

# Redford Clinches Flag; Routs Farmington 11-1

Hat's off to Warholak Tire... or Redford Union... the Greater Livonia Connie Mack League-National League baseball champs.

Warholak, comprised of varsity players from Redford Union and managed by Bob Atkins, the RU football and baseball coach, made it 11-0 for the season and clinched the divisional flag by routing North Farmington, 11-1.

With the curtain dropping this week, there's no longer a chance anybody else in the

seven-team circuit can catch Warholak.

This means that Warholak has earned a spot in the Connie Mack playoffs scheduled later this month.

**BILL BOOKER**, a versatile athlete, allowed only two hits as he coasted along to an easy victory for the winners.

He never was in much trouble as the big bat of Dave Martin struck again.

Martin clouted his seventh homer of the season as the

cue from what was going on at the same hour down at the Tiger Stadium during the major league All-Star Game.

R.J. LeRoux scored quickly for Warholak when he walked, stole second and came around on an error. LeRoux's triple chased in Steve Friedman and Rob Campbell with two more runs in the second inning.

After North Farmington scored in its half of the second on a double by Raymond and an error, Warholak added a marker in the fifth when Bill

Herbert singled in LeRoux, then tallied four in the sixth when Martin homered and three more in the seventh.

**LIVONIA HUBERT** turned back Plymouth, 4-2, tallying all its runs in the third on one hit—but what a hit—a three run homer by Randy Hickerson.

Hickerson's belt came after two errors, a walk and a passed ball had admitted one run. The drive—a Reggie Jackson's—sailed more than 425 feet to deep center and landed on Farmington Road.

Terry Laird pitched the Turon for the winners besting Steve Robb, who also went the distance.

Plymouth scored once in the second inning when Jim Grimmer singled, went to second on an error, to third on an infield error and then stole home.

In the seventh Rob Willette was safe on a fielder's choice and moved around on singles by Ron Egloff and Brad Truax.

**THURSTON ALSO** came up with one big sock—a three-run homer by Larry Poma—to down Redford Tooling, 2-1, and close in on the International league title.

It was Thurston's ninth win along with a tie and one loss in 11 games.

Mark Miller, of Thurston, duelled with Redford's Repair in a scoreless battle until the sixth inning when Don Murdock doubled and Don

Ghannum walked for Thurston. That brought up Poma—and bang!

Miller, who allowed seven hits and fanned seven, lost his shutout in the bottom of the seventh when Bob Armstrong singled after Watson walked and Tingstead was hit by a pitch.

**DARKNESS HALTED** the Gates Realty-Tom's Service game after nine innings with the teams deadlocked at 3-3.

Gates scored all its runs in the first on four walks and two hit batsmen and then was stopped the rest of the way by Kurt Price.

A single by Tom McElroy, a walk, ground out and error gave Tom's two runs in the first inning.

Then in the second after John Ciako was safe on an error, Mike Godbey singled him across to tie the game and that's how the score remained for seven more innings.

## Area Adray Stars Featured In Game At Tiger Stadium

All the stars at Tiger Stadium didn't perform Tuesday night.

True that was the night the cream of the major leagues did their stuff before more than 53,000 fans in the stadium and 50-60 million more watching on television.

But the next morning, the stadium saw a different brand of stars—youngsters from the statewide Adray League baseball program.

After Jim Crom walked, Gordon Essex and Kirk Taylor followed with singles; Crom was cut down trying to score and then when Taylor at-

tempted to reach second on the throw, he also was nailed to complete a double play and end the threat.

Keith Sylvester accounted for the other Livonia hit when he singled in the eighth inning.

**JIM MURRAY** started for Livonia. He's from the Redford team and allowed two runs in the second inning.

John Morrison, Dave Rice, Taylor and Tim Carr each allowed one run while Bob Briggs worked one inning for the losers and turned in a scoreless performance.

Bill Sroek, the recent Southfield High School graduate, pitched for the Detrolers in the final two innings and escaped with no damage

except the Sylvester single, each had two hits for the Turon. Bob Williams, who mused 12 in namaker and Bob Semanco all during the game.

## Legion Title Still At Stake In Southfield

Baseball games aren't supposed to end in ties.

They sometimes do, because of the elements. That was the case Wednesday when Southfield and Waterford collided head-on for first place in the 18th District of the American Legion.

Because darkness settled over the Southfield diamond quicker than the team wanted, they had to settle for a 2-2 deadlock, which did nothing to break their virtual deadlock for the leadership.

