Crusaders remain in district lead

By C.J. Risak
staff writer

With the freshmen stepping to the forefront, Madonna University stayed atop the NAIA District 23 baseball standings — in spite of a 2-1 loss Friday at Northwood Institute.

The Fighting Crusaders second game with Northwood was washed out. A make-up has not yet been scheduled.

What kept Madonna atop the district at 8-3 (24-8 overall) was a sweep of Concordia College Thursday, 5-4 and 9-0, at Redford's Capitol Park. Earning their first collegiate wins were freshmen pitchers Sean Henkel (from Livonia Stevenson) in the opener and George Leung in the second game.

The long ball propelled the Crusaders in both victories over Concordia. They connected for five home runs and added a triple in the sweep.

Joe Brusseau (Redford Bishop Borgess) hit a pair of dingers, the first a solo shot in the first inning of the opener. Jeff Pendell knocked in Madonna's second run in the opener with a second-inning triple, and John Bonham's base hit delivered Pendell with the third run.

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MIKE WOZNIAK made it 4-0 with a sacrifice fly in the third, but Concordia got two runs in both the fourth and fifth innings to tie it. Ernie Bowling, Madonna's leading run-producer with 41 runs batted in, got home the game-winner with a groundout in the bottom of the fifth.

Brusseau went 3-for-3 to lead Madonna's attack, but Henkel's pitching made the difference. He allowed six hits and five walks; just one of the runs scored against him was earned, and he struck out seven. Also, five of the six Concordia hits were infield singles.

So even after Madonna got the lead back, coach Mike George never really considered relieving the freshman — for a couple of reasons. "I try to let my pitchers finish what they started," he said. "It can be a tremendous confidence boost for them."

In addition, the Crusaders were facing three more doubleheaders in the next three days, a stretch George did not want to face with a tired staff. Besides — as George noted: "(Henkel) was in control, he still had some pop in his pitches, and he's a great competitor. So (pulling him) never really crossed my mind . . . not really."

Brian Fehn was the losing pitcher for the Cardinals, surrendering all five runs on eight hits and four walks.

IN THE SECOND game, Leung was almost untouchable. He fired a four-hitter to earn his first win, and didn't walk a batter while fanning nine.

It helped that the Crusaders put six runs on the board in the opening inning. The first two crossed the plate on Brusseau's second home run of the day, and sixth of the season. Several batters later, Rich Blomberg added a grand slam homer — the first in Madonna baseball history.

Solo shots by Jeremy Krol and Bowling upped Madonna's lead to 8-0 after two innings. Bowling knocked in the final run with a single, scoring Kevin O'Connor, who had doubled.

Bowling was 3-for-3 with two RBI, while Blomberg and Krol each contributed two hits. Larry Arnold was the losing pitcher, going the distance and surrendering 10 hits and four walks.

AT NORTHWOOD Friday, the Crusaders managed just five hits. They did score first, in the opening inning on a Bowling groundout. But the Northmen (12-16 overall, 7-6 in the district) rebounded for single runs in the third and fifth on back-to-back doubles in each inning.

Steve Van Dorn and Dino Martinbianco combined in the third, Martinbianco getting the RBI, and Brad Steer and Ron Johnston teamed to plate the game-winner in the fifth. Johnston got the RBI.

"We hit the ball hard, there was just a real strong wind blowing in," said George. "And we didn't get the big hit when we needed it."

Especially in the seventh inning. A walk to T.C. Raptis and a single by Bill Terski, with both runners moving up a base on a throw to third, put Madonna in ideal position — none out and runners at second and third, with the top of the order coming up. But Northwood pitcher Dave Burdo retired Bonham, Brusseau and Krol to get out of the jam.

Chris Kloc absorbed the defeat, his third in eight decisions. He allowed four hits and five walks, fanning five.

Dogs join horses at BOHC event

By Marty Budner
staff writer

The Bloomfield Hunt Club's back-to-back horse shows are not going to the dogs. Quite the contrary, in fact. The dogs are going to the horses.

This year's annual pair of horse shows at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club will feature Jack Russell Terrier Mini-Prix Racing. The Terrier racing began 14 years ago at the Washington International Horse Show, and it has developed into a crowd-pleasing spectacle.

So BOH officials decided to introduce Terrier Racing to Michigan's horse-jumping fans at this year's show series, which begins June 12 with the Crown Royal Motor City Horse Show.

The obvious question is, why?

BOH General Shows Chairman Robert Brown insists the horse shows are as popular as ever. He says the dog racing was added simply for a little entertainment variety.

"The dog races are going to be fantastic," said Brown at a press gathering on Friday. "We feel theater has become part of horse shows. You just can't have horse jumping any more.

