

Miller Joins Redford Greats With No-Hitter

When one pitcher bows out at Redford Union High School, there always appears to be another waiting in the wings to take over.

In recent years, Redford Union has boasted such Observer area All-Stars as Dale Bjerkie and Randy Ferguson.

Next in line could be Tom Miller, who'll become a 10th grader in the fall.

MILLER IS playing on Redford's Warholak team in the Connie Mack League. It is comprised of members of this past season's Redford Union co-champs in the Suburban Six League ... and

also of some players, like Miller, who'll be moving up to the varsity.

Miller showed he's ready to hurl for the RU varsity when he hurled a no-hitter, blanking Franklin, 3-0, in the Mack League.

He struck out seven and walked two, one of whom was erased in a double play. As a result he faced only 22 batters, one over the minimum in a seven-inning game.

Warholak, which is leading the National Division of the Mack League, scored twice in the third inning on only one hit — a single by Ron Lehr. Miller's fielder's choice, R. J. LeRoux's walk, Mark Durand's walk

and a wild pitch sent the runs across.

LeRoux singled, stole second, went to third on a wild toss and came home on a squeeze with the final Warholak run.

NORTH FARMINGTON turned back Gates Realty of Plymouth, 3-1, in another National game.

John Combes, from North Farmington High, gave up two hits in mastering the Plymouth team.

John Haine walked and scored on Dave Nauman's hit for the first North Farmington run in the third inning. In the fourth, Combes struck out, but was safe at first when the ball got away from the Gates' catcher.

Rick Garneau singled Combes along and both men scored on Charles Wolfe's double.

CROWE ROYALS (Livonia Bentley) had no trouble downing Garden City East, 9-2, behind the five hit pitching of Brian Dinsmore, who lurked the distance. He struck out four.

Al Hernandez and Pat Perino each drove in two runs for the winners while Paul Devonty and Ken Grant knocked in one each. Grant's RBI came on a perfect squeeze bunt.

Four runs in the fifth inning settled the outcome.

Thurston Retains Lead; Makes Hubert Sixth Victim

It's still Thurston riding along on top in the International Division of the Greater Livonia Baseball League.

The combined pitching of Steve Kregar and Mark Miller, plus the wildness of Livonia Hubert Realty pitchers made it possible for Thurston to post a 7-5 decision — its sixth in seven starts.

THURSTON SCORED six times in the third inning on only two hits. Four walks and

a hit batsman went along with singles by Ben Fontani and Mike Robinson to inflict the damage on pitcher Bob Bialy.

Then Dennis Poppenger socked a homer in the fourth inning for the final Thurston run. After that Bialy and Mike Gee kept Thurston scoreless, but the damage had been done.

Kregar hurled the first five innings for the winners, allowing five hits and fanning

11. Miller finished up. Tim Rose doubled in Bialy with Hubert's first run. Randy Hickerson doubled with Tom See and Gee aboard for two more Hubert runs in the sixth. Walks to See and Gee and an error produced two more Hubert runs in the seventh.

Livonia Patriots (Franklin High) came up with some crack pitching by Tony Kaseta to down Plymouth, 8-1. Kaseta yielded five hits to master

Brad Trux, who had won his last three starts.

The Patriots scored once in the first inning when Rob Hollandsworth's sacrifice fly admitted Paul Sopsich, once in the second on Don Opland's single, walk and an error and once in the fourth when Opland singled and Steve Crowe tripped.

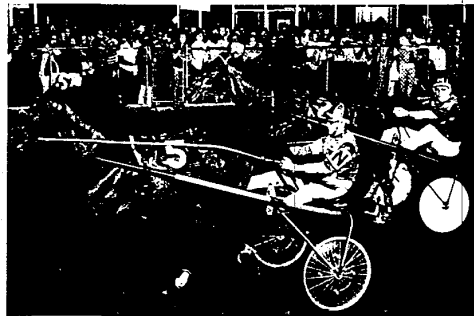
Four runs in the fifth put the game on ice with four walks and a single by Gar Frantz doing the trick. Opland singled

home Frantz with the final Patriots' run in the sixth inning.

Plymouth escaped a shutout when Dave Hees singled and came around on an error in the second inning.

Farmington Harrison squeaked past Novi, 5-4, as Tom Young rescued Gary Gaspas with some neat relief pitching.

All Harrison runs were scored in the fourth inning. Gaspas walked and Young tripped him in. Then walks to Jeff Kallgren, Tim Collar, Gary Mooney, Tim Golich and Dave Mann and an error produced four more runs in the inning.



UNDER THE WIRE goes Special Boy; one of the stars of the Bill Longo stable of Farmington, to win his sixth victory in seven starts. The aged trotter is considered the best on the grounds at Northville Downs and has made shambles of all competition. He has won two invitationals in as many starts at the 'Downs.



BOB SITKAUSKAS, of Crowe Royal, is caught in a rundown between third and home when he tried to score on a sacrifice that didn't

materialize. Three Warholak Tire players close in on Bob who finally was tagged out by the third baseman. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Southfield Wins 13th; Can't Catch Waterford

Let it not be said you can't bring together boys from two different schools and mold them into an instant winner.

Take the case of the Southfield American Legion baseball team.

