

Dutchmen favored to retain title

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IT HARDLY seems right, Adrian finished second behind Hope a year ago with a 4-1 mark and was 7-3 overall. The Bulldogs have 23 seasons' experience. "The more we've had in a long time, according to coach Ron Labadie. Among them are 18 starters.

So why are they picked to finish ahead of those that in the coach's past? Well, the main reason has already been listed — a strong league, returning quarterbacks everywhere else in the MIAA, and the fact that many have not been asked to fill leadership roles before.

There's no question about it, Labadie said. "The people we lost were our leaders. We have seen them, but many have not been asked to fill leadership roles before."

A key to success for Adrian will be to replace the players lost. The Mustangs (6-5, 1987) from Livonia Shrewsbury.

"I've been very fortunate in my six years here in that I've had two outstanding players in and out of the job for three years each," Labadie said. "Mustangs is a good one, and hopefully he'll be another to last three years."

The difference between Adrian and Hope (6-6 in the league, 6-3 overall) is who is returning. Among the Dutchmen starters coming back is the MIAA's No. 1 running back, Mark Hahn. The defensive backfield, however, will have to be rebuilt; only sophomore cornerback Jim Myers (6-1, 178), from Rochester, returns. Myers intercepted two passes in '87.

WHICH LEAVES potential caliber-quarterback Kalamazoo, Michigan, returning after a year's hiatus as coach in Ed Baker to attempt and reverse that trend. He'll have the experience, certainly; 29 starters are back.

Of course, that's from a team that went 6-6 in the MIAA and 7-3 overall. Yet the prospects seem bright. If the coaches (there are only 10 coaches) from the year before.

The sophomore class is particularly strong. Two returning starters, defensive back John Knittel (5-11, 170) and linebacker, Jim Hall (6-4, 204), both from Livonia Churchill, are sophomores. Starting linebacker Eric Mills (6-0, 220), from Southfield, is a junior.

"We never finished last year when we were picked to finish there," said Baker, who was the school's director of the career development center for the past four years. "We have some difference-makers in our sophomore class. I like to think Kalamazoo College will be better than expected this year."

Of course, that's what every MIAA coach is saying.

Johnny's Auto whips Adray champ

By Brad Emmons staff writer

Sixteen teams from across the country, including Livonia Little Caesars, will be competing for the coveted All-American Amateur Baseball Association title.

But Adray Appliance, the Detroit Adray League champion coached by Bob Atkins, will not be among them.

Friday at Livonia's Ford Field, Appliance lost its bid for a trip, failing to defend AABA champion Johnny's Auto Sales of Baltimore, Md., in the finals of the regionals, 11-1.

Appliance, which featured three area players — all from the University of Detroit — will stay home with a 33-10 record.

Johnny's will move on with a 63-10 mark.

ATKINS, the longtime manager of Appliance who led the Detroit entry to the AABA title in 1978 and a second place finish with a Livonia franchise team in 1988, said, "I thought this was going to be our year."

He cited two breakdowns which led to the defeat against the six-time AABA champions.

"Two things in the playoffs that happened consistently that didn't happen during the regular season was that we left men on base (10 in the final) and we didn't play good defense," Atkins said. "We just couldn't play over our mistakes."

Appliance loaded the bases with no outs in the first inning against Johnny's starter Darren Ritter, but managed only one run.

That seemed to be the beginning of the end for Appliance as Johnny's went on to score four times in the fourth off losing pitcher Mike Erickson (Michigan State), who gave up back-to-back homers to catcher Mike Couture (two runs) and Jeff Benson. Jeff McCoy added a solo shot in the eighth and the game ended in the top of the ninth when the University of Maryland's Louis Holcomb singled home Benson.

IF THERE was a MVP of the tourney, it was Ritter, who pitched four scoreless innings in Wednesday's 10-7 win over Appliance in the regional opener before coming back with one day's rest to toss a complete game (six hitter) in the title game. The 6-foot-5, 210-pound right-hander will be a junior this fall at UN-Baltimore.

"He threw only 56 to 60 pitches the first night and he's got a good, strong arm," said Johnny's field manager, Norm Gliden. "We knew he could come back if we needed him."

Ritter walked only four in the final, drawing praise from Atkins.

"Their kids did a tremendous job and my guys just couldn't spot their pitches," he said. "But our kids did a helluva job. We knew we were short on pitching all year long."

Appliance, who picked up University of Michigan lefty Ross Powell for the tourna-

ment from their league rival Adray Sound, forced Johnny's to the limit in the double-elimination tourney by winning the first game on Friday, 6-2.

POWELL, who drove in Wednesday from the Cape Cod (Mass.) League, tossed a five-hitter and struck out nine.

Mickey Smerek, a pickup from the Adray Photo team, knocked in three runs, including a two-run homer in the eighth. Greg D'Alester (University of Arkansas) also contributed two hits, including a solo home run in the fourth to hand Johnny's ace Paul Creek (Georgia Tech) the loss.

"We beat their best pitcher," Atkins said. "I thought we had them right where we wanted in the final."

But Johnny's came back strong. "You may beat us once, but this ballclub never quits," Gliden said. "We have good team speed, excellent pitching and can hit the long ball. They can explode at any time."

But Johnny's general manager, Walter Youse, the East Coast scouting supervisor for the Milwaukee Brewers, was concerned after being beaten by Appliance.

