

Pioneer defense falters in losses to Northwood

Defense — or a lack of it — cost Oakland University's baseball team at least one victory Wednesday in a double-header loss to visiting Northwood Institute.

The Pioneers fell to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) with the setbacks. They surrendered three unearned runs, committing four errors, in a 14-6 loss in the opener, and followed that by surrendering two more unearned runs on three errors in an 8-7 loss in the nightcap.

Sloppy fielding really hurt OU in the second game. A three-run rally in the first inning, keyed by Bill Franzen's two-run single, put the Pioneers in front early, but NI got four runs in the second to go up by one.

OU TIED it at 4 in its half of the second on Dave Waldis' solo homer, then went ahead with two in the third on Franzen's RBI single and Waldis' run-scoring double. The

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Northmen closed to within 5-4 with a run in the fourth, then pushed across three runs in the fifth to take the lead for good.

Gene Munro, who singled in two runs for NI in the second, tied the score with a single in the fifth-inning rally. The Northmen comeback was greatly aided by two Pioneer errors in the fifth.

Gordon York started and took the loss for OU, lasting 4½ innings and allowing eight runs (six earned). Chris Foster relieved and was superb in his 2½-inning stint, allowing just one hit and two walks. Bob Bell was the winner for NI in relief, going 3½ innings and giving up just one hit, two walks and one unearned run, striking out eight.

Dave Walczyk, Franzen and Waldis each collected two hits for

OU.

IN THE OPENER, the Northmen struck for one run in the first, then added five in both the second and third innings to put the game away early. Eric Jorgensen started and lasted just 1½ innings, allowing six earned runs. Dan O'Brien followed and gave up seven runs (four earned) in 2½ innings. Walczyk pitched the final three innings.

Jim Kosnik supplied the Pioneers with much of their offense, slugging a double and a two-run homer and scoring three times. John Finley had a single and two RBI and Franzen collected two hits. Brian Pauson had two hits and five RBI for NI, including a three-run double in the second.

Ted Johnston went the distance to earn the win for the Northmen (9-5 overall, 2-2 in the GLIAC), surrendering five earned runs on nine hits and five walks.

OU hosts Wayne State in a GLIAC double-header at 1 p.m. Wednesday.



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OU's Bill Franzen escapes the tag at second base in Wednesday's action against Northwood. The two losses dropped the Pioneers to 1-5 overall and 1-3 in Great Lakes Intercol-

legiate Athletic Conference play. OU will be back in action Wednesday at home against Wayne State. Game time is 1 p.m.

Netters pursue national titles at Omega tourney

Rochester's Amy Frazier and Livonia's Carrie Cunningham are among the top seeds in their respective age divisions for the prestigious Omega Easter Bowl, one of the nation's top junior tournaments, which begins today at the Doral Hotel and Country Club in Miami, Fla.

Frazier, only 14, is the No. 1 seed in the Girls 16's following a runner-up finish in the Indoor Nationals. She was also a doubles winner at a \$25,000 pro tournament. Frazier is the youngest girl to be seeded first in the Girls 16's since Tracy Austin and Andrea Jaeger.

Cunningham is also seeded No. 1 in the Girls 16's. She was a finalist in the Indoor Nationals and ranked No. 2 nationally in the Girls 14's. The Churchill High School freshman is ranked No. 8 nationally in

her age group.

Other seeded players from the Observer & Eccentric coverage area included Kori Davidson of Farmington Hills, the No. 16 seed in the Girls 14's, and Steve Herd of Bloomfield Hills, the No. 14 seed in the Boys 18's.