It is made up of performers from Southfield High and Brother Rice...the cream of two crops, as the ol' saying goes.

Coached by Fred Goldberg of Southfield, the team is operating at a blazing clip. By beating Berkley Wednesday, Southfield chalked up its 13th victory against two defeats and one tie in the 18th District.

A walk and an error brought in two runs and Gombar helped his own cause with another hit that sent in the third run of the inning.

Gary Mazza's sacrifice fly produced the fourth run and Dick Stabile singled to produce the fifth and final run.

In the fourth Southfield added its final marker on a walk to Gombar and singles by Mazza and Stabile.

Berkley's two runs resulted from three walks and a single in the fourth inning.

Plan Safety Class

THE WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY Conservation Club, with headquarters on Napier Rd. in Plymouth Township, will be conducting a young hunters safety class in August.

Young hunters under 17 are required by state law to have either previous hunting experience or have taken the hunter safety course and examination.

Under the law, passed in 1969 by the State Legislature, the state shall appoint in-

structors and collect a \$2 fee. If the course is completed, a certificate is granted and the license can be issued.

The Conservation Club will sponsor as many sessions of the class as are necessary, charging \$3.50. Of that, \$2 will go to the state as required; the rest to the club for shooting supplies.

Anyone interested in the class should write the Western Wayne County Conservation Club, P.O. Box 101, Plymouth, Mich., 48170.

Lathrup Beats Geakes; Then Ties Bloomfield

By STEVE STEIN

The Lathrup Lions continued their fine showing in the Oakland County Senior Babe Ruth League with a 4-0 victory over Birmingham Geakes, and then a tie with first-place Bloomfield for the second time, 2-2.

The games gave Lathrup a record of 9-3-3 with four contests to play in the regular season.

In league play against Birmingham, Lathrup pitcher Paul Jacobs hurled his second straight shutout, this one a two-hitter, striking out six batters.

Jacobs will be a senior next year at Southfield Lathrup.

Lathrup scored in the second inning on a single by Rick Vogelke, a walk to Mill Thackaberry, and a single by Larry Heidloff.

The Lions scored three more in the fifth. Jeff Goldberg was safe on a fielder's choice, and stole second. Andy Barak walked, Goldberg moved to third, and Barak went to second on a double steal. Both scored on a single by Dave Kay. Kay then scored after singles by Vogelke and Thackaberry.

THE GAME with Bloomfield was halted after seven innings. Barak pitched well for the Lions, allowing two unearned runs in the first inning and only giving up three hits.

The Lions scored single tallies in the second and fourth innings. In the second, Thackaberry singled, Howard

Wallach and Jim Millen walked, and Barak drove in Thackaberry with a sacrifice. Barak knocked in Millen with a triple after Millen walked in the fourth inning in the final scoring of the game.

Lathrup loaded the bases and failed to score, and a Bloomfield runner was picked off second to end the game.

Benefit To Aid Ex-Cager

A group of cub scout fathers in Livonia is furnishing living proof that charity begins at home and that lessons learned as a scout live on and on.

Learning that John Richardson, 35 885 Orangelawn, a former basketball star at the University of Detroit, was being kept alive by an artificial kidney machine and needed help these fathers have organized a benefit.

Richardson is currently being treated with a kidney machine supplied by the Michigan Kidney Foundation at Mt. Carmel Hospital.

BUT HE needs one at home, Furlong said, because thrice-weekly treatments, each lasting seven hours are necessary. Furlong said the Veterans' Administration is going to furnish a machine while Richardson's fellow employees and other volunteers renovate his basement into a clinic to house the unit.

Furlong said medical supplies for each treatment will add up to \$3,250 annually.

Pick Adray Stars For Annual Battle

The stars will shine in a big way at Tiger Stadium this week.

The best of the American and National leagues will oppose each other Tuesday night, and then Wednesday morning the young greats of the state Adray baseball program will take over the Tiger diamond for two games.

The first battle will pit the cream of the Greater Livonia Adray League against the best of Detroit at 10 a.m. Then it will be the Port Huron team vs. Midland in the second all star game.

The members of the greater Livonia team have been announced, selected by the seven managers in the league. They are:

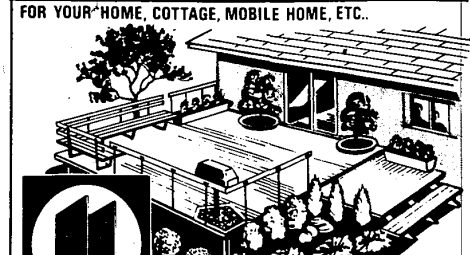
Infielders: Rob Hollandsworth, Livonia Hubert; Stu Rose, Livonia Hubert; Pat McHugh, Garden City; Bob Briggs, Westland; Rich Adams, Northville; and Dennis Poppenger, Redford.

Outfielders: Jeff Washington, Redford; John Combes, N. Farmington; Gordon Eszes, Redford; Keith Sylvester, Garden City; and Jim Cron, Livonia Hubert.

Pitchers: Kirk Taylor, Redford; Jim Murray, Redford; Dave Rice, Hubert; John Morrison, Northville; and Tim Carr, Redford.

Catchers: Dale Rumberger, Plymouth; and Tom Roy, Redford.

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