

# Sorrows grabs Early Bird tournament

Our Lady of Sorrows' seventh- and eighth-grade Blue team survived snow squalls, 30-degree temperatures and an opening loss to come back and win the school's annual Spring Early Bird Baseball Tournament with a 10-0 shutout over Redford St. Valentine's April 10.



**Baseball champions:** The members of the Sorrows baseball team are (kneeling, left to right) Jeff Petry, Jonathan Castine, Andy Harris, Zack Crawford, Thomas Whitting; (standing, left to right) Nick Martz, Nick Carroll, coach John Castine, Jeff Gorecki, Matt Reje, coach Joe Reje, Steve Kish, Craig Bergeron, Tim Nagrocki, Scott Malinowski, Jon Conover and coach Rick Nagrocki.

## BASEBALL

Pitchers Steve Kish and Thomas Whitting combined on a no-hitter, which ended after the fifth inning under the 10-run mercy rule. Kish pitched three innings facing 10 batters giving up only a walk. Whitting faced eight hitters, walking three.

Matt Reje, Jonathan Castine, Jeff Petry and Scott Malinowski led the hitting attack for the Saints, each with multi-hit performances.

Kish helped his own cause with a two-run single to open the scoring in the second inning, followed by Castine's three-run triple and Reje's first of three,

hits and three RBI, for a 6-0 lead.

The Saints posted three more runs in the third on Petry and Castine RBI singles and a Reje double. Reje knocked in his third run with a single in the fifth inning.

The squad's 6-4 loss in its opening game to Our Lady of Refuge of West Bloomfield April 5 came via four unearned runs in bottom of the last inning.

The Saints one-hit Refuge elsewhere. In a now-shortened second game, the Saints got back into contention with a 6-1 win over St. Anne's of Warren.

Under sunny, but still cold

conditions April 6, Sorrows (1-1) had to defeat St. Fabian of Farmington Hills (2-0), and did so, 8-2, for a shot against St. Valentine (3-0), which defeated St. Edith of Livonia, St. Raphael of Westland and Our Lady of Sorrows' Gold team in the other bracket.

In the pivotal game with St. Fabian, Saints starter Petry left with a 2-2 tie after the third inning and tournament team addition, Jeff Gorecki, no-hit the Falcons over the last four innings, giving up only a walk and hitting one batter while striking out eight.

Reje and Malinowski both had

two-hit, three-RBI performances, and Petry added two hits and two RBI. Andy Harris knocked in the other Saints run.

After the one error in the first game that led to their loss, the Saints had solid defense from fielders Nick Martz, Zack Crawford, Jon Conover, Craig Bergeron, Tim Nagrocki and Nick Carroll.

Catcher Castine threw out four of six attempted base stealers in the tournament. The Saints Blue team plays in the West Suburban Division of the Catholic Youth Organization and is coached by Joe Reje, Rick Nagrocki and John Castine.

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pitched a four-hitter and fanned eight in a 4-0 victory over the Raiders.

### Hawks mercy Chargers

Mike Sacha pitched four innings of one-hit baseball Monday to lead Farmington Harrison to a 10-0 victory over Livonia Churchill.

The game ended after five innings due to the mercy rule.

The Hawks are 2-0 in the Western Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 7-1 overall. The Chargers are 0-2 and 4-4. Harrison had 10 hits, including two apiece by Nick Vitanis and Drew Stanton. Both players also scored two runs each.

Danny Doig knocked in three runs with a bases-loaded double. Kevin Zerbo contributed a two-run double, and Stanton had one RBI.

Doig started the fifth inning on the mound, and Eric Zatkun finished up.

Churchill had a total of two hits, both by Anthony Carozza. Jon Marimarty was the losing pitcher.

"After a big emotional weekend, where we played two tough games, I'm happy we came back and were ready to play today, because sometimes you can have a letdown," Harrison coach John Herrington said.

