Hines Park remains unbeaten in league

Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury improved to 10-0 in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League with four victories last week. On Sunday, Hines Park swept host Westlend Federation at John Gienn High School, winning 8-3 and 6-4. In Game No. 1, Scott Kapla (Eastern Michigan University) pitched air, inning to earn his third win. Jeff Paluk (Saginaw Valloy) pitched the final inning to record the save. Ed Gundry and Tom Davey hit back-to-back solo home runs in the fifth inning for Flice Park. Gundry went 3-for-4 with two RBI.

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Heath Fowler went 2:for3 in
the nightcap for Hines Park.
Paluk, who replaced starter
Chris Kirkey, pitched 2½ innings in relief to earn the win.
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for Westland (4-4). McLenghan
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for Westland (4-4), McLeneghan and an RBI double.
University of Detroit-Mercy bound Steve Ross struck out seven for a complete-game win Friday at Eastern Michigan University, as Hines Park defeated Wendy's 11-2. Fowler went 2-for-3 for Hines Park while Kapla and Gary Pierce each collected two-run singles. Brian Eurns scored the winning run Wedneaday at Madonna, as Hines Park defeated Tecumseh 1-0. Burns singled, stole second and advanced to third on Ed Gundry's walk before scoring on an outfield error. Paluk (4-0) struck out six, walked four and gave up two hits over seven innings to earn the win.
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Walter's wins 1st 2

Walter's Home Appliance swept two games Sunday at Tecumseh, winning 3-2 and 7-1. Pete Gallgher struck out six,

Pete Galigher struck out six, walked four and gave up four hits in seven innings to earn the win for Walter's, the defending LCBL champions and the All-American Amateur Baseball As-

Tim Piccini drove in the win-ning run in the seventh inning, when he drove home pinch runner Chris Kondogieni. Mike Zelinski and Matt Han-sen each had two hits for Wal-

ter's.

Jim Solak drilled a two-run
home run and went 2-for-4 with
three RBI for Walter's in the
nightcap.

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Jeff Schaffer (Wayne State)
and Lars Luedeman each
smacked two hits for Walter's,
which scored four fifth inning
runs on four consecutive hits.

Little Caesars splits

Little Caesars split a double-header with Wendy's Sunday at

Ford Field, winning the opener 5-2 and losing the nightcap 3-1. Former Garden City pitcher Adam Marano (Henry Ford CC) scattered two hits and four walks over seven innings and struck out four for Little Cassars in the first game.

J.D Mercy bound Dave Roman hit a two-run single in the first inning for Little Cassars, Mark DeAntonio had two RBI and Aaron Mach added one RBI.

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Jerry Shippe and Jessi Gerwatowski each had two hits for Little Caesars and Lawrence Scheffer (U-D Mercy) added one RBI. Mark Rutherford gave up six hits, walked two and struck out three over six innings to take the loss.

Little Caesars defeated Westland, 5-3. Saturday at Ford, as Scheffer had two RBI and two hits and Mark Van Ameyde went 2-for-3.

Roman allowed four hits, struck out eight and walked six over seven innings to win for Little Caesars. Roman and Matt York and Scheffer scored two runs for Little Caesars also downed Walters, 6-1, Friday at Ford, as Mike White went 2-for-4 with two RBI. Andy Gagne had two RBI and Scheffer scored two runs for Little Caesars. Van Ameyde pitched four innings, gave up soven hits, struck out three wnd walked two to earn the win.

Little Caesars continued its winning ways Friday at Ford. as Little Caesars and White and Andy Krueger each had two hits.

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Chris Munson and Noah
Brumen each had three RBI as
Del-Wal defeated Tecumsch 111 Saturday at Ford Field.
Todd Faulkner scored three
runs and Todd Bolke had four
strikecuts to earn the victory.
Del-Wal also defeated Westland, 13-3, Friday at Novi High
School, as Central Michigan
University's Derok Wirebaugh
(2-0) struck out four and did not
stive up an earned run.

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Brandon Finn drove in four runs, including a three-run homer in the first inning, to lead Del-Wel. Andy Duncan contributed three RBI, Matt Recht belted three hits and Chris Munson went 2-for-4.

Tourney becomes drawn-out affair

By Steve Kowalski Staff Writer

The four teams in the Class A baseball district at Southfield High were hoping to extond their sensons, but not like this. Poor field conditions after a night of heavy rain caused postponement of Sautndy's district semifinal and championship sympes.

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That was just the start of the confusion.
Games couldn't be rescheduled Sunday — ironically the only sunny day in the last week — because the Michigan High School Athletic Association does not allow games at night or on Sundays. So the semilinals were moved to Monday, But only six innings of the first game between Farmington and North Farmington and North Farmington and North Farmington and Horth Farmington and School of the first game between the postponement.

The score was tied 1-1.
With Southfield's diamond unplayable again on Tuesday and the regional only four days away, Redford Union athletic director Jim Gibbons volunteered to resume the game at RU, but a steady downpour changed those plans.
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plans. With that game on hold and RU and Farmington Hills Harrison still waiting to throw their first pitch in the district, the teams must have felt like an expectant mother in four days of labor.

BASEBALL

The teams were hoping to settle things with a doubleheader on Wednesday at RU. Now there are concerns that the district champion won't have enough rested arms for Saturday's regional at Walled Loke Western.

By Tuesday night, it was the only district in Observeland—baseball or softball—not decided.

ed.
"I wasn't going to wait for things to happen," Gibbons said. "We made things happen."