"THEY'RE A GOOD club and it's a shame we had travel here 600 miles to battle them," he said. "Both teams should be going to Johnston and I'd raise them close to one-two there."

Based on a rotating system, teams either gain an automatic bid to Johnston by win-

ning their league playoffs or have to qualify through a regional tourney.

This year it just so happened that Livonia Caesars gained the automatic bid, while Appliance, Johnny's and the Columbus Jammers had to qualify at Ford Field.

On opening night, Couture (Clemson University) hit a grand slam off Appliance reliever Bill Bates in the fifth, breaking up a 1-1 deadlock to give Johnny's a 10-7 triumph.

On Thursday, Johnny's whipped Columbus, 15-5, as Benson (North Carolina State) broke the game open with a grand slam in another mercy-shortened game (eight innings).

Appliance then eliminated the Jammers, 10-0, as Walled Lake Western alum Mike Gabrielle hurled a three-hit shutout (over seven innings). Smerek (Eastern Michigan) contributed a homer, triple and double.

OF THE LOCAL PLAYERS, Appliance shortstop Dennis Bushart (Redford Union High and U-D) went 1-for-11 for the tourney. Appliance first baseman Lance Sullivan (Livonia Churchill High and U-D) was 1-for-3 and catcher Mike Stefanski (RU and U-D) went 3-for-15.

Meanwhile, Little Caesars opens play today in Johnston with three new players, acquired from the rest of the league.

Among Caesars' pickups are lefty pitcher Joe MacKiewicz of Walter's Appliance, outfielder John Knittel, also of Walter's, and catcher Kevin Ritter of Tom Holzer Ford.

Record won't show it, but NFWB plays well

Coach Rich Rachner knew his baseball team was up against formidable opposition in the 19-and-under tournament playing in Sarnia, Ontario, the weekend of Aug. 5-8.

North Farmington-West Bloomfield's 1-4 record bears that out, but a NFWB team composed primarily of 17-year-olds acquitted itself fairly well over further examination.

Before winning its last game, 10-2 over Chillicothe (Ohio), the Connie Mack ballclub lost four games — all to Canadian opponents — by a total of eight runs.

The 24-team tournament, which eventually was won by a Taiwanese outfit, and the season ended on a positive note for NFWB, however.

In six innings, the left-hander held opposing batters to four hits and struck out 13. He walked five. Darren Clark finished up in the seventh.

NFWB ERUPPED for nine runs in the third inning, breaking open a 1-1 game. Jack Herberholz was 3-for-3 and Jay Marcoux 2-for-3 as NFWB collected nine base hits.

Seth Petty hit a two-run single, and Herberholz, Marcoux, Jerry

baseball

Hakala and Rick Rachner had one RBI apiece.

NFWB opened with a 6-4 loss to the Quebec provincial champion and was later beaten by Dresden 19-9 in eight innings, Chatham 4-2 and Etobicoke 8-5.

Mike Pettichell's two-run single tied the first game 3-3 in the sixth inning, but Quebec added three more in the bottom half to decide it.

Brian Miller was 2-for-4 with a solo homer and two RBI. Pettichell also had two hits.

Clark, a draftee from Royal Oak Norwood in the North Oakland County League, went 5 1/2 innings and took the loss.

IN THE DRESDEN game, Shawn Wall was 3-for-4, including a double and a triple, and had four RBI. Pettichell (3-for-4) and Miller (2-for-3) had two RBI apiece.

Miller was the losing pitcher, working the final 1 1/2 and giving up the winning run in the eighth. Wall started and was relieved by Petty.

Only three of Dresden's 10 runs were earned as NFWB made four

errors. Rick Rachner pitched a one-hitter through five innings against Chatham, and NFWB held a 1-0 advantage to that point. The Canadians, however, scored four runs on four hits in the sixth. Rachner stayed to finish the game.

Wall's RBI double and Marcoux's sacrifice fly accounted for NFWB's runs. The team had five hits, including a double by Hakala and singles from Petty, Miller and Mike Mackie.

In the fourth context, Petty and Derek DiPaola slammed two-run homers, and Herberholz had a run-producing double. Petty went 2-for-3.

DIPAOLA TOOK the loss in 2 1/2 innings before a cut on his pitching hand forced him to retire.

Solak, the ace of Plymouth Canton's staff and a member of the Hines Park Lincoln Mercury team in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League along with Barber, was another tournament addition to the pitching staff.

The majority of teams were Canadian, but a number from Michigan, including the NFWB team that won the Little Caesars Connie Mack title and a Detroit Adray League entry, also competed. Chicago, Iowa and Ohio were represented, too.

Speed record is engineer's goal

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KATHRYN A. DORNAN
City Clerk

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The City of Farmington Hills 1988 Summer Tax Statements are payable July 1, 1988 through August 31, 1988.

This statement includes city taxes, community college taxes, 1/2 of the school taxes, and special assessments (if applicable).

Payments can be made at City Hall. The Treasurer's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m.

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CHARLES D. ROSCH
Finance Director/Treasurer

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RESIDENCE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the last day upon which nonresident persons may register in order to be able to vote at said election is

Sunday, August 21, 1988

up to 6:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

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Dated, July 7, 1988

JANICE ROUNICK
Secretary, Board of Education

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