

17 Schools Enter Anders Memorial Baseball Meet

With a field of 17, seven less than a year ago due to failure of Farmington and Southfield schools to enter, the seventh annual Les Anders Memorial baseball tournament will open play on Ford Field in Livonia on Wednesday, May 19 with a doubleheader starting at 6 p.m.

It may be the final year for the event which has grown from eight teams in the first year to the high of 24 in 1970.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association is sponsoring its first state tournament in baseball this year and there are some indications that the traditional invitational meets may be barred come 1972.

It was the original goal of Les Anders, then athletic director at Livonia Stevenson High, to sponsor a baseball tournament that he believed eventually would

become so popular that coaches and schools would press their demands for a state championship tourney.

Rumbles for a state affair were heard as many as four years ago and the MHSAA finally agreed to sponsor the meet during its winter meetings.

IN THE PAST six years, the Anders Memorial had grown to the point that the sponsors—Livonia Optimist Club, Observer Newspapers and the Livonia Recreation Department decided to limit participation to only those schools in Observeland.

Teams entered this year are: Livonia Franklin, Bentley, Stevenson and Churchill; Garden City East and West; John Glenn, Wayne Memorial, Redford Union, Bishop Borgess, Thurston, Crestwood,

Clarenceville, Plymouth, Northville, Farmington, Lady of Sorrows and Redford St. Agatha.

It will be a sad farewell for Sorrows which will be making its final appearance in inter-scholastic competition. The high school will close its doors at the end of the school year.

Northville, surprise winner a year ago with Pitcher Fred Holdsworth bearing the brunt

of the hurling burdens, will open defense of its championship on Monday, May 24 at 6 p.m.

ALL GAMES will be played on Ford Field with the opening games on May 19 and the championship scheduled for Tuesday, June 1—provided the weather co-operates.

Pre-tourney favorites, on the basis of play thus far, are

Redford Union, Franklin, John Glenn, Thurston, Bishop Borgess and Garden City West.

Highspots of the opening round are games between Plymouth and Redford Union on May 19, Franklin and John Glenn on May 21 and Thurston and Sorrows on May 21.

But as has been the case in each of the past six tournaments, upsets are the order of the day and there may be a

darkhorse that will hit its best form in the meet.

Examples of the past are Wayne Memorial two years ago and Northville in 1970.

The pairings:

- 1 - Wayne vs. Churchill, Wed. May 19 at 8:30 p.m.
- 2 - Plymouth vs. Redford Union, Wed. May 19, 8 p.m.
- 3 - St. Agatha vs. GC West, Thursday, May 20 at 8:30 p.m.
- 4 - Crestwood vs. GC East, Thursday, May 20 at 8 p.m.
- 5 - Franklin vs. John Glenn, Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m.
- 6 - Thurston vs. Sorrows, Friday, May 21 at 8:30 p.m.
- 7 - Winner 1 vs. Northville, Monday, May 24 at 8 p.m.
- 8 - Clarenceville vs. Bentley, Saturday, May 22 at 8 p.m.
- 9 - Stevenson vs. Bishop Borgess, Saturday, May 22 at 8:30 p.m.
- 10 - Winner 2 vs. Winner 3, Thursday, May 27 at 8 p.m.
- 11 - Winner 4 vs. Winner 5, Thursday, May 27 at 8:30 p.m.
- 12 - Winner 6 vs. Winner 7, Friday, May 28 at 8 p.m.
- 13 - Winner 8 vs. Winner 9, Friday, May 28 at 8:30 p.m.
- 14 - Winner 10 vs. Winner 11, Monday, May 31 at 8 p.m.
- 15 - Winner 12 vs. Winner 13, Monday, May 31 at 8:30 p.m.
- 16 - CHAMPIONSHIP
- 17 - Winner 14 vs. Winner 15, Tuesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.