The Hawks won the Farmington Great Eight Tournament Saturday, defeating Kalamazoo Central (9-2) in nine innings at North Farmington, 7-6. In the Harrison ninth, Andy Winger singled and scored the tying run on Jake Ghannam's two-out triple. Ghannam scored the winning run on Greg Hocking's single.

Whipple started but Winger got the win, pitching the last 2 2/3 innings. Doig and Hocking had three hits apiece. Zerbo also had an RBI.

The Hawks needed two runs in

the bottom of the sixth to tie the score and force extra innings.

Whipple hit a two-run single to score Winger (walk) and Bill Richeson (single) and make the score, 5-5.

Harrison got to the final with a 1-0 win over defending Division I state champion Grosse Pointe South.

Stanton pitched a two-hitter and struck out 14 while walking none. Stanton also scored the lone run on Ghannam's RBI single.

In their first game, the Hawks merced Allen Park in five innings, 13-2. Whipple pitched the first three innings for the win, and Zatkun worked the last two.

Stanton was 2-for-3 with a home run and a triple; Zerbo was 2-for-2 with a double, a triple and three RBI, and Vitanis was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

"It was an outstanding tournament," Herrington said. "In the second game, the pitching and defense were superb."

"Drew Stanton struck out 14 and only gave up two hits against a quality team. In the championship game, we were able to come back twice from deficits."

On Tuesday, Harrison lost a non-league game to last year's division I state runner-up, West Bloomfield, 8-6.

Winger pitched the first 3 1/3 innings and took the loss. Whipple worked the last 2 2/3 innings. Stanton was 3-for-3; Whipple had two hits and Doig two RBI.

The Hawks misplayed two balls in the outfield, which led to four West Bloomfield runs.

**LUTHERAN 'N' WEST 5, CLARENCEVILLE 4:** Josh Young went 2-for-3 and Charles Bolender tossed a complete game Monday, but it wasn't enough as Livonia Clarenceville (0-4, 0-1) fell in its Metro Conference opener at Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest.

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Friday, April 26  
Northville at Harrison, 4 p.m.  
Farmington at John Glenn, 4 p.m.  
N. Farmington at W.L. Central, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 27  
Harrison at Clarkson Tourney, 10 a.m.  
N. Farmington at Puy, Salem, TBA.

**SOFTBALL**  
Friday, April 26  
W.L. Central at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.  
John Glenn at Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Harrison at Northville, 4 p.m.

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
Thursday, April 25  
Merzy at Notre Dame Prep, 7 p.m.  
Friday, April 26  
Farmington at N. Farmington, 7 p.m.  
W. Bloomfield at Farmington, 5 p.m.

**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday, April 25  
Northville at Harrison, 3:30 p.m.  
John Glenn at N. Farmington, 3:30 p.m.  
Farmington at Salem, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 27  
City meet at N. Farmington, TBA.

**GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
Thursday, April 25  
Harrison at Northville, 3:30 p.m.  
N. Farmington at John Glenn, 3:30 p.m.  
Salem at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, April 26  
Merzy at Jackson Invite, TBA.

Saturday, April 27  
City meet at N. Farmington, TBA.

**BOYS TENNIS**  
Friday, April 26  
W.L. Western at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.  
Churchill at Harrison, 4 p.m.  
Farmington at Franklin, 4 p.m.

Saturday, April 27  
Harrison at Monroe Invite, 9 a.m.  
Farmington at Flushing, 8:15 a.m.

**GIRLS GOLF**  
Friday, April 26  
Farm. at South Lyon Invite, 11 a.m.  
Salem at Farmington, 3 p.m.

**BOYS LACROSSE**  
Thursday, April 25  
Bishop Foley at Farmington, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 27  
Farmington at Rockford, TBA.  
Farmington at Waterford, TBA.

**GIRLS LACROSSE**  
Friday, April 26  
Farmington at L'Anse au Loup, 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 27  
Waverly at Farmington, 2 p.m.