"We're working on it to make a production of the thing," he said. "You'll see those kinds of things at every major horse show in the United States."

THE DOG RACING, which will be held five times during the fortnight of shows, will not be the only entertainment to accompany the horse jumping.

There also will be:

- A pair of $5,000 "Gambler's Choice" events to benefit the United States Equestrian Team and Children's Hospital of Michigan on Friday, June 14, and Friday, June 21.
- A Hunt Brunch on Sunday, June 16 will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. All dad's in attendance that day will receive a special gift.
- An exhibition by internationally known Grand Prix dressage rider Mary Zdunic.

In addition, Brown says there are two other aspects to this year's show the general public will be interested in.

A special "mystery guest" is being lined up to attend both the Crown Royal Motor City Horse Show and the Cadillac Detroit Horse Show. The shows will play a major role in the upcoming Olympic determination process.

"My enthusiasm for the shows never changes," said Brown. "We're hoping that these horse shows will be a major player in the Olympic Selection process."

THE BOH-HOSTED shows are among the oldest in the country. The Motor City Horse Show will be held from June 12-16, while the Detroit Horse Show will be June 18-23.

At least 900 world-class horse riders are expected to compete for the combined prize fund of $225,000 -- the largest pot yet for the 54th annual hunter/jumper horse shows. Many of the riders are slated to represent the U.S. in either this year's Pan-Am Games or World Championships, or the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Officials expect a combined attendance to reach more than 12,000 for both shows. Peak attendance, of course, occurs for the $50,000 showcase Grand Prix events of each show, which take place on their respective Saturday evenings.

Show jumping takes place all day during each show, and there is no admission charge for daytime activities. However, there is a $10 adult fee on Friday and Saturday evenings. Children under 6 are free. Parking costs $3. For ticket information, call 644-6600.

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● BASEBALL SIGN-UP

The South Farmington Baseball Club is registering players in the following age groups: 15-16 (Colt), must be born between Aug. 1, 1974 and July 31, 1976; 17-18 (Palomino), must be born between Aug. 1, 1972 and July 31, 1974.

Both are travel league teams. Players must live or go to school in the Farmington/Farmington Hills area to be eligible. Call Marty Wilk at 476-1913 for information.

● GOLF RESULTS

Kristyn Schulkins of Farmington Hills Mercy shot 49 Thursday to share medalist honors with Northville's Kristen Woodsum at Glen Oaks Golf Course. The Mustangs defeated Mercy 211-222.

● BASEBALL TRYOUTS

Concealed Security System will have tryouts for its Connie Mack League baseball team at 5 p.m. Sunday, April 28, at Capitol Park in Redford. Boys ages 17 and 18 are eligible. For information call Lou Pirronello at 462-1408.

● BASEBALL SCHOOL

The Bernie Carbo Baseball School will be conducted in conjunction with the South Farmington Little League from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, July 8-12, at Drake Field. The cost is $85 a player (ages 9 to 17).

Carbo, former standout at Livonia Franklin High, played 18 years of professional baseball and appeared in two World Series. He was the 1970 National League Rookie of the Year.

To obtain a registration form, call Gordie Rutherford at 421-4923 or 525-3730.

● STINGRAYS RALLY

The Michigan Stingrays Swim Club will have a Meet The Stingrays Rally on Saturday, April 27, in the Harrison High School cafeteria from 4-6 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 8 to 18 who are interested in joining the competitive swim team are invited to attend the rally (sign-up).

There will be no swimming that day, but prospective members should be able to swim at least one pool length (25 yards). For information call Dave Knipper at 661-8519.

Raiders upset WLAA champ

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ended the game when she snared a popup, then raced back to the bag to double-up Flood for the final out.

"The defense kept us in the game as far as not making any mistakes," Brubaker said. "(Central) hit the ball pretty well, but we just came up with the big plays when we needed them. Karen Scremet made some big plays at shortstop, and Andrea Boccio played well at third, too."

THE RAIDERS' best scoring chances came in the fourth and fifth innings when they had runners on second and third but couldn't drive anyone across the plate.

Alicia Homig reached first on a fielder's choice and moved to third on a two-out single by Katie Bohnke. Bohnke ended up at second on the play when the throw came late to third.

