

Marlins reciprocate with sweep of Blazers

Farmington Hills Mercy averaged a pair of softball defeats Friday by sweeping a double-header from host Livonia Ladywood, 2-1 and 3-1, as pitcher Amy Edward hurled a combined six-hitter.

The Marlins, who lost a double-header last month at home to Ladywood, improved to 9-7 in the Catholic League and 17-10 overall. Edward fanned 17 Ladywood batters, including 10 in the first game.

Ladywood's league mark dipped to 11-5. The Blazers are 12-4 overall. Pitcher Shannon White suffered both losses.

Mercy took a 3-0 lead after two innings of Game 2, and Edward did her part, allowing only four hits and a single run in the bottom of the sixth.

Jenny Gondeck was 1-for-3 and scored one run in the eighth, and Kerry Sayers had one RBI for the Marlins. Dana Domanski drove in the lone Ladywood run with a triple.

In the first game, Edward surrendered only two hits on the mound, collected two hits and two RBIs and scored one. She had the game-winning hit — a two-run homer after Sayers had walked for a 2-0 lead in the fourth inning.

Julie Wilson scored Ladywood's only run in the first game, crossing the plate on a single by Krista Campeau in the fifth.

White struck out nine Mercy hitters in the twelfth, walked five and gave up 11 hits, including eight in the second game.

JOHN GLENN 6, N. FARMINGTON 3: Westland John Glenn, a game behind Lakes Division leading Walled Lake Central, improved to 6-1 and 11-2 overall with its win Friday over North Farmington.

The Rockets and Vikings will decide the regular-season division title Wednesday at Walled Lake Central.

Jenny Mastriani scattered five hits and allowed only one earned run in posting the win. Debbie Weintraub suffered, but lost as she went the distance without walking a batter.

Kristin Beeny was two for three, delivering a bases-loaded double with two outs in the ninth, tracing Martin's earlier error in the first game.

On Wednesday, Weintraub pitched the Raiders to a 10-5 win over visiting Plymouth Salem. It was North's fifth win in six games.

Any Fletcher was two for four with a pair of RBIs, and Amy Post had an RBI single and collected another RBI on a groundout for the Raiders, who overcame five fielding errors.

"We've got to cut down on our throwing errors," North coach Dave Drubaker said. "We've got the arms, we're just a little wild at times."

Kris Bradley and Missy Holmes had three hits each for Salem.

W.L. WESTERN 13-8, HARRISON 2-7: The Warriors routed the host team in the first game Friday, but the Hawks gave a better account of themselves in the nightcap.

Harrison, winless in 12 games, improved to 2-7 in the WLLA and 4-10 overall. The Warriors pushed across two unearned runs in the top of the seventh to win.

Darcy Pinski paced Harrison's attack with two hits and four RBIs. Lisa Donovan scored three runs and started two bases for Harrison. Shelly Bouwens took the loss, yielding all eight runs, five of which were earned.

Rachelle Spencer earned the win in Game 1, limiting the Hawks to seven hits. Losing pitcher Robin Cohen allowed only eight hits, but 16 walks contributed to her undoing.

Cohen had two hits and Donovan collected one hit, one RBI and one run.

STEVENSON 3, FARMINGTON 2: Kelly Cotter tossed a one-hitter Thursday as the Spartans downed host Farmington in a Lakes Division game.

Lisa Rockafellow took the loss for Farmington, 2-8 in the WLLA and 4-10 overall. Jenny McGlinch had the Falcons' only hit. Stevenson's Diane Buszka, who doubled in the fifth, scored the game-winning run on a Farmington error.

Walled Lake Central beat Farmington 7-6 Wednesday to remain undefeated in the league. Michelle Miller had five hits in a losing cause. Lisa Gale lasted 6½ innings on the mound for the Falcons, allowing five hits and six walks.

Salem slams Raiders

By Steve Kowalski
staff writer

Howie Blanchard's fastball might not do much damage to a pane of glass, so that's why he throws a variety of pitches.

The Plymouth Salem senior pitcher talked about his repertoire moments after his 11-1, complete-game victory Wednesday over visiting North Farmington.

Blanchard has become the ace of coach John Gravin's staff, tossing three complete games and recording a 4-1 record.

Salem is 7-4 overall and 6-1 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association after beating Walled Lake Central 12-3 Friday.

"I throw a fastball, split finger, curve, slow curve and slider," Blanchard said. "I just throw a variety of pitches, because I can't blow it by anyone. I'm not the biggest heater in the world."

"I had a feeling I'd be the guy to throw the season opener, and my goal was to keep that status and not become the No. 3 man. I want to stay where I'm at."

North starter Tim McEvilly gave up four runs in the first four innings and was chased in the fifth inning when Salem scored eight more, sending 12 batters to the plate.

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Anderson rolls 300 at Country Lanes

IT WAS A SHINY, green bowling ball marked "Lia," and Lorraine Anderson had just taken it out of the moribund.

