

Hurler Helps Own Cause As Plymouth Nips Westland

The fortunes of a baseball game can change quickly. Bob Phillips had a no-hitter going for the better part of four innings as he hurled for Westland Cleaners against Plymouth Bidwell in the Greater Livonia Adray Baseball League.

But then he yielded a hit in the fifth and he eventually wound up a loser, 4-2. Rival pitcher Randy Van Gasse, meantime, turned in a fine mound performance and aided his own cause with Plymouth's first hit, which

also led to Plymouth's first run.

Howie Schryer had walked in the Plymouth fifth and moved to second on a wild pitch when Van Gasse unloaded a run producing hit.

Then in the sixth an error put Steve Chilenko aboard and Plymouth quickly capitalized for two more runs. Dennis Becker doubled Chilenko to third and Gary Crosby followed with a sacrifice fly for one run.

A single by Bob Walden brought in Becker with the second run of the inning.

IN THE SEVENTH with Mark Cahill pitching for Westland, Dale Rumberger and Chilenko walked and Becker delivered another big hit—a single to send in Rumberger.

Westland scored twice when Ken Gawkowski singled and Chuck Slammer followed with another hit. When the ball rolled past the outfielder, Gawkowski came in and Slammer went to third from where he checked in on Mike Border's sacrifice.

Redford turned back North Farmington, 8-2, as Jim

Horton, pitching for the first time since early in the month, allowed only three hits.

Horton missed a shutout when Marty Raymond tripled, John Combes doubled and Harvey Sell singled in the sixth.

Redford took advantage of Mike Hart's wildness to score in the first on Jim Burke's single and three walks.

In the second, singles by Denny Blazok and R.J. LeBlond and two errors helped Redford score three more runs.

Two runs came home in the fourth with Gordie Exers accounting for the inning's only hit—a double. In the sixth, Burke knocked in two runs with a double.

Livonia's Hubert was declared the winner over Garden City when Garden City wasn't able to field nine players.

The third and final round in Adray play begins Sunday.

So far, Redford and Northville have emerged as champs of the first and second rounds, respectively.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

During the past several years, those from Metropolitan Detroit and surrounding areas outstate have been introduced to a great many betting gimmicks. All have been very interesting and all have met with the approval of those who like to wager a bob or two. But in many instances they have not been accepted by those who direct the activities at the running and harness racing plants.

Years ago, when the Detroit Racing Association had the only game in the state, the program included eight races and a daily double. Of course there were such things as a \$3 combination instead of the usual \$4 and other gimmicks. One of my major projects.

Then came harness racing and the program was increased to 10 races nightly with the daily double.

The first of the new gimmicks came with the in-

troduction of the twin double in which the bettor had to pick winners of two races and then exchange the ticket and attempt to pick the winners of two more.

The trouble was that those holding tickets on the first two often sold them at a high price to persons who sought as many tickets as possible for exchanges.

This brought the incident of the new famed "Fat Man" who was noted for buying up tickets and also noted for being the lone holder of exchanges that were more than \$100,000.

The "Fat Man" more than any other individual was responsible for the Twin Double fading out in Michigan and eventually at tracks in the east and south.

By George Maskin observing sports

ALL-STAR GAME POST MORTEM:

Little wonder they say Tiger Stadium is a hitter's paradise and a pitcher's nightmare...six of the longest clouts you'll ever see.

And that Reggie Jackson sock. Without the light-tower to impede its progress, the ball probably would have landed on the Fisher Freeway a couple of blocks away.

SO, WHAT TIGER FAN can knock Earl Weaver of Baltimore, who managed the winning American League team.

There were four Tigers on his squad and all received more than a fair chance to play. Bill Freehan caught seven innings...Norm Cass played first base for five...Al Kaline operated in right for four innings and Mickey Lolich cleaned up the pitching for the winners.

Poetic justice, I thought, that Kaline should score what proved the deciding run for Americans.

CAN'T SEE HOW Frank Robinson should have been voted the most valuable player. Granted he delivered the homer that put the American League ahead to stay.

In my book, here was a case that a game actually didn't produce one standout over another. After all, didn't homers by Jackson and Harmon Killebrew each bring in two runs, too?

And, what about the excellent pitching by Jim Palmer, Mike Cuellar and Lolich which kept the National bats subdued from the third inning on?

I, for one, can't see why every all-star affair always must have its MVP.

VIDA BLUE FOUND the National League swatters a lot tougher than those he's faced in the American.

Somewhat, he didn't look quite as fast at Tiger Stadium Tuesday as he does when he's pitching in regular games.

Which reminds me, Vida and the Oakland A's will invade Tiger Stadium next weekend. And, it's a cinch Vida will pitch somewhere along the line in the series.

TO LOOK AT Henry (Hank) Aaron of the Atlanta Braves, one of the all-time belters in baseball history, you wonder how he can sock the ball so far. He gives you the impression he's a "little guy..." something which he isn't.

And, they tell you, those around the National League, that there's no nicer ball player any where, any place.

"He's the best," one National League umpire told me at the commissioner's all-star luncheon.

Lost in the pre-game excitement...the Marines Corps color guard who collapsed and had to be carried from the field a second before the National Anthem.

KIND OF THOUGHT the ovations Tiger fans gave to the visiting All-Stars was slight in comparison to the greetings accorded such players in other cities. Of course, the salutes to Cash and Kaline were something to remember.

Too bad, "Stormin'" Norman couldn't contact on anything in his two trips to the plate.

WHO SAYS THEY can't play baseball at a fast clip...two hours and five minutes. There wasn't much business on the bases...not with the balls rattling off the roof and into the stands the way they did.