Cassinski forced the next batter to ground out to end the threat.

the week ahead

PREP BASEBALL
(starting times 4 p.m. unless noted)

Monday, April 22: Liv. Churchill at Northville. Farmington at Liv. Franklin. Westland Glenn at Liv. Stevenson. Ply. Canton at W.L. Western. Ply. Salem at N. Farmington. Farmington at W.L. Central. Red. Thurston at Taylor Truman. M.C. Lutheran North at Liv. Clarenceview. 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23: Bish. Edsel Ford at Garden City. Bish. Fairlane Christian at Redford Union. Wayne at Bish. Foraker. St. Agatha vs. Oakland Catholic (2) at Capitol Park. Tech. Hsk. Lutheran N-west at Livonia Ladywood. 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian vs. Bish. Bishop Borgess at Hesper. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24: Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill. Red. Thurston at Mendelson. Redford UC vs. Warren DeLaSalle (2) at Capitol Park. Bishop Borgess at Bish. Bishop Foraker. Liv. Clarenceview at Hesper. 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 25: Liv. Stevenson at Farmington. N. Farmington at Westland Glenn. Northville at Ply. Canton. Ply. Canton at Ply. Salem. W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison. Lutheran Westland at S. Red. Christen. 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26: Garden City at Redford Union. Allen Park at Red. Thurston. Stockbridge at Wayne. Northville at Liv. Clarenceview. Ply. Christian vs. Hsk. Mercy at Redford Tech.

Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin. Ply. Canton. Ply. Salem at W.L. Central. Ply. Canton. Farm. Harrison. W.L. Western. St. Agatha vs. Oakland Catholic (2) at Capitol Park. Liv. Stevenson at Garden City. (2). 11 a.m. Westland Glenn vs. Wayne Memorial (2). 11 a.m. Redford Union at Farm. Harrison (2). 11 a.m. Tech. at W.L. Central. Bish. Bishop Foraker at Farmington. (2). 11 a.m. Lutheran Westland at Allen Park. Miller. City Invitational. 9 a.m. Redford Co. vs. Bishop Foraker. (2). 11 a.m.

GIRLS SOFTBALL
(starting times 4 p.m. unless noted)

Monday, April 22: Northville at Liv. Churchill. Liv. Franklin at Farm. Harrison. Liv. Stevenson at Aviv. Westland. W.L. Western at Ply. Canton. N. Farmington at Ply. Salem. W.L. Central at Farmington. Taylor Truman at Redford Union. Stockbridge at Belleville. Ply. Christian vs. Lutheran Westland at Livonia Ladywood. Bish. Foraker at M.C. Lutheran North. 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23: Bish. Edsel Ford at Garden City. Redford Union at Farm. Harrison. Bish. Foraker at Wayne. Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill. Northville at Liv. Stevenson. St. Agatha vs. Oakland Catholic (2). Hesper. Wed. at Liv. Clarenceview. 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian vs. Livonia Ladywood. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24: Northville at Liv. Franklin. Red. Thurston at Liv. Churchill. Liv. Stevenson at Farmington. Ply. Canton at N. Farmington. Ply. Salem at W.L. Central. Farmington at W.L. Western. Taylor Truman at Northville. Ply. Salem at Farmington. Ply. Canton at Livonia Ladywood. Bish. Foraker at M.C. Lutheran North. 4:30 p.m.

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BOYS TRACK
(meets start at 3:30 p.m. unless noted)

Monday, April 22: Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill. Northville at Wayne. Redford Union at Liv. Stevenson. 3:30 p.m. Ply. Canton at Ply. Salem. W.L. Western at Farm. Harrison. Lutheran Westland at S. Red. Christen. 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23: Liv. Franklin at Ply. Canton. Ply. Salem at W.L. Central. Farmington at Liv. Stevenson. Taylor Truman at Redford Union. Garden City at Bish. Edsel Ford. 4:30 p.m. Liv. Clarenceview at M.C. Lutheran North. 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24: Northville at Liv. Franklin. Liv. Churchill at Red. Thurston. Liv. Stevenson at Farmington. Ply. Canton at N. Farmington. Ply. Salem at W.L. Central. Farmington at W.L. Western. Taylor Truman at Northville. Ply. Salem at Farmington. Ply. Canton at Livonia Ladywood. Bish. Foraker at M.C. Lutheran North. 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26: Garden City at Northville. Liv. Franklin at Liv. Clarenceview. Ply. Christian vs. Hsk. Mercy at Redford Tech. 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill. Ply. Canton. Ply. Salem at W.L. Central. Ply. Canton. Farm. Harrison. W.L. Western at Aviv. Westland. Liv. Stevenson at Garden City. (2). 11 a.m. Redford Union at Farm. Harrison. (2). 11 a.m. Tech. at W.L. Central. Bish. Foraker at Farmington. (2). 11 a.m. Lutheran Westland at Allen Park. Miller. City Invitational. 9 a.m. Redford Co. vs. Bishop Foraker. (2). 11 a.m. TBA

