

Mike Gee Stops Patriots, 5-1

Those bitter high school sports rivalries don't end just because the classrooms have closed for the summer.

Thanks to the Connie Mack baseball league, the prep carry on through the summer in baseball with pretty much the same teams that represented the schools during the spring campaigns.

Typical of the schoolboys was carried into the summers was Saturday's collision between Hubert Realty and the Patriots.

In essence, however, this was Stevenson High (Hubert) against Franklin (Patriots) with Stevenson (Hubert) gaining a 5-1 decision.

MIKE GEE, ace Stevenson pitcher, was in action for Hubert as he outduelled Rob Hollandsworth, fresh from a three sport career at Farmington.

Gee allowed three hits, struck out 10 and didn't yield a safe blow until the sixth.

Meantime, Hubert picked up one run in the first inning when Tim Rose doubled home Terry Laird. Hubert tallied four in the sixth when Jerry Boehm singled in one run and Randy Hickerson doubled home three mates.

The win over the Patriots followed a 20-4 romp by Hubert over Redford Tooling in which Dave Gregor slugged a grand slam homer.

THE PATRIOTS took advantage of a three base error

to gain a 4-4 tie with Thurston in a renewal of one of the hottest prep rivalries -- Thurston vs. Franklin.

Thurston was leading, 4-1, in the seventh when two aboard for the Patriots, Kari Derdiner's drive got away and three runs scored on the play.

Dennis Poppenger and Gordie Eszes each had two hits for Thurston. Prior to the tie Thurston won over Novi, 4-1, and spanked Farmington Harrison, 11-0.

Gordon Eszes had two hits against Novi, while Bob Ghanum pitched one hit ball for 5 1/3 innings before Steve Kresger finished up.

Against Harrison, Doug Burke and Ken Eisles shared the pitching. Mike Robinson had a homer and single and Poppenger and Don Murdock a pair of hits.

Randy Ferguson, the all-Observer pitcher, Redford Redford Union, continues his brilliance in summer baseball.

His latest win was a 6-0 gem against Crowe (Bentley High) in which Ferguson fanned 13 and scattered three hits. A homer by Martin and two hits by R.J. LeRoux paced the Warholak attack.

Crowe rebounded to crush Gates Realty, 12-5. Mike Perino lashed a lusty triple and Bob Sitkauskas collected a pair of hits to pace the Crowe attack.

NATIONAL PRIDE, comprised of Churchill High varsity and reserves, turned the tables on Red Holman Pontiac (Plymouth), 6-0, as Mike Koller gave up four hits, walked two and struck out six.

Roy Hendricksson lashed out three hits in four trips for the winners while Mark DeRoche knocked in two runs with a triple.

Then National Pride lost to Northville Reef, 6-5, when Steve Utley homered with two on in the final inning.

Utley's blow came after Steve Chienko, the all-Observer outfielder from Churchill, had homered in the previous inning with two on to put National Pride in front, 2-1.

Hendricksson again had three hits in four trips to the plate. In a wild seeing game, Little Caesars of Farmington tied Garden City West, 8-8.

Each team scored four times in the first inning -- West on hits by Sims, Baker, Velas and Koff -- the latter doubling in two mates.

Caesars countered with four runs on two walks, a two run double by Dan McGrath, from Our Lady of Sorrows, a triple by Bruce Economeau and a single by Economeau's brother Derek. The Economeaus hail from Farmington High.

The Plymouth Elks gained an 8-0 verdict over Novi as Steve Robbs missed a no-hitter in the seventh inning

when a bloop dropped in for the only safety. He struck out nine and walked one.

Dan Hess singled in the first two Elks' runs and another scored on a hit by Jim Grimmer. Stan Britton started home for the Elks' fourth run and not to be outdone, Jack Mather did the same for the Elks in the fifth inning.

National Pride, with Ken Wood the winning pitcher, beat West Bloomfield 9-1. Mick Crom and Brian Sherman each drove in two runs in a five run, fourth inning for the winners.

Wood and Mark DeRoche also drove in runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Gary Burke fanned nine and scattered six hits in Thurston's 4-2 win over Redford Tooling. A two-run homer by Ben Fontani led the Thurston attack.

BILL BOOKER, the all-Observer outfielder who also

excels as a pitcher, sparked on the mound in Warholak's 7-0 win over Garden City East.

He allowed one hit and fanned eight as Dave Martin and Bill Herbert produced the big hits.

Tom's Service played a 5-5 tie with Franklin when Mike Gobby and Frank Gribeck delivered the key hits.

Then Tom's downed Garden City East, 3-2, as Bill Lindbloom collected a pair of hits.

THE PLYMOUTH ELKS scored three times in the third inning and five times in the fifth to swamp Farmington Harrison, 8-1.

Brad Truax, from Plymouth High, was the winning pitcher in relief.

Gary Croxkey drilled in two runs in the third inning. Then in the fifth Croxkey walked, Jim Grimmer and Dave Hees singled, Ron Egloff singled in two runs, Truax singled and Ken Rocco singled.

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Briggs swung twice against Plymouth Bidwell Sunday and those two thrusters brought in five runs as Westland routed Bidwell, 13-6.

Both connections by Briggs sailed out of the ball park for home runs. The first came with two on, the second with one aboard.

His three run drive capped a five run second inning. His other blow came in the seventh.

BRIGGS' STICKWORK helped to make things easy for Dave Conklin who picked up the victory with relief from Jim Green.

Gary Croxkey slapped out three hits -- a triple and two singles -- for the losers.

The victory gave Westland a split in its weekend games after bowing to Garden City, 6-7.

had won twice in a hectic weekend schedule of three games before losing to Westland.

BIDWELL SCORED four times in the sixth inning to turn back Garden City, 6-5.

Dennis Becker started the winning thrust with a homer. After Ray Van Gosen, the winning pitcher, and Pat Cunningham walked, Wayne Williams singled home two runs and what proved the winner scored when John Stout was safe on an error.

Dennis Kesick with two singles and a homer topped the Garden City offensive thrust.

Bidwell found Farmington no problem, 13-4, with a six-run, second inning putting the game on the safe side.

Bob Hood, ex-Stevenson High star, allowed only three hits and fanned 11 in Livonia Hubert's 7-1 rout of Farmington.

Frank Kasparek and Jim Erwin each had a double to lead Hubert, which scored five runs.

times in the third inning and twice more in the fourth.

In the third, after Mike Perino walked, Stu Rocco and Jim Crom singled, Rob Hollandsworth was safe on an error and Kasparek followed with his double.

Erwin's double came in the fourth to close in Perino, who walked and Bob Ficano who had singled.

Jim Harte singled, went to second on a passed ball, and scored on Gary Brooks' single for the only Farmington run.

IN ONE OF the best pitched games to date in the Adray League, Redford's defending champions nipped Northville Reef, 1-0.

Jim Hay, the winning pitcher, permitted only one hit as he struck out three and walked three.

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