**AS A RESULT**, Southfield now is 15-2-2 for the season with Waterford 12-2-2 and three games to make up, including a pair on Sunday when Southfield is idle from league action.

All indications point to all the chips riding on the outcome of another face-to-face encounter between Southfield and Waterford a week from Sunday.

They'll meet twice then and the title and the right to advance into the regional tournament unquestionably will ride on the outcome.

Southfield will play at Berkley Wednesday and at Troy Friday before going against Waterford, defending division champ.

Bob Brown went the route for Southfield against Waterford while Troy used a trio of pitchers — Lang, Zimmerman and Poe — in keeping the big Southfield bats in check.

**BOTH SOUTHFIELD** runs were scored in the third inning when Rick Stable singled, Kevin Milliken was safe on a fielder's choice, Dan Damiani on an error and Dennis O'Rourke singled.

Waterford put together a pair of doubles for one run in the fourth and tied it on a single, stolen base and error in the sixth.

Steve Gombar batted for Brown and singled in the seventh for Southfield, but was left stranded.

When the inning was over, the umpires called the proceedings because it was too dark to continue.

Stable with three hits in four trips at bat led Southfield.

**WALLED LAKE** downed Farmington, 7-4, in another 18th District game as three homers did the damage. Tom Cattaneo hit one with two on and Bob Hays and Bill Peeling had solo blasts for Wall Lake.

Peeling also made some dazzling plays in short-pot to spoil and ruin several Farmington threats.

Winning pitcher Marvin Geary allowed six hits and fanned five while Rich Stringer was tagged with his second loss as he allowed only six hits -- but three went for the distance.

Farmington scored twice in the fourth inning on a walk to Ray Ponke and hits by Dan McGrath and Paul Kupferschmidt — the latter's blowing chasing in both the markers.

In the fifth, Bruce Economeau walked and Rich Stringer, John Holappa, McGrath and Tony Wenson followed with singles for the final two Farmington runs.

Farmington loaded the bases with no luck in the seventh and final inning.

**THE CROWD** was considerably smaller—around 500, but many in attendance were baseball big wheels coming to look at some of the players of tomorrow... players they plan to draft next year or the year



SOUTHFIELD'S Kevin Milliken starts long slide into third base while Waterford's Bob Marvosh gets ready to take relay.



HE SLIDES by but reaches back for the bag as Marvosh makes the tag a bit late for the putout.



AS DUST CLEARS this shows how close the play was. The umpire who was on top of the action all the way waved safe. (Observer photos by Harry Mauthe)

## Hoover Named To FCA Staff

David Hoover, assistant coach at Southfield High School, has been named to the 18-member staff for the third annual Fellowship of Christian Athletes Summer Conference to be held at Central Michigan in Mt. Pleasant, Aug. 1-6.

His selection was announced by FCA executive director Robert Mistele, veteran Farmington high coach in different sports.

Hoover has served on the grid staff at Southfield for five years.

More than 600 high school

and college athletes are expected to attend the meetings at Central Michigan. It will be one of 19 regional and national conferences held throughout the country.

Each has for its theme: "Inspirations and Perspiration."

Others on the staff will include: Lofton Greene, who has coached River Rouge to 10 state Class B high school basketball titles; baseball coach Moxy Benedict of the University of Michigan, and Watson Spoelstra, Detroit News sports writer.

### Sandlot Schedule

<b>CONNIE MACK LEAGUE National</b>	Tooling vs. Plymouth, Thurston; Novi B. and V. vs. Livonia Patriots, Northville. All games at 6 p.m.	Thursday Position night. First place team meets second, third plays fourth, fifth faces sixth. No. 7 team idle.	Thursday Position Night: First place team vs. second, third vs. fourth, fifth vs. sixth. No. 7 team idle.
North Farmington vs. Crowe Royals, Ford; Warholak Tire vs. Tom's Service, Redford Union; Franklin vs. Garden City East, Cass Centon. All games at 6 p.m.	Thursday Position night. First place team meets second, third meets fourth, fifth faces sixth. No. 7 team draws bye.	American Tuesday Livonia Optimist vs. National Pride, Franklin; Farmington Little Caesars vs. Red Holman Pontiac, Plymouth; West Bloomfield vs. Garden City, Garden City. All games at 6 p.m.	Wednesday North Farmington vs. Westland Cleaners, Ford, 8:30; Garden City vs. Plymouth Bidwell, Ford, 1:30.

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