Thursday, April 25: Liv. Franklin at Liv. Churchill. Farmington at Liv. Stevenson. Westland Glenn at W.L. Central. Farm. Harrison at Ply. Canton. Ply. Salem at N. Farmington. Northville at W.L. Western. Bish. Annapolis at Red. Thurston. Garden City at Wood. Haven. 4 p.m. Redford Union at Bish. Edsel Ford. 4 p.m. Lincoln Park at Wayne. 4 p.m. Lutheran Westland at M.C. Lutheran North. 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Grosse Pte. Liggett. 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26: Redford CC at Jackson Invitational. TBA

Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin. Redford Union. W.L. Central. Farm. Harrison at New Haven. 9 a.m. Tiger Relays at Plymouth CEP. 9:30 p.m. Westland Glenn at Waters Relays. 10 a.m. N. Farmington. Farmington at W. Bloomfield Invitational. TBA

GIRLS TRACK
(meets start at 3:30 p.m. unless noted)

Monday, April 22: Liv. Clarenceview at Red. Thurston. Northville at Wayne.

Tuesday, April 23: Westland Glenn at Liv. Churchill. Taylor Center at Garden City. B.H. Parkwood at Liv. Clarenceview. 4 p.m. Ypsilanti at Farm. Hills Mercy. 4 p.m. B.H. Annapolis at Lutheran Westland. Bishop Borgess at Liv. Stevenson. 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 25: Liv. Churchill at Liv. Franklin. Liv. Stevenson at Farmington. W.L. Central at Westland Glenn. Ply. Canton at Farm. Harrison. W.L. Western at Northville. Woodward at Garden City. B.H. Annapolis at Red. Thurston. Bish. Edsel Ford at Redford Union. 4 p.m. Lincoln Park at Wayne. 4 p.m. Lutheran Westland at M.C. Lutheran North. 4:30 p.m. Ply. Christian at Grosse Pte. Liggett. 4:30 p.m. N. Farmington at Ply. Salem. 5:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26: Farm. Hills Mercy at Jackson Invitational. TBA

Saturday, April 27: Liv. Ladywood. Liv. Stevenson at Aviv. DeLaSalle Invitational. 9 a.m. Liv. Franklin. Redford Union. W.L. Central. Farm. Harrison at New Haven. 9 a.m. Tiger Relays at Plymouth CEP. 9:30 a.m. Westland Glenn at Waters Relays. 10 a.m. N. Farmington at W. Bloomfield Invitational. TBA

GIRLS SOCCER

Monday, April 22: Bish. Edsel Ford at Garden City. 4:30 p.m. Redford Union at Grosse Ile. 4 p.m. South Lyon at Red. Thurston. 4 p.m. Bish. Marian at Farm. Mercy. 4 p.m. Liv. Ladywood at M.H. Redford. 4 p.m. W.L. Central at Ply. Franklin. 4:30 p.m. Northville at Farm. Harrison. 5:30 p.m. Liv. Churchill at W.L. Western. 7 p.m. Farmington at Liv. Stevenson. Ply. Canton at Ply. Salem. 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23: Liv. Ladywood. Bish. Edsel Ford. 4:30 p.m. Ply. Canton at Ply. Salem. 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 24: Aviv. Ply. Cabrini at Red. Thurston. 4:30 p.m. Garden City at Redford Union. 4:30 p.m. N. Farmington at Farmington. 5:30 p.m. Liv. Stevenson at Liv. Churchill. 7 p.m. Liv. Franklin at Northville. 7 p.m. W.L. Western at W.L. Central. 7 p.m. Ply. Salem at W.L. Central. 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 25: Redford Union at New. 4 p.m. Ladywood at Farm. Hills Mercy. 4 p.m. Troy at Ply. Canton.

Friday, April 26: Grosse Ile at Garden City. 4 p.m. Red. Thurston at Bish. Edsel Ford. 4 p.m. Ply. Canton at Ply. Salem. 7 p.m. W.L. Western at W.L. Central.

Saturday, April 27: Liv. Franklin at Westland Glenn. Liv. Churchill at Liv. Stevenson. 3:30 p.m. Northville at Liv. Clarenceview. 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28: Madonna at Aquinas. TBA

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Friday, April 26: Madonna at St. Francis (Ill.). 7:30

Saturday, April 27: Madonna vs. Northwood (H). 1 p.m. Madonna vs. Northwood (H). 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 28: Madonna at Aquinas. TBA

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Wednesday, April 24: Northwood at Madonna. 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27: Madonna at Madonna (2). 1 p.m.

TBA = time not known

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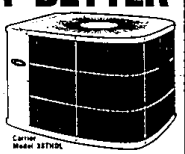

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