

Walter's feasts on Wendy's

Scoring runs hasn't been any problem at all for Walter's Appliance in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

The defending LCLB playoff champs averaged 1.7 runs per game over the weekend, going 2-0-1, raising their overall mark to 6-2-1.

On Sunday, Walter's downed Wendy's of Ann Arbor in the opener of a double-header at Ford Field, 6-5, pounding out 11 hits.

Jason Gabel, the Livonia Churchill High product who attends Central Michigan, led the assault, going 3-for-3 with a triple and two RBI.

Teammate Eric Stover, a Westland John Glenn High product who attends Henry Ford Community College, went 2-for-3 with a triple and two RBI.

Joe Brusseau (Redford Bishop Borgess and Madonna College) and Mark Hribar added two hits apiece.

Chad Wrona, who pitched the final 4 1/2 innings in relief of starter David Houghtby, earned the victory. He allowed five hits, two walks and fanned four.

Michigan State's Tom Kutcher took the loss.

Kent Kleinschmidt collected two hits in a losing cause.

In the second game, the two teams battled to a 5-5 draw in five innings (time limit).

Mike Brooks, the Livonia Churchill grad headed for Ferris State on a football scholarship, went 2-for-3 and had four RBI, including a three-run triple in the second inning.

Kleinschmidt and Brent Besbears each had two hits for Wendy's.

Each team used three pitchers.

On Friday, Walter's clubbed the Windsor Canucks, 20-2, cracking three homers in a 19-inning barrage at Ford Field.

Gabel and Paul Pirronello (Redford Catholic Central and Henry Ford CC) each contributed three hits and three RBI.

Hribar hit a three-run homer, while Brooks and Gabel each added two-run shots.

Winning pitcher Mike Coleman struck out eight and walked one, while allowing four hits over five innings (mercy rule).

CAESARS 5-12, DELWAL 5-4: Little Caesars is also 6-2 overall after winning a pair of games and tying one over the weekend at Ford Field.

On Sunday, Caesars and Delwal went nine innings before settling for a 5-5 tie (time limit) in the opener.

Delwal out-hit Caesars, 10-6, as Steve Mooney, Jason Valente and Todd Bruce collected two each.

Johnson, Don Sikora and Kevin Crociata (Michigan) had two hits apiece for Caesars.

Caesars' Jeff Bates (Grand Valley State) worked 7 1/2 innings before giving way to Lou McKag.

Coby Gardner went the final 7 1/2 innings for Delwal in relief of Brian Feldman.

In the second game, Caesars collected 12 hits in a 12-4 triumph.

Mike Giacomantonio (Siena Heights) clubbed a two-run homer in the third inning, while Crociata went 3-for-4 with two runs scored and two stolen bases.

Johnson, Don Sikora and Bates each added two hits. Bates also had two RBI.

Winning pitcher Eric Stancak (U-D Mercy) allowed one hit in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked five.

Delwal starter Ron Hollis was roughed up for 11 runs in 6 1/2 innings.

On Friday, Caesars outlasted Fieger & Fieger, 6-6, as Sean Henkel (Livonia Stevenson and Madonna College) pitched three innings of scoreless relief to pick up the save.

Bill Bannon (Livonia and Western Michigan University)

ty), the Caesars starter and winner, went four innings before giving way to Henkel, who slammed the door, giving up only one hit and four walks.

Brent Hays, the Fieger starter, suffered the loss.

Giacomantonio led Caesars with two hits. Sikora belted a solo homer in the third, while Jeff Miller and Bates combined for five RBI.

Fieger's Rob Puckett (Wayne Memorial High and Henry Ford CC) had two hits, including a solo homer in the first inning.

DELWAL 12-4, TOTAL TRAVEL 11-3: In a make-up (twilight) Monday at Ford Field, Delwal swept Total Travel of Farmington Hills, rallying from a 10-1 deficit to win the first game.

Holla (see above), the Brighton High product headed for Michigan, keyed the comeback with a two-run double in a three-run fifth.

Bills went 3-for-3 with three RBI. Michigan State catcher Eric Sumpter added two hits and three RBI, while Billy Hardy (Michigan) and Mark Duke (U-D Mercy) each drove in a pair of runs.

Delwal starter Bill McKag gave seven runs over 1 1/2 innings. He gave way to Paul Mancini, who worked the next 4 1/2 innings.

Dan Crane came on to pitch the win, fanning three batters, including Don Devine with the bases loaded in the tense sixth inning (time limit).