She had it plugged and redilled to fit better, but little did she realize when she stepped on the lane to try the "Lia" in league play that she would finally realize her first perfect game. Not only did Anderson bowl the first 300 game by a woman at Country Lanes, she struck in each of her first 17 frames over two games. Her scoring block was an amazing 300, 217 and 180 to total out at 697 for her first perfect game.

All of her bowling friends call her "Lori" after accomplishing this feat in the Noon Classic League on April 27.

Lori has been one of the best women bowlers in this area as she keeps busy between being a homemaker in Plymouth to instructing kids and adult women bowlers at West Bloomfield Lanes. The Anderson family is a bowling family and Lori started at the age of seven in the Bantam Leagues at Farmington Lanes.

Sunday, May 14 is the date of the annual meeting of the Greater Detroit Bowling Association. The meeting's is to elect officers for the coming year.

Any league bowlers are welcome to attend, and one officer from each league is eligible to vote. The voting officer will get one vote per team. The annual budget is presented for approval of the membership, and the meeting will be followed by a singles tournament with one officer from each league eligible to bowl for a variety of prizes. There will be refreshments for all who attend and a special treat will be the appearance of guest speaker, Harold Dobbe, who is the executive secretary of ABC. The meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. at Sunnyside Lanes on 17 Mile Road between Mound Road and Van Dyke. Voting starts at noon and lasts until 2 p.m.

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The seventh annual Michigan



Lorraine Anderson rolls perfect game

State YABA Tournament concluded recently in Grand Rapids. Many of the area's finest youth bowlers ventured there to compete in the singles, doubles and team events. The information is not complete, and winning players have yet to be announced, so the information will come out in the next couple weeks. Early reports indicate these kids bowled real well and there should be some nice scores to report to our readers.

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(2,923). The champs had Bob Parker with a 239 and Larry Basham finished at 256 in a 1,131 series. Parker totaled 704 and Basham 689. The pair also won the doubles with their combined total of 1,402. Other scores included: Barry Van Dike, 703; Lynn Lewis, 676; Terry Chase, 658; Darryl Hollins, 671; Bill Diehrich, 656; and Jerry Lash, 674.

At Country Lanes, Jim Hamlin had his best outing of the season in the Monday night junior house league, firing a 701 series and 276 game. Jim really showed off well here, after all, he owns the place. In the Greenfield Mixed League, last Friday Chuck O'Rourke led the way with a 268 game and 675 set. Mike Slone shot a 546 series; Linda Aaline, 549; Gayle Prieskorn, 558; and Caroline Schaefer, 549.

Merri-Bowl in Livonia had the Lost Weekend League come on big with Jim Dutt posting a 738 series on games of 216, 228 and 234, while John Chudyk added a 712 series.

In the Golden Eagles, Dave Tome registered a 731 series with games of 227, 227 and 277. Mark Rosenthal scored a 688 series and Mike Swartz fired a 701 series including a 269 game.

In the LSA League, Mike Sardy produced a 738 series on a block of 268, 225 and 245. In the Wednesday Nite senior house league, Ted Kress combined his 655 set with doubles partner Angelo Camerelli at 645 for a 1300 block and second place in the winner's circle.

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at Westland Bowl. Tina Barber reigned supreme with a 666 series including a 268 game. In the Thursday 17s and Under League, Dale Trembley was 128 pins over his average with a 284 game.

The spring leagues are now forming with a 40-team men's tour starting Thursday, beginning May 18. There are still some openings for the Tuesday 8 p.m. mixed summer league and the 8 p.m. Wednesday Ladies League.

At Super Bowl Lanes on Ford Road in Canton, the Wayne Assembly League featured Dennis Russell rolling games of 245, 175 and 211 for a 631 series. Doug Bandy also hit 631, with 184, 234 and 203. The ladies were just smashing in the Super Stars as Sue Lewke cranked out a 691 set with games of 178, 256 and 259. Kris Barbour scored 665; Eleanor Blazitt, 643; and Diana Good pitched a 622 series.

Looking ahead to next fall, the Northwest Men's Classic League will be forming at Cloverlanes on Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. They will be shooting for a \$20,000 first-place prize based on 24 teams, with another \$5,000 added. The league engages in battle on Fridays beginning at 8:20 p.m.

The first-annual Children's Hospital Bowling Party and Tournament will be held Aug. 11, 12 and 13 at Woodland Lanes. Entry fee of \$15 will include a \$5 donation to the hospital and first prize is \$1,000 guaranteed. For information, call Mary Hamann at 561-2765 or Tom Winkler at 522-4515.

Need a few extra dollars? Scorekeepers are needed at Woodland Lanes for the Champion of Champions tournament. The dates are: Tuesday, May 9; Wednesday, May 10; Thursday, May 11; Monday, May 15 and Sunday, June 4 with starting time at 7 p.m. If you can keep score accurately and are available, call Woodland Lanes at 522-4515.