# Legion team stays red-hot

The Farmington American Legion baseball team is 11-3 — easily the best start in the club's history — and has won eight of its last nine games. So why isn't coach Randy Meier

so only sait coach itandy meaning?

He's pleased with his team's start, but he can't get the Wednesday nightmare out of his mind.

I don't even want to talk about it, he said.

Farmington took an 8-0 lead into the top of the seventh against Mill-rord Wednesday, and lost 9-8. Four Farmington pitchers walked 10 batters in the laning, The final seven Millord runs came after two were out.

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The loss spolled a strong pitching performance by Chris Alexander. The Brother Rice product fanned cight of the first nine outs he recorded and finished with nine strikeouts. He tired in the seventh, walking five straight batters.

Tom Girour, Steve Cody and Paul Newitt each had two hits.

### baseball

and 8-0. Paul Sprainlits keyed the opener with a grand slam home run and two singles: Cody collected three more hits and Gabriele blasted a two-run homer. At Eastman carned the victory.

In the second game, Brent Daniels iossed a three-hit shutout, Atwell and Dave Mote rapped out a pair of hits.

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hits.

The winning ways continued on Sunday, Farmington swept Redford 4-3 and 7-4.

Joe Bob Wenson, normally an infleder, pitched four innings of scorreless relief to record the win in game one. Giroux, Alexander and Newitt knocked in the runs.

## LCBL title chase begins to heat up

The pack got a little tighter after last weekend's play in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League (LCBL). First place Redford Little Caesars (94-4) maintains a silm two-point lead over Livonia Adray (8-5) and Tom Riczer Ford of Northville (8-5-1) after splitting a double-header with West Bloomfield, Sunday at Capitol Park. Caesars, sparked by Tyrone Gaines' 3-for-4 showing, including a two-run homer in the sixth inning, won the first game, 7-3. Mike Koceski also clubbed a two-run homer in the sixth processing the state of the state

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Mike McClure led West Bloomfield with a homer in a 3-for-3 showing.

Mark Coburn, who worked the first 5½ innings before giving way to Chris Kloc, was the winning run to the first 5½ innings before giving way to Chris Kloc, was the winning run to the first 5½ innings before giving way to Chris Kloc, was the winning run in the fifth as went 2-for-3 and knocked in the winning run in the fifth as West Bloomfield scored a 4-2 win.

Caesars took an early 1-0 lead on Mike Harte's successful suicide squeeze bunt. After West Bloomfield had taken a 2-1 tead, Caesars canne back to the first the fifth where the first firs

ender. Was Caesars' offensive leader, going 3-for-3 with four RBI. Don Taylor contributed two hits and three RBI.
Todd Mahaney, who worked four

and three RBI.

Todd Mahaney, who worked four inning before giving way to Pat Miller, was the winning pitcher. He scattered three hits and did not walk a batter.

LIVONIA ADRAY and Tom Holzer split a double-header Sun-day at Ford Field. Holzer captured the opener, 2-1, behind Dan Kopitzke's 11-strikeout

performance.
Kopitzke, who outdueled Adray's
Rick Rozman, scattered seven hits
and held Livonia hitless over the fi-

and held Livonia hittess over the fi-nal three innings.
Holters occrete both of its runs in the fourth on a lead-off homer by Troy Connors followed by Martin Eddy's two-out double and Chris Stout's RBI single. Eddy and Eric Engel each have two hits for the winners. In the second game, Jeff DePort-er's three hits, capping the week with a.881 average, litting Livonia to a 16.5 rout of Holzer. John Poszywak, who worked the final 3% innings in relief of starter Pat McAlinden, was the winning pitcher.

Pat McAlinden, was the remainder of the pitcher.
On Friday, Livonia Adray and fourth place Walter's Appliance (6-6-1) battled to a 7-7 draw. The game was halted in the ninth inning by a City of Livonia curfew. Walter's sent the game into extra lanings on Ron Cortez's two-run situste.

tra innings of Non-Cortez a two-tur-single.

DePorter, meanwhile, had given Adray a short-lived 6-5 lead in the top of the seventh with a check-swing RBI double down the left-field line.

Kirk Boyd had two doubles and a

straight batters.
Tom Giroux, Steve Cody and Paul
Newitt each had two hits.

BUT TO Farmington's credit, they
shook off the defeat and embarked
On a five-game win streak.
On Friday, Mike Gabriele tossed
offour-hitter in Farmington's 5-0 win
against Auburn Hills. Newitt's three
Denny Atwell each had two hits.
Farmington took a pair
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Tony-Birmingham on Saturday, 14-7
on the team.

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Todd Mahaney (LC)	4-0	0.32
John Poszywsk (LA) 21	3-1	0.67
Tom Liss (LC) 15	1-1	0.93
Jim Robinson (WB) 16	2-0	0.78
Gary Zwolinski (Wal) 20%	2-1	1.03 .
Dennis Mattison (LC) 22%	2-2	1,69
Mark Coburn (LC) 17%	2-1	1.59
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Rick Rozman (LA) 35%		1.77
Chris Blout (TH) 15	2-1	1.07
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Strikeouts; I. Rock Rozman (LA), 31; 2. Denie Mattheon (LC), 27; 3. Den Koptizke (TR), 24; 4. Tom Liee (LC), 20; 5. Doug Doyle (Wal), 18.

single for Walter's, while Scott Weller had two singles for Adray. Pitcher Doug Doyle worked eight innings for Walter's before giving way to Chris Semik in the ninth. Rob Ognian, Pat McAlinden and Poszywak threw for Adray. In another game Friday, West Bloomfield blanked Tom Holzer, 9-0.

WALTER'S APPLIANCE swept a double-header Sunday at Ford Field, beating Wendy's, 13-5 and

15-3.

John Stoitsiadis and Bob Foust each collected two singles and a triple to propel a 13-hit Walter's attack in the opener.

Cortez, Boyd and Ed Shepler added two hits each.

Greg George, the winning pitch-r, tossed a four-hitter and allowed

eric george, the wining pitcher, tossed a four-hitter and allowed five walks.

In the second game, Scott Kraning of Walter's contributed two singles, a doubte and three RBIs.

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added two hits and three RBIs.
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innings because of the 10-run mercy rule.
Walter's pitcher Ray Samolin
went the rout. He allowed all five
runs on five hits.
In another game played last
week Tow Hellow and Markey.

In another game played last week, Tom Holzer drilled Walter's, 8-2.

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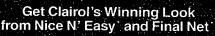
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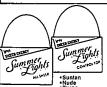
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