In the second game, Eastern Michigan University lefty Lou Letort, who pitched at Redford CC, scattered eight hits, one walk and fanned 11 in going the distance for his second win in three decisions.

Duke broke a 1-2 tie in the sixth with a two-out single, scoring Hardy, who opened the inning with a single of his own before advancing to second on a wild pitch.

Mike Schwartzberger (EMU) singled in the tying run in the fourth for Delwal.

On Friday, Delwal turned back Total Travel, 4-1 in a game played at the University of Detroit's Campbell Field.

Winning pitcher Bill Bruce struck out nine and tossed a two-hitter.

Troy Young belted a 400-foot solo homer in the second inning and knocked in another Delwal run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Holla and Gardner also contributed RBI singles.

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• SOCCER TRYOUTS

The Farmington Soccer Club is accepting registrations for the fall season. Walk-in registration will be Saturdays, June 29, July 6 and July 13, at the Visitor Center at Heritage Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

First-time registrants should bring a birth certificate and social security number. Registrations can also be completed by mail. Forms are available at the Farmington YMCA and Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Office.

The fee is \$35 and includes a uniform. Boys and girls with birth dates of Aug. 1, 1973 to July 31, 1983 are eligible. For information, call the Farmington Soccer Club at 473-0182 or Jan Rocco at 553-8691.

Open tryouts for the under-19 Michigan Hawks (girls born Aug. 1972 through Dec. 1974), sponsored by the Livonia V Premier Soccer Club and affiliated with the Little Caesars Premier League, will be at noon Sunday, June 16, at Jaycee Park in Livonia. For more information, call Tom Coyne at 427-3336.

• The Spirit of Detroit (formerly Spirit of 77) will hold soccer tryouts for boys under 15 years old, Monday through Wednesday, June 17-19, at Calhoun Field on the University of Detroit Mercy campus, Six Mile and Livernois. For more information, call Ray Fraser at 413-3913.

• Tryout schedule for the Northville Soccer Association's fall 1991 and spring '92 seasons will be as follows:

Boys Select - under-13 (born Aug. 1, 1978 through July 31, 1979), 4-6 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23 at TC3 (call Larry Schlanser at 420-0285); under-14 (Aug. 1, 1977 through July 31), 6-8 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 22-23 at TC3 (call Andy Byerly at 349-5292).

Boys Premier - under-12 (Aug. 1, 1979 through July 31, 1980), 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday-Friday, June 27-28 at TC1 and TC3, and 2-4 p.m. Saturday, June 29 at TC3 (call Ken Romine at 420-4451); under-14 (Aug. 1, 1977 through July 31, 1978), 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, June 29-30 at TC1 (call Dave Mashal at 453-0066).

Girls Premier - under-12 (Aug. 1, 1978 through July 31, 1980), 6-8 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, June 24-26 at TC1 (call Stan Smalec at 420-0036); under-13 (Aug. 1, 1978 through July 31, 1980), 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 27, Sunday, June 30 and Tuesday, July 2 at TC3 (call Bill Tolstedt at 348-9409).

• **BASKETBALL CAMP**

Larry Baker's Summer Hoops for Girls Basketball Camp is scheduled for the second half of June at Oakland Community College-Oreochard Ridge Campus.

The grade school camp will take place the week of June 17-21 and the high school camp June 24-28. The daily times are 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The cost is \$100 per person, but girls who submit their registration forms with six or more friends pay only \$90. The grade school camp is for girls entering grades five through eight, the high school session for girls who will be ninth through 12th graders.

For information on registering, call Baker at 476-8020, Ext. 242.

• **RUNNING CAMP**

The Fifth Annual Mercy Girls Cross Country Running Camp will be the week of Aug. 4-10 at the Brighton Recreation Area. The cost is \$125 per person. A \$30 nonrefundable deposit is required with the balance due by Friday, June 28.

Cheeks should be made payable to Gary Servais and mailed to him at 3600 Thomas, Berkeley, 48072. For information call Servais at 547-3572 or 476-2836. A parental consent form and physical exam are required.

• **CONDITIONING CAMPS**

Farmington Public Schools will have summer camps at its three high schools for weight training/conditioning. Information on the camps is as follows:

- Farmington High conditioning: registration at 7:30 a.m. June 17 in the weight room; camp starts June 17 and lasts 19 days; cost is \$50.
- Harrison and North conditioning: registration at 8 a.m. June 17 in weight room; starting date, duration and cost same as Farmington.

• **All-American rolls to modified victory**

All-American Sports Center defeated Suburban Door 7-1 Monday to remain one game behind the co-leaders in the Livonia Men's Modified Fast-Pitch Softball League.