Maybe the Tiger management should consider moving up starting time to 7:30 p.m. for evening games, the way everybody got there for a 7:15 - or was it a 7:20 start?

IT DOES BRING goose bumps...just looking there at Willie Mays, Willie Stargell, Johnny Bench, Dick Ellis and all the rest of the National League greats you seldom, if ever, see live in Detroit, except on TV.

Maybe, this is another good reason why baseball should go for inter-league competition. Wouldn't that be something?

WONDER IF DETROIT will have a new stadium when next an all-star game is played here?

That should be around 1991, give or take a few years.

It was quite a show...and, as always, our town did it up royally.

Mid-Week Fishing Best, DNR Says

Hot weather has kept fishing light in the lakes of the area, according to Pontiac district headquarters of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

Best fishing is still mid-week, the DNR reports; live bait is getting good results. Smallmouth bass caught on Union Lake ranged in size from 14-16 inches. Bass were

hitting fair to good on Lake Orion, Square, Pontiac, Rattlesnake, Bush, Valley, and Holly area lakes.

Pike were being taken on Lower Pettibone Lake.

Bluegills were running small on Lake Orion, but good catches were taken on Union, Pontiac, Rattlesnake, Bush, Crotched, and Holly area lakes. A few smallmouth bass caught on the Bald Mt. Pond ranged 11-12 inches.

Experimental walleye rearing at Drayton Plains Nature Center ponds is showing success.

This spring fisheries personnel, in cooperation with the nature center and Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, planted 175,000 walleye fry into three of the old hatchery ponds.

Last week one pond was lowered 7,500 two-inch fingerlings swam into the Clinton River, destined for Cass Lake.

This is good production from waters that received practically no management, DNR officials say. Further releases will take place in late July; many of these fish may show up in Cass Lake fishermen's creels in 1973.

Honor Goes To Bob Levy

Bob Levy, of Southfield High, has been named on the Southeastern Michigan Association's All-League Tennis team. Teammate Del Fishman was awarded honorable mention acclaim in the belated selections.

Dan Richards, of Royal Oak Kimball, a state Class A finalist, headed the first team selections.

Brooklane Records 9th Hole In One

Brooklane Golf Course in Northville Township recorded its ninth hole in one of the year.

The honor went to Mrs. Jean Korkala, of 14954 Winthrop, Detroit, who sank her shot with a driver on the par three, 111-yard 16th hole. She has been playing golf for three years.

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IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

In appropriate ceremonies James R. Sullivan, an office worker who lives at 20226 St. Francis in Livonia, was crowned King of the Metropolitan Bowlers at Ark West in Southfield.

In a roll off of all candidates for the high honor the new "King" put together games of 176, 155 and 241 for a 635. At that figure he beat out Jim Lillie, of Merri-Bowl.

The crowning of a "king" in a roll-off is the new method chosen to determine the crown-wearer.

For years the King and Queen were those persons who attained the highest mean averages in the city. Under this plan Mrs. Elvira Twofar became the Queen five years in a row to better the record once set by Marge Merrick, now of Columbus, O., who won four in a row.

The change in the method started a year ago when the crown-wearers were chosen by lot at the Champions dinner. Unfortunately, the "queen" who was drawn was a non-resident who was a guest at the dinner. With that experience the powers that be decided on the house eliminations and a grand roll-off.

TO PROVE that his new role as the Bowling King hasn't affected his style, Sullivan, who carries a 159 average in the Bel-Aire Monday Mixed League, fired a 256 in 655 to pace the entire circuit.

Good scores are on the rise in the summer leagues at Bel-Aire.

For example, Rollie Kraus, bowling in the Bermuda Shorcks circuit, had games of 235, 220 and 202 for a 657. Behind him came Tom McCullough with a 219 in 573 and Ray Palmer with a 232 in 562.

Agnes Blanchard was high for the ladies with 184 in 474.

Even in the Thursday low average league Joe Guthrie came through with a 500.

The most unusual performance of the week was turned in by Don Levoska who opened with identical games of 235 and then dropped to a closing 194. Dave Pondran landed in the runnerup spot with a 591 that included a 232 game.

Two of the youth bowlers came through, too. Mike Rashid posted a 509 and Paul Koenig had a 206 in 507.

The biggest count of the week came in the four game men's doubles where Tom Masscar linked counts of 224, 220, 223 and 203 for 880 and Phil Horowitz tied him with stringing counts of 224, 247, 211 and 178.

ANN SETLOCK, instructor at Garden Lanes, who registered the highest mean average in the city last season, will be one of eight star bowlers chosen from

across the nation to compete in a taped video show next week in New York.

In a new competition named the Women's National Classic, the hand-picked stars will bowl against eight girls from Buffalo.

One of Ann's teammates will be another high average bowler well known in the Detroit area—LaVerne Carter.

JIM SORBY found the range at Merri-Bowl in the Thursday doubles and easily paced the field with a 686 series that included a 257 game.

In the four man event Jim Lillie, Don Giess, James Finner and James Sewell proved consistent. Together they posted a 1031 series.

THE CHAMPIONS Dinner, sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors Association of Greater Detroit, will be held at the Latin Quarter on Friday, Aug. 13.

This is the affair at which all of the champions in the Champion of Champions Tournament are awarded trophies.

It follows by five days the statewide event for the Youth Bowling Association champions who will be honored in a mammoth feat at the Civic Center in Lansing.

Pool Hours Are Changed

Swimming pool hours at Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville have been changed for 1971.

The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The charge for the use of the bath-house is 25 cents for persons of all ages and coin-operated lockers for the storage of clothes or other items rest for 25 cents each. All females are required to wear swim caps, as are males with excessively long hair. Food service hours are the same as at the swimming pool.

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