

# Livonia ousted in Johnstown

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If pitching is 70 percent of the game, then it's apparent why Livonia Adray was knocked out Wednesday night in third round action of the All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AAA-BA) tournament in Johnstown, Pa.

Lansing ousted Livonia from the prestigious double-elimination event, 7-6, as reliever Kevin Harrah, the losing pitcher, failed to protect a 6-4 lead. He came on in the fifth inning when starter Doug Doyle (Hillsdale College) injured a back muscle.

Harrah gave up three runs on five hits over the final 3 1/2 innings. The big blow came in the seventh when Doug Clouse, Lansing's ninth hitter, bashed a two-run homer off to put his team ahead for keeps.

Clouse was also the winning pitcher, coming on in relief for Lansing starter Bob Waszczenki in the third inning.

Tim Michalik (Western Michigan) and Greg Kuzia paced the Livonia offensive attack with two

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hits each. One of Michalik's hits was a solo homer.

"WE KNEW going down (to Johnstown) that we were short on pitching," said Livonia Adray manager Ron Heller. "We took only six to start with."

"The name of the game is pitching and we were kind of disappointed with ours."

Livonia Adray opened tourney play Monday with a 10-4 loss to New Brunswick, Ohio, as ace pitcher Mike Wilkie (Lamar University) was roughed up for six runs, only two of which were earned.

"One of the scouts behind the backdrop told me that Mike was keeping the ball down, but the umpires weren't giving him the strikes," Heller explained. "So he adjusted and got the ball up, and then they started to hit him."

On Tuesday against Altoona (Pa.), Heller sent No. 2 pitcher Todd Krumm (Michigan State) to the mound, but the results weren't much better as the right-hander was roughed up for eight runs in 8 1/2 innings.

But Livonia rallied to win the game, scoring nine runs in the final two innings for a 12-11 triumph. Doyle, in relief of Krumm, picked up the win and Rick Rozman carried the save.

"MY ASSISTANT Stu Rose and I were talking on the way back home (from Johnstown) and we agreed that we played three average ball clubs and won only one game," Heller said. "We were on the good half of the (16-team) draw and we thought we had a shot to get to the semifinals."

"But we didn't play good ball. We didn't hit well, pitch well or play good defense."

Adray, which received an automatic berth to the AAAA tourney after winning the Livonia Collegiate circuit, bowed out with a 29-8 overall record.

# A coaching lesson: learn the art of giving

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generally mess up, so you explain some more.

lar with the program, they are more able to get a grasp of the drills, techniques and plays. This is new to the junior varsity players, so the coach has to have patience with the rookies.

"You just have to work harder with them," Kuncy said. "If they're not understanding me, it might be something I'm doing wrong. You have to communicate and express yourself better."

"You have to change your way of thinking. You're not talking with 25- or 28-year-olds like you are in college. You have to simplify things, and that makes you work as a coach."

Of all I experienced the past week, nothing compares with the satisfaction you feel after a perfectly executed play. You watch the players' faces as you give instruction. Some faces show a look of understanding, some are perplexed. Those with the perplexed look

One day, while working with the receivers, we were explaining and practicing the curl pattern. I ran the pattern myself to demonstrate exactly how it was to be run. Some got the hang of it right away. Most of them didn't.

Again and again I went over it, and again and again it was run incorrectly. One youngster, guilty of incorrectly running the pattern during the entire segment of practice, finally broke it off the way it was diagrammed. He made the cut, turned toward the quarterback and snared the ball as it was about to take off his head. He tucked the ball away, turned and sprinted upfield.

"That's it!" I shouted and clapped my hands.

As the kid jogged back to the line of receivers, he couldn't hold back a wide smile. Neither could I.

## Local kickers eye state cup

Two Livonia men's soccer teams, the Great Lakes champion Marauders and runner-up Wolves West, will vie Sunday in the Michigan State Challenge Cup at St. Scholastica Field, adjacent to Benedictine High School in Detroit.

Admission for four quarterfinal games is \$2 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and women. Kids wearing soccer uniforms will be admitted free.

The first match at noon features the Livonia Wolves against the Detroit Spartans. That is followed by Livonia Marauders against the Mount Clemens Booters of the Michigan-Ontario Soccer League at 2 p.m.

At 4 p.m., the Hamtramck White Eagles face the Dearborn Stars. And at 6 p.m., the Ukrainian Sport

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