

Falcons stay alive in Lakes; Warriors defeat Hawks

Jan Pardonnott earned his fifth pitching victory Monday, leading host Farmington to a 6-4 victory over Livonia Stevenson.

The win keeps the Falcons in contention for the Lakes Division baseball title in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Farmington was 4-2 going into a big doubleheader today with Plymouth Salem; Stevenson is 5-2 in the division.

Pardonnott went the distance, striking out five and issuing just one walk.

The Falcons, who stood at 13-6 overall after the win, won the game despite being out hit, 8-4.

The reason is one of their hits was a three-run homer by James Clarahon, who put Farmington ahead, 5-4.

Brad Baranie doubled, walked and scored two runs, and Bob Houchins had an RBI with a fielder's choice.

Dan Wilson went 3-for-4 and scored two runs for Stevenson, 9-6 overall.

W.L. WESTERN 4, HARRISON 2: The game was scoreless Monday until the eighth inning when Adam Michard uncorked a two-out, bases-loaded double to give Western a 3-0 lead. Teammate Roo Pisha added an RBI single.

Jim Kay hit a two-run homer in the bottom of the eighth for Harrison, which slipped to 5-2 in the WLA Western Division and 14-2 overall.

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BASEBALL

Harrison starter Tim Doig suffered his first pitching defeat in five decisions. He was replaced by Kay after giving up a leadoff double in the eighth.

The winning pitcher was Kevin Wade, who worked into the eighth and gave up Kay's homer. The Warriors were still ahead when he left the mound.

Harrison had two runners aboard with one out in the eighth and its Nos. 3-4-5 hitters coming up; however, Mike Pisha got the Hawks to hit into a game-ending double play.

Lou Hadley was 3-for-4 and Brad Hocking 2-for-3 for Harrison.

On Saturday, the Hawks won the Richmond Invitational, edging Warren Woods Tower, 3-2, and destroying No. 2-ranked (Division 2) and previously unbeaten Richmond in four innings, 15-0.

Kay pitched a no-hitter against Richmond, striking out six and allowing no walks.

Harrison had 10 hits and left the Blue Devils shell-shocked after scoring seven runs in the first inning. It was 10-0 after two; Harrison scored five more in the fourth.

Hadley hit a grand slam; he was 3-for-4 with four RBIs. Doig hit a two-run homer and a double; Kevin McVay scored three runs and had one RBI, and Hocking hit a two-run double.

In the first game, the Hawks took a 3-1 lead with a run in the top of the seventh; Nick Vitale scored on a wild pitch.

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RBI single scored McVay, and Ghonnans scored on Marcus Mennotti's suicide squeeze.

Matt Zetkin was the winning pitcher, holding the Titans to three hits and three walks.

GLENN 13, N. FARMINGTON 12: If you can't outpitch them, outslug them. That formula worked Monday for Coach Todd Outfield's Westland John Glenn baseball team as it gave up five runs in the top of the seventh, then scored six in the bottom of the eighth, winning to Lake a 13-12 victory from North Farmington.

After one was out, winning relief pitcher Tom Howard walked to start the rally. Mike Grant singled, then Jeff Kosowski reached on an error that let in the first run.

Another run scored on an error permitting Dave Mijal to reach first. Chad Sanson then singled in the third run of the inning and Josh Day doubled home the fourth.

Mark Wacker was walked intentionally to load the bases with two out but Dave Holloway spoiled the strategy with a game-winning two-run single.

Howard pitched to two batters to gain the win, walking one and seeing the second line into a 9-4 double play. He is now 1-0.

North pounded 10 hits but made four errors while Glenn got its 13 runs on 13 hits. The Rockets made three errors.

Glenn overcame a 3-1 deficit with three runs in the fourth and took tacked on three more in the fifth before North made its bid.

Sanson went 4-for-5 for the day while Day had a single, double and triple good

for three RBIs. Holloway collected a pair of singles plus a double for five RBIs and Mike Grant had two hits and an RBI.