TOURNAMENT DRAW has the attention of high school coaches who met in one of the conference rooms in the new Observer Newspaper Inc. building for the first time. The group includes: (back row from left) Chuck Shonta, Northville; Bob McKillop, Clarenceville; George Van Wagener, Stevenson; Roger Frayer, Churchill; Bob Kelley, Sorrows; and Paul Lambers, Crestwood; (middle row from left) Wayne

Sparkman, Plymouth; Ron Helffer, Franklin; Emil Majeski, Thurston; John Kulzenka, Garden City East; (front from left) Alan Pitt, Wayne, and Norm Hoeses, John Glenn; (back to camera, from left) Dick DeVries, Livonia Optimist Club; Bob Ganzak, assistant tourney director; and Bob Schwartz, tourney director. (Observer photo)

By George Maskin observing sports

Man's heart all evil? Come again. It just isn't so. What about all the adults who work with youngsters in Little League baseball programs around the area?

Guys like Ken Clover who defy the wind and the cold and the damp air to get their kids out and work them for two or three hours, teaching the youngsters everything they know about the grand ol' game of baseball, also teaching the youngsters how to play as a part of a team—which is what life is all about anyway.

Or What about the people like Bill Kofender and Sussie Shechter who did so much in arranging the big testimonial dinner for Cincy Sachs at Raleigh House in Southfield?

MORE THAN 1,000 turned out to toast Cincy Sachs, who to anybody who knows anything about sports is recognized as Mr. Basketball in these parts.

Cincy has devoted more than half a century to all phases of basketball. He's coached kids, collegians, and pros. He's refereed in every aspect of the game... but more important, it's what he's done for the boys... to help them in the battle of life. That's where Cincy has scored the most.

In recent years, he has whipped more than one serious illness after another. And, it was heart-warming to see Cincy standing there in the Raleigh House as all who have come to love him and respect him over the years gathered to say: "Thank you" to a great guy.

Somehow it would seem that the name of Cincy Sachs must make its way into Michigan's Hall of Fame if ever the outstate element who vote for this honor would realize just what Cincy Sachs has meant to basketball, to sports, to the community, to the state in the last six decades.

WHEN IT COMES to warm hearts, what about the various guys who each year give of their time to stage the annual cancer golf program at the Bay Pointe Golf Course.

This year's comes up on Friday, June 11, when most of the sports celebrities turn out to play with hundreds of others.

A year ago, more than \$15,000 was raised for cancer research. It's hoped that this year's jackpot will top that figure.

The fee to play may sound like a lot—\$100. But, when one stops to think what the money will be used for and, then, too, that it's tax deductible, well, it's really not a very sizeable donation.

THERE ARE OTHER warm hearts... down the road 150 miles or so in Fort Wayne, Ind!

There this Saturday they'll toast, among others, Farmington Township's Ed Coll, the general manager of the Pistons.

It'll be like homecoming for Coll, who lived and worked in Fort Wayne for many years before he took charge of the Pistons six years ago.

Coll still laughs when he recalls that when he originally came up to Detroit to handle the Pistons, it was supposed to be for a few months.

"I guess I'm like the guy who went to dinner—and just stayed," Coll says.

Blanks Two Rivals

Livonia Stevenson netters got off to a spectacular start in the inter-lakes conference competition, blanking Waterford and Farmington by 7-0 scores.

The Spartans encountered little trouble in either match.

The summaries:

AGAINST FARMINGTON: singles: Shea(S) def. Mason, 6-0, 6-0; Leonard def. Schwin, 6-0, 6-1; Altese def. Deppman, 6-2, 6-1; Altese def. Boston, 6-0, 6-1; doubles:

Kennedy-Mikula def. Dames-Bray, 6-1, 6-1; Hasford-Lupp def. Rankin-Libben, 6-4, 9-7; Capran-Bickham def. Allen-Schubridge, 6-2, 6-0.

AGAINST WATERFORD: singles: Shea def. Hunsdon, 6-1, 7-5; Leonard def. Marcoux, 6-0, 6-0; Hoekstra def. Keeler, 6-0, 6-0; Altese def. Haggard, 6-2, 6-2; doubles: Kennedy-Mikula def. Daly-McDonald, 6-2, 6-1; Hansford-Lupp def. Schlutow-Archambeau, 6-0, 6-0; Capran-Bickham def. Denie-Bollan, 6-1, 6-0.

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