

Harrison dropped a double-header to Walled Lake Central on Wednesday, losing the opener 5-4 and the nightcap 7-4.

Harrison is 2-3 in the Western Lakes and 4-5 overall.

CHURCHILL 7, FARMINGTON 2: The Falcons jumped ahead 2-0 in the first, but Livonia Churchill pitcher Andy Oliver closed the doors and Churchill went on to victory.

John Stoltz had three hits and Ed Shepperd a two-run triple to pace the Chargers (2-0).

Farmington (5-5) scored their runs on a double by Chris Green, a walk to Joe Bob Wenson, an RBI single by Dave Casaroli and a sacrifice fly by Ken Howell.

Wenson was the losing pitcher.

North ties Rocks, 1-1

Progress? You want progress?

The first time Plymouth Salem and North Farmington met on a soccer field this year, Salem won 9-1.

The two met again Friday and the Raiders battled Salem to a 1-1 tie.

Now, that's progress.

"I knew we were improving," said Raider coach Cathy Cole. "We were due for a good game, especially after Wednesday. I had to give them a little tongue-lashing after that one."

North was defeated Wednesday by Livonia Stevenson 7-1.

But on Friday, the Raiders showed Salem a greatly improved defense.

Led by Ann Mahle and Jean Anzivar, a red-hot scoring threat that Cole moved to defense to help slow the high-powered Rock attack, the Raiders frustrated Salem.

Mahle had the toughest assignment. Her job was to check speedy forward Denis Head, who scored four times in the first game and has 18 goals this season. Head scored the lone Rock goal on a pretty corner kick. But, it was one of only two shots the talented freshman got off the entire match — a tribute to Mahle.

Brooks Landback kicked away 21 of the 22 shots fired at her in the North nets.

soccer

North tied the match with under two minutes left. Mo O'Brien got credit for the goal as her throw-in pass deflected into the net off a Salem defender.

"It was a gift, but it was about time we got one," Cole said.

The Raiders are now 4-4-1 on the season. Salem is 6-3-3.

MERCY 13, BISHOP BORGESS 1: No contest.

Annette Ruggiero, Maribeth Knight, Colleen Ruffery and Mary Beth Larnell all had two goals for Farmington Hills Mercy, who remains atop the Catholic League.

Amy DeMattia, Amy Stock, Julie Hale, Mary Duwell and Maureen Scullen also scored.

Mercy, 5-0 in the league and 7-2 overall, will play at 4 p.m. Tuesday and Friday next week, both games at Drake Field on 12 Mile and Drake.

OLSM inks 'sizeable' basketball recruits

By C.J. Ritsak
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It sounds like a slightly altered TV commercial: "Everything you want in a recruiting season. And more."

That's how Tim Domke, Orchard Lake St. Mary's basketball coach, and his assistant, Rich Zaleski, would describe it. The Eagles have received commitments from a bundle of players, including four who could help immediately.

Two of those committed earlier: Amos Brown of Pontiac Central, a 6-

foot-4 forward who Domke called "a man already," and Steve Hatt, a 6-6 forward from Dearborn Edsel Ford who has loads of potential.

BUT ZALENSKI hasn't let up. His efforts paid off with the signings of 6-4 forward-guard Greg Spraggins; 5-10 1/2 point guard Greg Spraggins; and 6-4 1/2 power forward Theodis Pearson.

Bringing around 30 points a game for Clay High School in Oregon, Ohio. He was the Great Lakes League's Player of the Year and the MVP in the Ohio all-star game.

"He's an unbelievable scorer," said Zaleski, who spotted Brington at a summer basketball camp and spent 9 months recruiting him. "He's a solid all-around player. He's one we recruited that we felt could come in and contribute right away."

PEARSON FITS that description, too. The Detroit Murray Wright graduate told Zaleski he would attend St. Mary's Tuesday.

"He's an unbelievable jumper, an unbelievable talent," the OLSM assistant said. "He's not a great basketball play-

er yet, but he has great talent. He had 5 dunks against (Detroit) Mackenzie."

"He's strong around the bucket and good in transition. And he can rebound."

Pearson averaged 15 points and 17 rebounds for Murray Wright.

Spraggins is from Howell, but last year played at Michigan Christian College, where he reaped NLCAA all-American honors. Spraggins averaged 15.8 points and 8 assists for the Warriors.

EMU hosts CP regional games

What can be expected from the Oakland County team that will compete in the eighth annual Cerebral Palsy (CP) Regional Games May 17-20 at Eastern Michigan University?

"Not even team coach Lori Hart can be sure, but one thing is certain: The team will be represented at the National CP-Les Autres Games, slated for Aug. 7-14 at Michigan State University.

That's because one event — bowling — has already been held and three Oakland County athletes have qualified for nationals.

Troy Butler, an 18-year-old Troy native who competes in Division 1, and Bill O'Keefe, a 47-year-old from Farmington and a Division 2 athlete, will both be making their first appearances at the nationals.

THE CP GAMES are divided into nine categories, with Division 1 for the most handicapped (those using an electric wheelchair) and Division 9 for the

least handicapped (able to walk with some use of all four limbs).

There will be a new look to these nationals with the addition of separate competition for Les Autres athletes. Les Autres is French for "the others" and will give those with such diseases as muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis their own division. In previous years, they were lumped together with CP athletes.