Brian Lofler had two hits for the Raiders, with Mike Livornois pounding two doubles, and Ethan Goodman and Zach Lessway getting two hits each.

Pat O'Connell, who came on in relief in the fifth, took the loss for North. The Rockets are 1-6 in the WLA Lakes Division and 0-14 overall; the Raiders are 2-5 and 3-9.

CC 5-4, BROTHER RICE 10-5-10: Winning two of three games against Birmingham Brother Rice on Saturday would have clinched a spot in the Catholic League playoffs for Catholic Central.

Instead, the Shamrocks lost the completion of a previously suspended game against the Warriors, then split the regularly scheduled doubleheader to force a one-game playoff Wednesday to determine the final berth in the DCL postseason.

"We have a chance to redeem ourselves," said CC coach John Satter. "If he had won outright, we would have been there."

The Shamrocks dropped the suspended game 10-5 after resuming it, trailing 9-4 in the bottom of the fourth. CC won the opener of the doubleheader, 3-1, but lost the second game, 10-6, to tie the Warriors with a 9-7 record and share second place in the Central Division at 9-7.

In the suspended game, Matt Loras wound up, 2-for-4 with two runs scored and Ryan Rogowski was 1-for-1 with a walk and a run scored.

CC (15-8) shut down Rice in the opener, on a combined three-hitter by Adam Kline and eventual winner Adam Smith (2-1).

"Relief pitching was the story," said Satter. "Adam came in in relief and pretty much shut them down."

Brian Williams and Charlie Haeger led the way at the plate as they both went 2-for-3.

Rice earned revenge in the second

game, paced by a five-run fifth and a three-run seventh. Kevin Entsminger (2-2) suffered the loss. Williams and John Hill both had a pair of hits and an RBI.

LUTH. NORTH 9, CLARENCEVILLE 8: A fifth-inning rally fell short Monday and the Trojans couldn't score again in dropping the Metro Conference decision. Macomb Lutheran North (6-12-1) scored in each of the first five innings, then staved off Livonia Clarenceville's late rallies to keep the Trojans winless in eight Metro games. Lutheran North is 3-5 in league play.

Kevin Siley gave up all nine Lutheran, North runs in the five innings he worked. Tim Redd pitched scoreless ball over the final two frames.

Clarenceville (3-9) got a 3-for-5 game from Ray Gutierrez, who drove in a run, while Joe Keough, Scott Carr and Eric Elmore each went 2-for-4 to pace the Trojans' 14-hit attack. Carr also had an RBI.

Gutierrez, Keough and Elmore each scored twice.

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made 261 appearances before retiring in 1958.

In 1963, he returned to U-D as an assistant coach under Lloyd Brazil before becoming head coach in 1965. As a head coach, he's compiled an 896-761-2 record and had 28 20-win seasons. This year, the Titans are 15-26 and 4-14 in the league heading into the Midwestern Collegiate Conference tournament this weekend in Dayton.

And the memories acquired in that time have been plentiful.

"I've been able to coach my sons (Tom, Bob and Pat) and that was a thrill," Miller said.

"My team in 1965 came within a game of going to Omaha for the College World Series), and the team in the 1970s were as good as any around. But the one thing I always told my players and recruits is that they were going to get their education and play for a helluva baseball program. That was my philosophy."

In addition to coaching, Miller also takes care of the Campbell Athletic Complex as if it were his own house. He cuts the grass and edges it, builds and rebuilds the mounds.

For most of his years as a baseball coach, he also sold

insurance for lifelong friend Chuck Davie.

Miller will still be dealing with grass in retirement, but most of it will be on a golf course.

He's had several old friends begging him to play for years. Now he'll have the time and opportunity to do it.

And baseball won't be out of his system entirely.

"I'll still go to high school games, Connie Mack games, at Ford Field in Livonia," Miller said. "I'm still going to go out and do it even though I'm not recruiting. I enjoy the game."

"It's in my soul now."

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