

# Hines Park shares LCBL lead; Pesci powers Delwal

Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury moved into a first place tie with Little Caesars in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League with a doubleheader sweep against the Tecumseh Green Giants Sunday at LaCrosse Park in Windsor.

Hines Park, which won the opener 3-2 and second game 11-5, is deadlocked with Caesars at 13-7, just three points ahead of second place Walter's Appliances (11-7-1).

In the first game, Jeff Paluk hurled a complete game, striking out nine and allowing just two runs, none of which were earned. He scattered five walks.

"Jeff struggled with his control," Hines Park coach Dave Carroll said. "But I think Jeff said to himself that there was no way he was going to lose that game. He felt behind a lot of the hitters, but when he needed to make a good pitch, he did."

Hines Park tallied all three runs in the third inning. T.C. Raptis paced the offensive attack with a 2-run homer.

In the nightcap, Hines Park scored seven runs in the sixth in-

ning thanks to a pair of RBI doubles from Keith Blayk (Bedford Catholic Central/Adrian College) and Tom Davey (formerly of Plymouth Salem High).

Hines Park collected 15 hits, including three apiece from Davey and Joe Weidenbach. Geoff Allen (ex-Plymouth Canton) was the winning pitcher, going the first six innings and fanning five. He allowed three runs and five hits. Raptis came on and pitched the seventh, giving up two runs.

## Walter's struggles

It wasn't the way Walter's coach Mike Keller wanted Sunday's twin-bill with Delwal at Ford Field to turn out — a 10-2 loss and an 8-ball deadlock.

Ironically, Walter's entered the weekend in first place, one-half a game ahead of Hines Park and Caesars.

"Those were a couple of tough games," Keller said. "You like to at least split on Sunday, but we're still in the hunt."

In the opener, Delwal outlit Walter's 11-6 thanks to three hit apiece from Jason Valente and Mike Pesci (ex-Farmington Harrison). Valente contributed a pair of triples, while Pesci nailed two homers.

Todd Bulke was the winning pitcher, going the distance, fanning five and walking four. Steve Ross (Bedford CC/Henry Ford CC) struggled for Walter's giving up all 10 runs and 11 hits in just five innings.

Craig Overatla (Livonia Franklin/Madonna University) provided

the lone spark for Walter's, blasting a two-run homer in the third inning.

In the second game, Walter's blew an 8-1 lead by allowing Delwal to tally seven runs in the seventh inning. The game was halted after eight innings due to the 2½ hour time limit rule.

"Delwal showed a lot of guts," Keller said. "We were outplayed. It's too bad we let the game get away."

Overatla suffered the loss for Walter's in relief of starter Sean Henkel (Livonia Stevenson/Madonna).

Each team tallied 11 hits. Overatla, Jason Gabel (Livonia Churchill/Central Michigan) and Chris White (North Farmington/Henry Ford CC) had two hits apiece for Walter's. Pesci led Delwal with three hits and two RBI.

Derek Wirebaugh threw a two-hitter Monday as Delwal won a rescheduled game over host Tecumseh, 7-0. Wirebaugh, who struck out 11 and walked one, is 4-1 on the

mount.

Kretschmer was 3-for-3 with a homer (his fourth of the season) and an RBI single. Chad Chapman and Bill McCaig each had two hits. Valente scored two runs and stole four bases.

## Caesars sweeps

Caesars took a pair from Ann Arbor Wendy's Sunday at Ford Field, winning the opener 11-10 and the nightcap 6-4.

The wins put Caesars in a first place tie with Hines Park at 13-7.

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#### First Division

(THROUGH JULY 2)

|               | W | L | T | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Red Manobers  | 6 | 0 | 2 | 14  |
| Elm Cofras II | 3 | 0 | 6 | 12  |
| AA Athletics  | 5 | 2 | 1 | 11  |
| First Bud ght | 5 | 2 | 1 | 11  |
| Ex. Palagon   | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8   |
| Blitz         | 3 | 2 | 2 | 8   |
| Vermont       | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7   |
| Elm Inter     | 3 | 5 | 0 | 6   |
| C. Williams   | 2 | 5 | 1 | 5   |
| Elm Cofras I  | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4   |
| AA United     | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2   |

#### Results

July 2: First Bud ght 2, Livonia Palagon 2.

#### Second Division A

(THROUGH JULY 2)

|                 | W | L | T | Pts |
|-----------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Algonquin Stars | 7 | 0 | 2 | 14  |
| Plymouth        | 6 | 1 | 2 | 14  |
| Chiefs          | 5 | 1 | 2 | 12  |
| SFC 92          | 5 | 1 | 2 | 12  |
| Jasper          | 4 | 2 | 2 | 10  |
| CB United       | 4 | 3 | 1 | 9   |

|                |   |   |   |   |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|
| Mustangs       | 3 | 3 | 1 | 7 |
| Rock Rebels    | 2 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| Arsenal        | 3 | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| Woollybules    | 3 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Homenetmen     | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Rangers        | 4 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| One Eyed Jacks | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| USC Fustab     | 2 | 5 | 0 | 4 |
| San Pablo      | 5 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Los Mednas     | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Chancers       | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 |

#### Results

July 2: Stars 2, Chiefs 0; SFC 92 2, Mustangs 1; Rangers 2, Chancers 1; San Pablo 7, Arsenal 2; Palermo 1, Jasper 0; CB United 3, Rochester Rebels 1; Los Mednas 5, Woollybules 2.

#### Third Division

(THROUGH JULY 2)

|               | W | L | T | Pts |
|---------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Ph. Basil     | 6 | 2 | 0 | 12  |
| Red Wings     | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10  |
| N.O. Blizzard | 3 | 2 | 3 | 9   |
| Zacatecas     | 3 | 3 | 2 | 8   |
| Metro Stars   | 1 | 4 | 3 | 5   |
| Box of Rain   | 2 | 6 | 0 | 4   |

#### Results

June 28: Red Wings 2, Box of Rain 0; Plymouth II 2, Zacatecas 1; Red Wings 1, North Oakland Blizzard 1; Metro Stars 2, Box of Rain 1.

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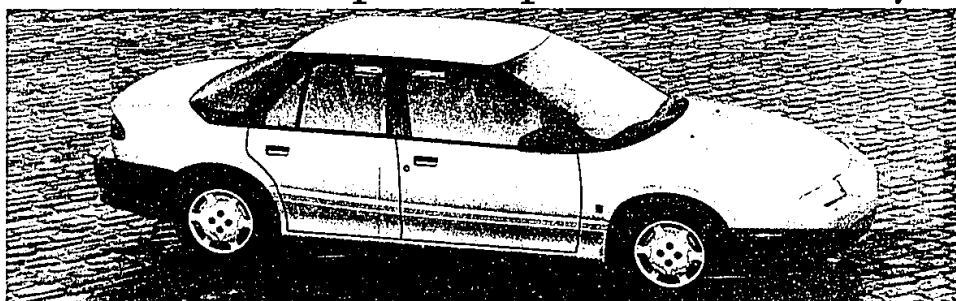
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