OTHER AREA PLAYERS expected to play this week include Mark Agaj of Farmington Hills and Mike Herb of West Bloomfield, Boys 18's; Detroit and Redford Catholic Central High's Steve Campbell, Boys 16's; Tom Herb of West Bloomfield, Boys 14's; Elizabeth Nau, Bloomfield Hills, Girls 18's; Nicole Transou of Farmington Hills and Erika Stenstrom of Bloomfield Hills, Girls 16's; and Maria Neubauer, Rochester Hills, Girls 14's.

the week ahead

PREP BASEBALL
Monday, April 13
Northville at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Farmington, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Ply. Salem, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at West. Glenn, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
Red. Thurston at Melvindale, 4 p.m.
Claremont at Lathrup North, 4 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Orchard Lk. St. Mary at Redford's Capital Park, 4 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Trenton at Redford's Capital Park (2), 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
Wayne Memorial at Bellevue, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Ply. Canton at Liv. Franklin, 4 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Wald. John Glenn at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Novi, 4 p.m.
Allen Park at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
Catholic Cent. at Oak. Gallagher (2), 4 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Harper Wds. ND at Redford's Capital Park (2), 4 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Wayne Memorial at Ypsilanti (2), 11 a.m.

SOFTBALL

Monday, April 13
Ply. Canton at Northville, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at Liv. Franklin, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Liv. Stevenson, 4 p.m.
Ply. Salem at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Wald. John Glenn at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Garden City at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
Melvindale at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
Lathrup North at Claremont, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
Redford Union at Red. Thurston, 4 p.m.
Bellevue at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Bish. Gallagher at Liv. Ladywood (2), 4 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Harper Wds. Regina at Jaycee Beach Field (2), 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Farm. Harrison at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Northville, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Liv. Churchill, 4 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Liv. Stevenson, 4 p.m.
W.L. Central at Wald. John Glenn, 4 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Garden City, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Novi, 4 p.m.
Birm. Groves at Farm. Mercy, 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15
Liv. Churchill at Wald. Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Center Line St. Clement at Grossie Pk. Univ.-Liggett, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16
W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Lutheran East at Claremont, 4 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Farmington at Harper Wds. ND at Garden City High School, 5 p.m.
Catholic Central vs. Dearborn at Redford's Capital Park, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Ply. Canton at Liv. Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
Farmington at Wald. Glenn, 3:30 p.m.
W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison, 3:30 p.m.
Garden City at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
Redford Union at Edsel Ford, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Ply. Salem, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 18
Els Relays at Ply. Canton, 8 a.m.
GIRLS TRACK
Monday, April 13
Wald. Glenn at Liv. Churchill, 3:30 p.m.
St. Agatha vs. Center Line St. Clement at Grossie Pk. Univ.-Liggett, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
N. Farmington at W.L. Central, 3:30 p.m.
Lincoln Park at Wayne Memorial, 4 p.m.
Lutheran East at Claremont, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Liv. Churchill at Ply. Canton, 3:30 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at W.L. Western, 3:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Northville, 3:30 p.m.
Ply. Salem at Liv. Stevenson, 3:30 p.m.
Wald. Glenn at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Woodhaven at Garden City, 3:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
St. Agatha at Birm. Marian, 4 p.m.
Liv. Ladywood at Ypsilanti, 4:30 p.m.
GIRLS SOCCER
Monday, April 13
W.L. Central at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Liv. Franklin at Farm. Harrison, 5 p.m.
N. Farmington at Ply. Salem, 7 p.m.
Farm. Mercy at Liv. Stevenson, 7 p.m.
Northville at Liv. Churchill, 7:30 p.m.
Edsel Ford at Redford Union, 4 p.m.
Bishop Borgess vs. Birm. Marian at Pierce Junior High, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, April 14
Dearborn at Garden City, 4 p.m.
W.L. Western at Ply. Canton, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, April 15
Redford Union at Woodhaven, 4 p.m.
Farm. Mercy at Harper Wds. Regina, 4 p.m.
Bish. Borgess at Oak. Gallagher, 4 p.m.
Bishop Foley at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.
Liv. Churchill at W.L. Western, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Ply. Salem, 4 p.m.
Northville at N. Farmington, 5 p.m.
Thursday, April 16
Farmington at Ply. Canton, 4 p.m.
Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Franklin, 4:30 p.m.

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