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A three team battle for honors in the Tri Rivers League track meet loomed Wednesday (tonight) at Garden City West.

West, along with Taylor Kennedy and Cherry Hill, wound up with identical 6-1 records and co-champs in the dual meet action.

A 65-53 win over Kennedy enabled West to knot the final standings.

Previously, Cherry Hill had downed West by one point while Kennedy had won from Cherry Hill.

DALE HALLIWELL, who won three events against Kennedy, will lead West into

the league meet. Halliwell won the two dashes and the low hurdles in the Kennedy meet which wasn't decided until the final two events—the pole vault and the mile relay.

Russ Graham, who won the high hurdles and placed second in the lows, also figures to do well for West.

There's still a question of just how well two miler Don Andersen will do. He has been plagued by a sore foot all season and his running has been limited to only about half the action West has engaged in.

Andersen won against Kennedy in 10:02.7 with teammate Don Resto second.

The GC West results against Kennedy:

SHOT PUT: 1—Jerry Holmes, 2—Gary Snyder, Mike Green, Distance: 47 feet, 10.10 seconds.
LONG JUMP: 2—Chuck Ball, 3—Lee Gine.
HIGH JUMP: 2—Dave Middleton.
POLE VAULT: 2—Bill Ratherson, Mike Unwiler.
800 YARD: 2—John MacDonella.
HIGH HURDLES: 1—Russ Graham, 2—Mike Unwiler, Time: 16.2.
MILE: 3—Bob Humpal.
100 YARD: 1—Dale Halliwell, Time: 10.6 seconds.
440 YARD: 2—Keith Sylvester.
LOW HURDLES: 1—Dale Halliwell, 2—Russ Graham, Time: 20.4.
TWO MILE: 1—Don Andersen, 2—Don Resto, Time: 10:02.7.
220 YARD: 1—Dale Halliwell, 3—Tom Welton, Time: 23.1 seconds.
MILE RELAY: 1—GC West (Sylvester, Ed Swade, Mike Anderson, Todd Bartoni), Time: 3:33.2.

Prep Schedule

BASEBALL
THURSDAY
Anders Tournament
FORD FIELD: Garden City East vs. Crestwood, 8 p.m.; St. Agatha vs. Garden City West, 8:30 p.m.
Plymouth at Allen Park, Bentley at Redford Union, Clarkston at Clarenceville.

FRIDAY
Anders Tournament
FORD FIELD: Franklin vs. John Glenn, 8 p.m.; Thurston vs. Our Lady of Sorrows, 8:30 p.m.
Lathrup at Stevenson, Lutheran West at Garden City East, Farmington at Waterford, Harrison at Oak Park, Southfield at Ferndale, Cadillac at Brother Rice, St. Agatha at Lourdes.

SATURDAY
Anders Tournament
FORD FIELD: Clarenceville vs. Bentley, 8 p.m.; Stevenson vs. Bishop Grogan, 9:30 p.m.
Livonia Churchill at Howell, Highland Park at Redford Union.

MONDAY
Anders Tournament
FORD FIELD: Northville vs. Wayne Churchill, 8 p.m.
North Farmington at Farmington, Plymouth at Southfield (late district).

TUESDAY
Eisenhower at Harrison, Southfield at Lathrup.
WEDNESDAY
Garden City East at Inkster, Southfield at Oak Park, Easton at Southfield.

You don't have to be a great tennis player to look like one. "White is right" for tennis wear. Tradition not only dictates this but it is practical as well. Dark clothes absorb heat while white clothing reflects. Of course these are non-traditional times and anything comfortable seems to be appropriate. Most private tennis clubs won't even let you walk on the court if you're not "properly attired" in white.

For local play some clothing is definitely "out", i.e. knickers, bells, tight fitting slacks, "hot pants" for men (Mike Mikul you have to do something about those shorts), black socks, dresses, business suits, and long underwear. Believe it or not I've seen all of the aforementioned modes of attire in my travels.

How can any red-blooded American male concentrate on hitting a tennis ball? They should be banned from the tennis courts.

The Livonia Tennis Club had 25 individuals register for beginner and intermediate lessons last week. Don Brown, tennis pro at Cranbrook Tennis Club, does a great job. (But I wouldn't trade my class for yours.)

Treasurer Art (Sprinter) Fayon keeps his receipt book in his back pocket every Thursday night and is ready to interrupt play for anyone interested in joining.

Remember, the courts are reserved for L.T.C. members at Stevenson H.S. and everyone is welcomed to join.

If any of you gals are interested in a game during the daytime why don't you call Art's wife, Mel, at 422-5432. She would like to get a group meeting at Haggerty Field on Hines Parkway in Plymouth Township a couple of days a week.

WHAT REALLY disturbs me are the gorgeous young creatures that attempt to play tennis in their bikinis. It may be great for their fans but it sure wrecks my game.

Gals Find Putts Count For Prizes

Sunny skies welcomed a bumper crop of women golfers at the opening session of the Livonia Women's Golf League at Whispering Willows golf course.

A boost in membership, pushing the total near the 100 mark, brought the addition of another flight. The league, open to Livonians only, now has six flights.

To make opening day a bit easier, league members competed for the weekly prize on the lowest number of putts recorded.

