

Hawks optimistic entering playoffs

By Doug Church
Special writer

After a stolen base and another wild pitch, Murray came home on Sam Rineer's sacrifice fly to make it 3-0.

Farmington Harrison's baseball team is feeling pretty confident about its chances in the upcoming state tournament after two games against Class B foes.

After destroying Ortonville-Brandon in a state qualifying game earlier in the week, the Hawks were in control of their game Saturday with Linden until the Eagles mounted a late rally to post a heartbreaking 5-4 victory.

Linden, 27-3 and ranked third in Class B, scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to get the victory, but not before the Hawks had proven they could be a force to be reckoned with in the state playoffs.

Harrison will face Hartland at 10 a.m. Friday in a pre-district contest on the latter's field.

"PLAYING A GOOD Class B team like Linden really helped us a lot," Harrison outfielder Jack Funkhouser said. "It showed us that we need more intensity when playing a strong team. I think now we'll have that intensity in the playoffs."

Harrison wasted no time in getting on the board in this contest, scoring three runs in the top of the first inning.

Leadoff hitter Leo Devine walked and went to third on a bizarre error by Todd Kenyon. Kenyon hit a drive that bounced off the pitcher's rubber and came back to Linden catcher Jeff Williams.

Williams then threw wildly to first, sending Devine to third and Kenyon to second. A wild pitch to Mark Murray scored Devine, and Murray lined the next pitch to left, scoring Kenyon.

LINDEN CAME back to tie the score in the bottom of the third. Bill Owen and Williams reached on an error and a walk, respectively, and that set the table for Steve Buerkle, who lined a two-run double off Harrison starter and loser Craig Murray, 2-2. He tied the score by coming in on a single by Dylan Raymond.

That was all the Eagles could score off Murray, who was spectacular in defeat. The sophomore right-hander struck out 11 and walked three in six innings of work.

"I had all my stuff together," Murray said. "Everything was working well, including my curve, which was striking out a lot of batters."

The Hawks pulled back into the lead in the top of the fifth inning. With one out, Kenyon singled to center and went to second on a wild

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baserunner had overrun the bag at third and was tagged out.

Spitz was two-for-four and had two RBI on a single, and Doll had one hit, one RBI, scored three runs and stole two bases.

Five, in the opener, scattered fly hits, walked on and struck out one. Stevenson outlit the Hawks 12-6 in the nightcap, but Reyst, as opposed to her Spartan counterparts, walked only two while fanning the same.



STEVE FECHT/staff photographer

Charity golf outing

Former Detroit Tiger pitcher Mickey Lolich, left, follows through on a tee shot Tuesday in the Oliver's Pizza Golf Benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan. Above, all-time Detroit Red Wing great Gordie Howe, left, watches as Bob McGargal pults on the No. 6 green at the Western Country Club in Redford. Howe, who is joined by his son, Marty, and Southfield attorney Ira Auslander, was chairman for the event, which raised money for Children's Hospital. Oliver's Pizza, headquartered in Farmington Hills, was a first-time sponsor of the charity event.

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MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL BOYS TENNIS REGIONALS

AT WATERFORD MOTT (CLASS A)

Team results: Bloomfield Hills Labaree, 45; 2. Bloomfield Hills Andover, 19; 3. West Bloomfield, 13; 4. Rochester Adams, 10; 5. (tie) Charleston, 7; 6. (tie) Rochester, 7; 7. Lake Orion, 6; 10. Waterford Mott, 3; 11. (tie) Waterford Ketterling, Romeo, 3; 13. (tie) Nutter/Lakeland, Pontiac Central, 1; 14. (tie) Northern.

FLIGHT RESULTS

Singles: 1. Steve Herdizis (BHL) def. Bob Borski (RA), 6-4, 6-2; 2. David Pierce def. Seth Jynawez (WB), 6-0, 6-1; 3. Mark Thistlethwaite (BHL) def. David Barrie (BIA), 7-4, 6-4; 4. Dave Caswell (BHA) def. Bob Tway (BHL), 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles

1. Greg DeSilva and Kurt Boreth (BHL) def. Joel Cohen and Rob Dube (BIA), 6-3, 6-3; 2. Para Shah and John Klein (BHL) def. Matt Kozick and Mike Lee (BIA), 6-3, 6-3; 3. Gary Lakind and Chuck Slinger (WB) def. Craig Appel and Randy Bias (BHL), 2-4, 6-2, 6-3.

AT WARREN MOTT (CLASS A)

Team results: 1. Birmingham Brother Rice, 28; 2. Birmingham Seaham, 20; 3. Berkley, 12; 4. Southfield-Lathrup, 10; 5. (tie) Troy, Birmingham Groves, Royal Oak Kimball, Warren De La Salle, 6; 6. (tie) Ferndale, Troy Athena, Warren, 3; 11. Warren Mott, 2; 12. (tie) Oak Park, Hazel Park, Royal Oak Douders, 0.

FLIGHT RESULTS

Singles: 1. Mike Herb (BR) def. Brian DeVirgilio (WDL), 7-5, 6-1; 2. Anthony Grassanoia (BR) def. Andy Scripser (BS), 6-1, 6-2; 3. Mary DiLoreto (BR) def. Doug Daba (RS), 7-5, 6-2; 4. Tom Boutroun (BR) def. Jordan Kass (RS), 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles

1. Pat Walsh and Scott Micus (BR) def. David Christopher and Rod Simpson (RS), 6-4, 6-2; 2. David Plazon and Mike Gucciario (BR) def. Chris Burgum and Chris Mikoleitczak (BS), 6-1, 6-0; 3. Kip Olson and Scott Andrews (BR) def. Derek Oldham and Ben Tuford (BS), 6-4, 7-5.

AT CRANBROOK (CLASS B)

Team results: 1. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook/

Kingwood, 26; 2. Farmington Harrison, 20; 3. University of Detroit, 12; 4. Warren Fitzgerald, 9; 5. Clawson, 7; 6. (tie) Livonia Clarenceville, Detroit Renaissance, 6; 8. Royal Oak Sirine, 5; 9. Redford Thornton, 3; 10. Madison Heights Lamphere, Center Line, 1; 12. Detroit Northern, 0.

FLIGHT RESULTS

Singles: 1. Ken Davidson (FH) def. Darrell Haines (WF), 5-7, 6-3, 6-3; 2. Bobby Kim (BHC) def. Jeff Herring (WF), 7-5, 6-1; 3. Ravi Gaudin (BHC) def. John Zurigat (UD), 6-1, 6-1; 4. Paul Wolf (BHC) def. Rick Brockhaus (FH), 6-0, 6-4.

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AT COUNTRY DAY (CLASS C)

Team results: 1. Gross Pointe University Liggett, 18; 2. Detroit Country Day, 12; 3. Ann Arbor Greenhills, 6; 4. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 2; 5. Ecorse, 1; 6. Pontiac Catholic, 0.

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Falcons succeed in soccer

Cindy Rieden turned away 15 spots on goal by Livonia Franklin as Farmington blanked the Patriots, 4-0, in soccer Monday.

Carrie Maler scored two goals, Leslie Martin and Denise Nyborg one each. Martin also had two assists, as did Jennifer Misaros.

Farmington, which led 2-0 at half-time on goals by Maler and Martin, improved its record to 12-3-3.

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