The Oakland County team will send one of the largest teams — 32 members — to the regionals. Athletes must reach qualifying standards established for their divisions in their sport to advance to the nationals.

Oakland County will also send a large junior CP team to the regionals. The junior division has 3 age categories: 13-15, 10-12 and 9 and under.

Those with outstanding performances at the nationals will qualify for the International CP Games, which are scheduled for next year in Belgium.

tennis

PLYMOUTH CANTON 5
LIVONIA STEVENSON 2
Wednesday at Canton

No. 1 singles: Paul Hathaway (PC) def. Jack Tartigan, 6-0, 6-3.
No. 2: Tom Roggenbeck (PC) def. Chris Nimmya, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4.
No. 3: Jeff McKenzie (LS) def. Mo Mazhar, 6-4, 4-0, 6-4.
No. 4: Don Cavell (PC) def. Murali Pegulapalle, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
No. 1 doubles: Dave Richardson-Mark McConnell (LS) def. Paul Reid-John Uvishon, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.
No. 2: Eileen Koelch-Steve Sonne (PC) def. Bill Vowles-Mike Garry, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 3: Mike Durr-Jeff Fitzzyk (PC) def. Vasek Bhagat-Clement Diglio, 6-0, 6-1.
Canton's dual meet record: 4-2.

CATHOLIC CENTRAL 8
WEST BLOOMFIELD 1
Wednesday at West Bloomfield

No. 1 singles: Mark Ignatius (CC) def. Jay Rosalt, 7-5, 6-2.
No. 2: Mark Agah (CC) def. Tom Wernicks, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 3: Phil Eggleston (CC) def. Mazin Arkasalon, 6-1, 6-2.
No. 4: Bob Heimbuch (CC) def. Even Stashsky, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Rick Scavone-Cary Glazer (WB) def. Steve Campbell-Jim Gillespie, 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.
No. 2: Walt Barrios-Mark Frederick (CC) def. Eric Dean-Burton Brodsky, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 3: Rob Tansou-Fancy Junk (CC) def. Ryan Rost-Jeff Eisenstienig, 6-0, 6-2.
CC's dual meet record: 2-0.

LIVONIA BENTLEY 7
WALLED LAKE WESTERN 0
Wednesday at Western

No. 1 singles: Rich Schuke (LB) def. Chad Moody, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 2: Marc Janda (LB) def. Brad Barter, 6-1, 6-0.
No. 3: Steve Oeller (LB) def. Jim Schneider, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 4: George Gergik (LB) def. Ray Aul, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Mike Devere-Dave Janda (LB) def. Mickey Hannan-Loren Earl, 6-0, 6-2.
No. 2: Dan Devere-John Cataldo (LB) def. Mike Wasink-Mike Kocak, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 3: Mike Schuke-Bob Lachance (LB) def. Dan Nitzsch-Shelly, 6-2, 6-1.
Bentley's dual meet record: 3-1.

FARMINGTON 4
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3
Wednesday at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Drew Chuba (F) def. Ken Wood, 6-2, 6-4.
No. 2: Mike Gould (LC) def. Mark DuPre, 7-5, 6-3.
No. 3: Rob Notch (F) def. Dave Pientri, 4-0, 6-2, 6-2.
No. 4: Tim Meinke (F) def. Tom Pachera, 6-0, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Bob Johnson-Ed Yee (LC) def. John Reash-David Graham, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 2: Scott Mazzy-Jeff Mobley (F) def. Tom Fagan-Erik Karlqvist, 6-2, 7-6, 7-5.
No. 3: Mike Campbell-Mark Engstrom (LC) def. Tim Fox-Dave Anderson, 6-2, 6-1.

NORTHVILLE 4
LIVONIA CHURCHILL 3
Friday at Churchill

No. 1 singles: Terry Michelich (N) def. Ken Wood, 6-3, 6-1.
No. 2: Mike Gould (LC) def. Mark Reinga, 6-7, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 3: Mike Reinga (N) def. Dave Pientri, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 4: David Kaminski (N) def. Mark Engstrom, 6-1, 6-1.
No. 1 doubles: Bob Johnson-Ed Yee (LC) def. David Michelich-John Bales, 6-1, 6-4.
No. 2: Don Norton-Mike Tabaczynski (N) def. Tom Fagan-Erik Karlqvist, 6-3, 6-2.
No. 3: Mike Campbell-Tom Pachera (LC) def. Donn Hubbard-Mark Morrison, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.
Churchill's dual meet record: 2-0.

LIVONIA STEVENSON 7
W.L. CENTRAL 0
Friday at Stevenson

No. 1 singles: Jack Tartigan (LS) def. Tim Mikula, 6-2, 6-1.
No. 2: Chris Nimmya (LS) def. Tom Mikula, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 3: Jeff McKenzie (LS) def. Tim Sova, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 4: Murali Pegulapalle (FS) def. Kite Kowal, 6-0, 6-0.
No. 1 doubles: David Richardson-Mark McConnell (LS) def. Ken Saville-Dillon Sims, 6-0, 6-4.
No. 2: Bill Vowles-Mike Fischer (LS) def. John Rueda-Doug Corrala, 6-4, 6-3.
No. 3: Mike Garry-Clement Diglio (LS) def. Gary Vold-Scott Russell, 6-2, 6-1.
Stevenson's dual meet record: 4-2.

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