In a flight, there was a three way tie between Fay Reinday, Jackie Stocks and Joan Carney. All carried 19.

Joy MacLean took B flight prize with 18 putts while Lucille McNamara was C flight winner with 20. Mildred Albrecht won everyone with 21 putts to take D flight honors.

A four way tie resulted in E flight when Geraldine Edwards, Florence McCarty, Betty Hooy and Nancy Smith all had 21 putts.

Irene Adzema's 22 won the F flight prize.

Tough Row For East Trackmen

Garden City East High's track team, winner only once in dual meet competition this season, sought Mid-Wayne League honors Wednesday (tonight) in the annual conference championships at Inkster.

Inkster downed Garden City East, 65-53, in the final dual meet for both teams.

Tom Laing (mile), John Yurchis (two mile), Kurt Heringhausen (long jump), Lloyd Williams (pole vault) and Jeff DeHart (high jump) carried the major hopes of Garden City East.

All have been consistent winners this season.

observing sports

It's always nice to feel that you are an authority on some subject.

Even when it's on baseball rules.

There's something flattering when the phone rings and a Jack Berry or Bill Halls or a Ken Clover seeks advice on how a certain play should be called.

Somehow, they're generally plays that come up in kids' games and for lack of a keen knowledge of the rules, managers and parents sound out the major daily sports departments in hopes that what they'll hear will make the caller right and the umpire, who rendered the controversial decision, wrong.

TAKE THE PLAY Halls called about.

Runners on first and third. One out. The catcher tips the bat of the batter and the umpire rightfully calls it interference.

The batter is awarded first base ... and the runner on first naturally has to move up to second. The ump also orders the runner from third to score.

That's where the argument begins. How can the ump permit the run to count under such situations? Simple. That's what the rule says.

SOUTHFIELD'S BERRY, a student of hockey and golf rules, is mystified why no balk was called when the pitcher ... again with runners on third and first ... bluffs a throw to third and then wheels around and picks the runner off first.

"Doesn't he have to throw to third, if he commits himself?" Berry wonders.

No, the pitcher doesn't have to go through with his throw to third. The rule says he MUST throw to first if he makes such a move. But he can bluff all day to second and third, provided that there is a runner on that particular base.

If he bluffs to any base and there's no runner there, it's a balk.

ENTER THE SCENE Clover, who suddenly has spent night after night digging into the rule book on baseball.

The batter lashes one down the firstbase line. It's a liner which curves foul as it nears the base.

The first baseman, with both his feet in FAIR territory, leans across the foul line and knocks the ball down. Before any further play can be made, the runner has reached first safely.

But...the ump calls it a FOUL BALL?

Mr. Clover says: "The ball was touched first by a fielder in fair ground. So shouldn't it be fair?"

If it were football or basketball, the position of the player's feet would determine whether the ball is inbounds or out. In baseball, the umpire has to judge where the ball would drop — fair or foul — and if in his opinion, the ball would have dropped foul, then it's a FOUL, regardless of how far across the line the fielder reached.

BASEBALL DECISIONS, like those in other sports, can be very interesting.

There's more to an umpire's life than calling strike, ball, out, safe, fair, foul!

What he does often isn't appreciated, because managers, coaches, players and fans don't know why an ump makes the ruling.

True, everybody can't be an expert on all the baseball rules, but it strikes me that if you're going to run any kind of a team in any league — from the Little League on up, it helps to have a good idea of what the major regulations are.

Like — there's nothing in the rule book that says on an over-throw which goes into the stands, the batter gets one base, plus the one he's going to.

Such an interpretation can produce some inequities and arguments.

What the rule says is that if there's an overthrow and the ball becomes dead, the batter-runner and all other runners advance two bases from the start of play.

An example: Runner is on second. One out. The ball is hit to the shortstop. The runner stays on second and doesn't move as the shortstop whips the ball wildly past the first baseman and into the dugout.

If you deal with that business of "one base, plus the one he's going to," you'd have to permit the runner on second to go to third and no farther. At the same time, you'd award the batter-runner second base.

But, the way the official rule reads, since the runner was on second when the play began, he's entitled to score.

After all, if you allow the batter-runner two bases, the same should hold true for any other runners. This makes sense, eh?

IT PAYS TO REMEMBER, that:

• If a fair batted ball bounces over the outfield fence, the batter-runner is to be allowed only a double, regardless of how distant that fence may be from the plate.

• If a runner from third tries to steal home with less than two outs and the batter interferes with the catcher, the runner from third is out. If there are two outs, then the batter is out. The ump renders the call that can hurt the most.

• No run ever can score on a play in which the batter-runner is ruled out for failing to arrive safely at first or any other runner might be called out on an appeal play for missing a base on a forceout. This ruling has been known to nullify two and three runs and produce a flock of arguments.

• There's no way you can win a protest over the calling of a pitch, whether the ball is fair or foul, whether the runner is out or safe. The ONLY time you can rightfully protest is when an umpire messes up a rule interpretation. When he goof's up on judgment, too bad. He always wins.

And, say it goes. There'll be more of these renditions on baseball rules later in the summer.

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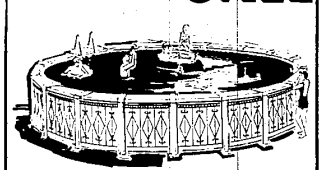
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