All-American is 5-1 and Suburban Door 4-2. AJ's Lounge and Primo's Pizza share first place with 6-6 records.

Curt White was the winning pitcher for All-American and, though he had no hits, had two RBI on a bases-loaded sacrifice fly.

Ron Wandell and Dave Brubaker had two hits and scored two runs each. Jim Foster and Brubaker had one RBI apiece.

The league standings are: 1. AJ's and Primo's, 6-6; 3. All-American, 5-1; 4. Marauders, Mid-Joy Party Store and Suburban Door, 4-2; 7. Bedson Electric and Malarkey's Pub, 3-3; 9. AL7 and Papa Romano's, 2-4; 11. O'Connell Industries, Total Foods and Crestwood Lounge, 1-5; 14. Police Bros. Construction, 0-6.

Umpires' decision too difficult to call

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I also wondered if it was ethical for a school board member to officiate a game at his children's school, or was it proper for a booster club member to referee a game between city rivals? Should coaches, working as officials during the off-season, take games in their own league?

Even when I was playing high school basketball, I questioned, "whether it was proper for the father of our student manager to officiate some of our games. I also wondered why the dad of one of our cheerleaders was assigned to our gym."

THESE ARE simply perceptions, and we should not assume, even if Corey or Sorrentino had been associated with CC some 12 years ago, that they are biased or unethical.

But did they leave themselves open?

This wasn't the first time Corey or Sorrentino had done a CC game. The two worked together during CC's come-from-behind 11-10 predestined win over Livonia Churchill, working "I don't blame the guys," said Plymouth's Joe Kavulich, a veteran Detroit Public School League sports official who works Division I college basketball games. "But it's tough enough to do a job with something possibly coming up. It's a no-win situation, a touchy subject."

Some may perceive that Sorrentino, who, along with Corey, severed their ties with CC years ago, might try to go the other way and show they're not showing favoritism toward their former employers.

"The fact that we worked there (at CC) is no more important than the fact that I grew up in Dearborn," said Sorrentino, a trained psychologist. "I have no association now with CC, none at all, zero. We left because we could no longer function within their (CC's) organizational limits."

"I'm a highly trained, professionally trained umpire. My integrity is intact and I'll never compromise that fact. We work very hard at trying to do a great job. We don't see whether the uniforms are blue or white, we react to the play, the ball."

SALEM COACH John Gravin, whose team defeated CC in the regional final on Saturday, had no problem with Corey doing his game. "I just care about the job they do," Gravin said. "Sorrentino and Corey are two of the best around. One call doesn't make a ballgame."

Also in defense of Corey and Sorrentino, regional assignments are made weeks in advance. Wyandotte AD Gerald Barchetti, who refused to be comment on the Dearborn allegations, makes recommendations from an approved list given to him by the MHSAA.

"I don't feel our being assigned affects the outcome of a game," Corey said. "People don't know us. The first thing I'm concerned with is getting in position to make the call and then getting it right."

Corey is adamant about the fact that he can divorce his feelings or prejudices, even though he worked at CC for 10 years.

"I like the school and it's one of the best schools to be at," he said. "I like to see them do well, but not at my expense. I have my pride and my integrity, and I'm sure Chuck feels the same way."

What is the MHSAA's stance, or Bupp's in particular?

As usual, the MHSAA does not reveal its views on subject matter such as this.

BUPP QUOTED me something vague out of the officials manual, which lends credence to Sorrentino's and Corey's role for accepting the Wyandotte assignment. Apparently there are no concrete rules that prohibited the two from accepting their last assignment (despite their past affiliations).

"There are always lots of angles or concerns that are not easily separated or identified," Bupp said. "It's always the reasonable thing to be above perception."

"I really don't have any feelings. It's inappropriate to make any comment until I learn the facts of the matter."

The facts of the matter are that under the MHSAA's vague policy, Sorrentino and Corey were well within their bounds in taking the assignment.

Does Dearborn High have a legitimate beef?

Maybe, but their complaint to the MHSAA seems more out frustration than questioning ethics.

I've faced the same accusations about ethics in my job.

Do I give Franklin High preferential treatment because I'm an alumnus?

Hardly. But I often let other writers cover Franklin events so I don't become too attached. Do I do to protect myself and to be more objective. Yes, I'm not responsible for others' feelings, but I don't like being accused of being biased. I'm human.

I try to treat all the schools in my coverage area equally, whether I have positive, negative or indifferent feelings about the school, coaching staff or players.

And I'm sure in this case, I can assume these umpires acted the same way in their assignment.



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