Last hurrah?

Southfield has hosted several baseball districts in a row but the diamond, which has no infield grass, might have hosted its last. Southfield athletic director Art

grass, might nave hosted its significant was out of town Saturday because of an emergency and left. Cal Fletcher, the school's football coach, in charge as tournament director.

Fletcher said he waited about a half-hour before postponing the games, starting with the 9830 a.m. matchup between Farmington and North Farmington, Fletcher said his two-man grounds crew starting working on the field at 730 a.m.

"It's just not draining like it used to," Fletcher said. "Some parks hold water better, it wan't due to a lack of manpower."

Southfield was also hosting a softball district at the nearby Civ. It Center and the only delay at that site was because of the umpires who were 20 minutes late. Carinci said the baseball district could not be moved to the Civic Center because the Southfield High grounds crew is restricted from working on that field.

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Southfield was able to play last year's district in one day despite sometimes heavy rain throughout

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the day.
"I know our (Southfield High)
grounds people wanted to make it
go," Carinel said. "They busted
their butts to get it going. When
they any it was impossible to play
Saturday, I believe them."

Quick decision

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RU coach Rick Berryman wishcs Fletcher would have writed
longer on Saturday before postponing the games. Berryman said
RU was having batting practice
on its field when the call came at
10:15 am. that the games were
postponed.
"I saw (the condition of) our
field and halfwey through hatting
practice there was no doubt in my
mind we were going to play," said
Berryman, whose team was
scheduled to play Harrison an
toon. "I went out there (to Southfield) at 11 am. Saturday and the
field was wet but with a couple
hours of a little work we could

have played it. The umpire was still there, and he said he was surprised we didn't wait. It was not a pleasant day, but you get it done."

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Tournament officials at Plymouth Canton waited three hours to start the first game played between Canton and Salem. Farmington coach Kevin Kansman said his players would have been getting the field ready early in the morning even if, like Southfield, they were not playing that day.

"If we hosted the district, my team would be out there; it's a matter of taking pride in your field," Kanmans asid. "If you put in for a district, you've got to get it ready. (More) people should have been out there. He knew it was raining. I knew it was raining at 4 a.m. when I woke up."

Tournament managers are supposed to wait two hours after the start of the first game before postponing the games because of weather, according to guidelines made by the Michigan High School Athletic Association. But Bill Bupp, the assistant director of the Mil-SAA, said tournament managers aren't required to follow the guidelines.

"We had games called as early as 7 o'clock and I know that because I got out of bed with that phone call," Bupp said. "We can't be at every facility and can't obligate people (to follow guidelines). We have to rely on managers to make those calls."

RU edges North to win district title

STARY WEITES

There was no calm after the storms Wednesday for the Redford Union baseball team.

RU had to survive some anxious moments to best Farmington Hills Harrison and North Farmington and Innally win the Class A Southfield district, which was delayed four days because of rain and bad weather.

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layed four days because of rain and bad weather.

The Panthers used the relief pitching of Mike Bjerke to beat Harrison, 3-1, in the semifiangame. They railled with two runs in the top of the seventh inning to beat North 6-5 in the champion-ship game for their first district title since 1985.

Panthers' coach filek Berryman hoped for an easier afternoon after wondering if the district would ever get played.

ever get played.
"I didn't think we had to wait four days and get down to these kind of games," said Berryman,

whose team meets Rochester Adams at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in the Walled Lake Western region-al, "But in the districts all teams raise their level of play, and you have to compliment Harrison and North."

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RU's No. 9 hitter, Jason Wohlfarth, had three doubles in the championship game, including one with two outs in the seventh to score pinch-runner Robert Septer for a 5-5 tie.

Steve Smith followed with a single to send Wohlfarth home with the game-winning run. Wohlfarth, who had a triple against Harrison, finished the day 4-for-5 with three RBI and two runs scored.

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"Pitchers don't expect the ninth guy to do much; it's mostly a fill-in position," Wohlfarth said. Sophomore pitcher Brian Ber-ryman earned the victory for RU in both games, one as a starter and one as a reliever. He lasted

4½ innings as a starter against Harrison and pitched 1½ innings in relief of Kevin Evans and Bjerke to win the championship. North got runners on first and third in the bottom of the seventh with two outs against Berryman, but Aaron Shepherd was caught looking at a called third strike to end the game. North had taken a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the sixth when Shepherd scored on a suicide squeeze bunt by Ryan Moore with no outs.

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RU had 11 hits off North's two sophomore pitchers — starter Darin Glasser and Mark Lee. Lee allowed only one run and seven hits after relieving Glasser with one out in the second. RU took a 3-0 lead in the sec-ond but North responded with four in the bottom of the inning, highlighted by RBI singles from Fred Toettcher and Corey Meurer and a two-run single by Jason Danfellewicz.

North finished 6-16 overall.

"It was a heck of a job for a couple of sophomorea," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "Some of the seniors did not show up (North was missing three seniors), but these gays that came did all they could and I'm proud of them."

Birke was the hero in the semisinal against Harrison, coming in with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the fifth and RU shead 2-1. Birke' got Harrison's Keye Smith to fly out to right field to end the threat.

Birke also had an RBI single in the aisth for a 3-1 lead and struck out Jack Dolline to end the game in the bottom of the seventh with two teammates aboard.

Harrison's season ended at 11-10. Smith fell to 6-3 in his final game.

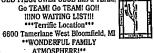
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"We had our chances, but just like a lot of games we don't get the key hit," Harrison coach John Harrington said.



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