

City teams qualify in baseball

The district baseball tournament at the Southfield Civic Center is guaranteed to be a Farmington-dominated show after all three city teams won pre-district games Thursday.

In the district Saturday, North Farmington will play Farmington in the first game followed by a Harrison-Redford Catholic Central matchup. The winner goes to the regional at Teicampore Bedford the following weekend.

North, the Western Lakes Activities Association champ, blanked Livonia Franklin 6-0 behind the two-hit pitching of Mark Temple in the pre-district at Ford Field in Livonia.

Temple struck out 12 and walked three while raising his season record to 8-1.

"He has an excellent fastball, and he blew it right by them," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "It was one of the best games he has thrown this year."

Jesse Gerasowski went the distance for the Patriots (9-12), allowing seven hits and two walks.

The Raiders (15-3) scored their first run on three errors and no hits in the third inning. Franklin committed six miscues altogether.

Temple also had two hits and scored three runs. Jon Sturtz and Adam Chalmers had a double and one RBI each.



John Spangher

Winning form: Mike Shelp pitched a complete game Thursday as Farmington trounced Southfield in a pre-district baseball contest.

Afterbaugh and Dave Burgess were 3-for-4, and Afterbaugh also stole two bases, scored three runs and collected three RBIs. Shelp and Ron Salomonson had

two hits and scored two runs apiece. Chris Bruce, Mike Rath, Brian Parrish, Salomonson and Burgess contributed one RBI each.

Southfield finished the season

with a 4-15 record.

Hawks top Panthers

Mike Pesci struck out eight and earned a complete-game victory Thursday as visiting Harrison defeated Redford Union 8-6.

He gave up six hits, including a pair of two-run homers to Jesse Sami, and walked two. Bill Malecki was the loser despite striking out 19 and walking two.

Harrison led 2-0 in the second after a run-scoring triple by Tom Donagrandi, and an RBI single by Chris Krizanek.

The Hawks made it 4-0 in the fourth when Kevin Smith hit a two-run triple, scoring Krizanek and Donagrandi.

After the Panthers (12-15) got within 4-3, Harrison finished with a four-run seventh. Following an RBI double by Dan Hight, Pesci hit a two-run single and scored the last run on a three-base error.

Kapla paces Shamrocks

Senior righthander Scott Kapla pitched a four-hit shutout through six innings Thursday to lead Redford Catholic Central past visiting Livonia Stevenson, 7-0, in a Class C district matchup.

Kapla fanned eight batters before giving way to Dan Gosselin in the final inning.

Kapla was also a solid fire at bat, going 2-for-4 with an RBI triple in the Shamrocks' four-run sixth inning.

CC tallied eight hits, including two from Paul Kuhn and Aaron Reinberger. Brian Hicks led his ninth homer of the season.

Craig Brevik took the loss for the Spartans, going the distance and striking out five.

Brevik really pitched well for the first five innings," CC coach John Salter said. "He looked good."

The Shamrocks will play Farmington Hills Harrison at noon on Saturday at Southfield.

Eagles triumph in tournament

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The Southfield Eagles of the Southfield Youth Association (SYA) opened their season in impressive style a week ago.

In the SYA Invitational Baseball Tournament played Friday through Sunday in the Southfield area, the Eagles won five straight games — four by mercy rule — to capture top honors. The round-robin tournament included teams (ages 13-14) from West Bloomfield, Beverly Hills, Ann Arbor, Northville and Troy.

Southfield opened the tournament Friday with a convincing 11-0 victory over West Bloomfield.

Early Saturday morning, the Eagles had their toughest game against Beverly Hills. They shot out to an early lead, then found themselves in a tight ballgame as the Beverly squad rallied back. Southfield eventually earned a hard-fought 11-9 victory.

The Eagles completed their successful weekend with wins over Ann Arbor (19-1), Northville (12-1) and Troy (13-2).

The Southfield Eagles are one of three teams that compose the Southfield Youth Association. The Eagles are members of the Little Caesar's Amateur Baseball Federation's Sandy Koufax League.

The travel league includes 26 teams throughout southeastern Michigan that play an 18-game league schedule plus post-season play.

The Eagles are basically a young team — only two 14-year-olds — competing against primarily older players. Eagles' first-year coach Tom Parker has a 16-person roster.

Parker's goal is to get the players ready for the post-season tournament.

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Eagles baseball coach

players have a lot of good athleticism," said Parker, who learned the game from ex-Michigan coach Bud Middaugh. "We're very quick and we want to teach the basic fundamentals. I expect we'll have an exciting season."

"I like to play an open style of game," he said. "At this level, I believe baseball is 60 percent inspiration and enthusiasm."

The Eagles' roster includes the following players (with hometowns in parentheses): Ryan Anderson (Westland); Ryan Cardoni (Farmington Hills); Vashun Dennis (Detroit); Kevin Glenn (Detroit); Mike Harris (Detroit); Scott Hatch (Farmington); Craig Jackson (Detroit); Phillip Martin (Detroit); Casey McClure (Davisburg); Malcolm McInnes (Detroit); Mike McKay (Farmington Hills); Brian Murray (Farmington Hills); Curt Nether (Southfield); Drew Parker (Lathrup Village); Don Slankster (Milford); Adam Turner (Lathrup Village); and Marshall Dills (Detroit).

The Southfield Youth Association also has a 15- and 16-year-old team in the Caesar's Mickey Mantle Division, plus an older team that will play in the "Admiral League."

Falcons whip Blue Jays

Mike Shelp had one of his best outings Thursday, pitching a complete game as the Falcons crushed host Southfield 9-2.

Shelp scattered five hits, struck out eight and walked two. Orlando Austin went the distance for the Blue Jays. He fanned nine and issued just three walks but gave up 14 hits.

Farmington (11-17) scored twice in the first inning and made it 5-1 with four more in the fifth in which Brian Afterbaugh hit a two-run homer.

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