



Part of the parade: Ed Cleland looks back at the field of play after scoring one of Harrison's 11 runs.

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mercy rule took effect after six innings.

McVay, Taylor and Doug were 2-for-3. McVay and Taylor had two RBI each, and Doug scored three runs.

Matt Zalkin was the winning pitcher, working the first four innings. Vilanis came on to pitch the last two.

STEVENSON 5, FARMINGTON 4: Livonia Stevenson's Ronnie Williams applied the squeeze on a pitching game called out by two of his teammates Monday. Williams delivered a two-out, bases-loaded single in the bottom of the seventh inning to propel the Spartans to a WAAA Lakes Division victory over Farmington. The clutch hit prevented a masterful pitching performance by Stevenson's Joe McCrohan and Mike Byberg from going up in smoke. Byberg and McCrohan combined to hold Farmington to two hits.

The win improved the Spartans to 5-2 overall and 3-0 in the division. Farmington is 8-3 and 1-2.

"Our pitchers have thrown well all spring, and today was no exception," Stevenson coach Harvey Weingordon said.

Byberg started on the mound for the Spartans and left the game with a 4-3 lead after four innings. He struck out five batters. McCrohan struck out six during his three-inning, relief stint.

Tim Lawson had a strong offensive game for the Spartans, knocking out two hits and two RBI.

Trailing 3-0, the Falcons pushed across three runs in their half of the third. Stevenson bounced back with a single run in its half of the third and two in the bottom of the fourth to regain the lead.

Farmington tied the game in the top of the seventh only to lose on Williams' dramatic, two-out single.

FARMINGTON WINS TOURNEY: The Falcons had better luck on Saturday, winning three games and the championship of the Huron Invitational.

Farmington defeated Whitmore Lake in the opener, 9-5. James Claranan pitched 5 1/2 innings to get the win. Brett Brown was 2-for-3; Claranan scored two runs.

Nick Hippler's three-run homer was just what the Falcons needed to beat Lutheran Westland, 3-2. Brown was the winning pitcher.

Justin Gorwatski went 2-for-3 and knocked in the go-ahead run as Farmington finished the day by beating Piquette, 7-2. John Walsman pitched a complete game for the Falcons.

CHURCHILL 9, FRANKLIN 3: Location, Location. Location. Pitcher Brad Bescoe had it Monday in Livonia Churchill's victory over Livonia Franklin.

Bescoe (1-1) struck out 14 and walked just one in his complete-game three-hitter that was highlighted more by where he spotted the ball than how fast he threw it, according to Churchill coach Herb Osterland.

"Brad has a pretty good fastball, but his control was outstanding," Osterland said. "When you strike out 14 batters in seven innings like Brad did, you're doing a lot of things right. He was in control from the first inning on."

The win improved Churchill's record to 4-4 overall and 3-2 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Rory Cesar paced the Chargers' offensive attack, going 2-for-4 with a pair of RBI. Tim Greenleaf and Bescoe also paced a pair of hits.

Tony Clark, Ruggiero and Ryan Tracy had one hit a piece for the Patriots (3-6, 1-2), who were hampered by six errors.

Shamrocks win pair from Rocks

Redford Catholic Central swept a Saturday doubleheader from host Plymouth Salem, 9-6 and 18-9, with pitching staffs from both schools depleted by conference games earlier in the week.

Sophomore Ryan Rogowski earned a win in his first prep decision in the opener, allowing just five hits over 4 1/2 innings. He struck out two and walked three with Kevin Entsminger protecting the win with 2 1/2 innings of relief. Entsminger gave up five hits but struck out five and didn't walk a batter.

Matt Loras hit a two-run home run in the fifth and doubled home two more in the seventh. John Hill drove in a run with a 2-for-3 game.

The Shamrocks (6-1) were held scoreless by Steve Gordon until breaking through for six runs in the fifth and tacking on three more in the seventh. They had 11 hits and made two errors.

Salem held a 3-0 lead after three, scored a run in the fifth and added two in the bottom of the seventh.

The Shamrocks started the second game with seven runs in the top of the first, featuring Jake Viane's grand slam, and put it away with four in both the fifth and sixth innings.

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Charlie Haeger's grand slam accounted for the four-run fifth as CC pounded out 18 hits in the game and made two errors.

Salem chipped away until tying the score at 8-8 in the third. Walks added the Rocks as they only got five hits in the game.

Haeger went 2-for-2 and drove in six runs in the second game.

Hill stroked three hits, two singles and a double. Loras had two hits, a single and a double and drove in a run.

Dave Tovey went 3-for-5 with two doubles, a single and a walk, and scored three runs. Rogowski drove in two runs with two hits.

Jeff Niemiec, brought up from the junior varsity to offer some pitching help, came in to get his first varsity victory with 3 1/2 innings of one-hit relief. He fanned two and walked five.

Jason Lukasik paced the Salem attack with a single, triple and home run in two games.

Steve Stiles went 2-for-4 and scored three runs in the in first game. Gordon had three hits in the first game.

Coach's firing ends 30 years in Wayne job

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The dean of Observerland baseball coaches went the way of former Tiger skippers Les, Buddy and Larry.

One short of his 400th victory, Wayne Memorial coach Jim Chronowski was fired prior to Friday's 11-10 loss at Ypsilanti.

Chronowski, who compiled a 399-337 record in 30 seasons, was replaced in the interim by Tom Wakefield, a Wayne High business teacher who was serving this spring as an assistant coach at Madonna University.

The decision to relieve Chronowski of his duties apparently went beyond Wayne principal Don Chastain and athletic director Bill Hawley.

Chastain referred all comments on the firing to Wayne-Westland Schools superintendent Dr. Greg Baracy.

"It's an unfortunate situation for Wayne Memorial High School and I won't discuss the details other than there was an incident with the baseball team and coach," Baracy said. "There was some inappropriate language used."

"After much thought and deliberation, we have decided that behavior is inappropriate for any role model such as a coach, or for that matter any faculty member or administrator for the Wayne-Westland Schools. It just won't be tolerated."

Chronowski, who retired from teaching in the district three years ago, said, "I was never brought in and explained the charges."

"It's my understanding a parent, parents, and a board member called the central office. But I was never asked to meet with the parents or the board member. I was never able to confront my accusers. There was pressure coming down from somewhere, and I thought I deserved better for somebody who had put in over 30 years."

Chronowski said he never had a "face-to-face meeting" with Chastain to discuss the matter.

"He called me on the phone when I was in Bill Hawley's office to tell me right before we were going to take the bus Friday," Chronowski said. "One expletive cost me my future. I thought I worked hard. I put in the time and effort and even put my own money into the program."

Chronowski said he spent \$2,000 of his own \$3,300 yearly coaching salary the past two years to upgrade equipment and uniforms for the varsity team.

"They decided it would be better for the program to make a change," Hawley said.

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