

Southfield-Lathrup Stars Pass 1st Pony Meet Test

There's no better way to start any tournament than to win, even when it's a two-defeat-and-out competition. It's much easier to take command early instead of having to fight back. All of which explains the joy in the camp of the Southfield-Lathrup Pony League All Stars.

THE SOUTHFIELD stars turned in an impressive performance Wednesday in routing Franklin, 10-0, to boom away to a flying start in the District 2 playoffs being held in Franklin.

As a result, Southfield advanced to Saturday's second round contest of sweeping the four-team tournament -

the other two teams represent Garden City and Birmingham - which is slated to end Sunday. The championship moves on to the state tournament in Mt. Pleasant...and from there the stakes get bigger with a shot at the national championship looming on the horizon.

Rocky Davis fired the goose-eggs at Franklin, which is managed by ex-Tiger pitcher Hank Aguirre. Davis fanned 12, walked four and allowed only three hits. He got stronger as the game progressed.

Meantime, Ted Fox, Mike Kemper, and Robin Richards each lashed out a pair of hits for the winners. Fox had a

double and a homer and scored three runs and also batted in three. IT WAS Richards who got Southfield off on the right start. The handsome, lanky Southfield centerfielder led off and dropped a perfect bunt along the third base line. It was so perfect no play was made on him.

Richards then stole second and moved to third on the sacrifice by Steve Loewy. Then Mike Kemper was hit by a pitch, putting runners on third and first with one out. On an attempted double steal, Kemper was nailed at second, but Richard raced home with the first run - and what actually was the only run

Southfield needed the way Davis was pitching. Southfield picked up two more runs in the second on hits by Dick Savage, a walk, a fielder's choice and an error. In the third, Southfield collected three more runs with Tom Foell's two-run homer in the seventh broke a 3-3 tie and decided the game.

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Any doubt to the claim that Metropolitan Detroit is the nation's major center of women's bowling was erased this week with the announcement that the Detroit Women's Bowling Association established a national record for membership during the 1970-71 season.

While the list doesn't close until July 31, the membership has passed the 99,000 mark and still counting. "We still have some tournaments to bear from," Mrs. Lillian Jacob, president of the DWBA, stated, "but we have passed the 99,000 goal by 157 bowlers and are far ahead of any other city according to WIBC records."

For years Detroit and Chicago fought a keen battle for membership honors. Then, several years ago, Detroit drew away and now it is just a matter of how high Detroit will boost the mark.

Winning the membership title again is a fitting tribute to Mrs. Jacob as she retires from office at the end of the month. Whatever honors are available for such a record will be bestowed upon her at a testimonial dinner at the Latin Quarter on Thursday, Aug. 19.

IF COMING events cast their shadows before them, the senior citizens leagues will establish new marks when the fall season opens. The first linking came this week when Livonia Lanes where the senior competition got its start, announced that the league had grown to a

point where two mornings now are necessary to accommodate the growing number of bowlers.

The league will bowl on Thursday and Friday, starting Sept. 9-10. Anyone interested in joining in the fun is asked to call Helen Dyke, league secretary, at the lanes.

LIFE TAKES some funny twists. Years ago Lee Jougard, holder of the ABC singles record, and Pete Carter were teammates of the champion Stroh combination.

After leaving the team they went west in different paths. Lee went straight to the coast and Pete stopped off in Arizona.

Now, they're together again. Lee has taken over the management of the lanes at Camp Pendleton and the Pete is secretary.

RE-CONDITIONED lanes didn't stop the women from posting high scores at Westland.

In the Wednesday morning doubles Maureen Powell established a summer high of 540 with a 244 game. One pin behind for single game honors came Jane Martin with a 243.

ERV WATSON, former manager of Bel-Aire Lanes, hasn't lost his touch on the "home" lanes.

Bowling in the Kings and Queens League he put together games of 269, 221 and 244 for a 694-highest score of the summer season.

Other high scores in the loop included George Montgomery 613, Buzz Probst 591, Gordie Huston 586 and Bob Lademan had a 221 single.

Mort Friedman paced the four-game classic loop with an 856 gained on games of 243, 215, 238 and 190. Two other 800 series were posted when Steve Killian fired an 818 to beat his son, Tom, by 15 pins.

The Killians did double duty, too, by pacing the "Family Affair" circuit. Steve again showed the way with a 221 in 549 and Tom had a 213 in 508.

Helen Simpson paced the girls with a 236 in 530 and Jackie Dix had a 519.

In the other leagues Jane Martin showed the way in the Monday Ladies with a 243 and in the Wednesday doubles Maureen Powell had a 244 in 540.

CHAR ROOD'S unpredictable team lived up to its name in the Toast and Coffee League at Merri-Bowl.

In the tightest finish of any of the summer circuits the Unpredictables won by the title by a mere two points in the final position round.

Jane Norback, one of the younger members, posted a 215 on the final day and Mary Lueck posted a 575 to cap the season.

Redford Survives Pony Play

Redford Township's Pony League team still was battling for district honors Friday at Southgate after breaking even in a pair of games Thursday. Redford lost to Southgate, 8-4, and then bounced back to down Hamtramck, 6-1.

Ken McLean socked a two run homer for Redford against Southgate, but the big blow of the game turned out to be a grab slam homer by Rick Swartz.

In the Hamtramck victory, Redford's Tim Kacynsky went the route and allowed three hits. He also helped his own cause with a homer.

Duane Dybka, Greg Woods and McLean each had two hits for Redford in the victory. Southgate's No. 1 and 2 teams were to meet Friday and the loser was to face Redford later in the day, with the loser bowing out from further competition.

The title was to be decided Saturday with the champion advancing to the state tournament at Mt. Pleasant.

Pontiac Hosts Area Stars

The stars will shine Saturday night in Pontiac and again on Aug. 5 in Tiger Stadium.

They'll be the stars of the 18th District American Legion baseball league which includes Farmington and Southfield, plus six other teams in Oakland County.

The cream of the crop of the league's players have been selected - two teams, plus some extra pitchers - to face the best of the Detroit Legion program in a pair of All-Star Games.

THE SATURDAY game is booked for the Pontiac Jaycee Stadium at 8 p.m., and the standouts of the Southfield and Farmington teams will be very much in evidence.

So will coach Fred Goldberg who will start in the outfield with Will Strosslein of Auburn Heights the third flycatcher.

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Goldberg said each would play 4½ innings in Saturday night's games.

But because of Sunday's big games, he'll go easy on at Berkley and the pitchers - Southfield's Bob Brown and Bill Poe of Waterford. They'll work only two innings each for the Stars, since both likely will come right back on Sunday at Face of the water when Southfield and Waterford oppose.

Brown and Poe were named the first two pitchers. TWO OTHER Southfield players also were selected to the first team - second baseman Dennis O'Rourke and outfielder John Solberg.

Outfielder Paul Kupferschmid of Farmington will start in the outfield with Will Strosslein of Auburn Heights the third flycatcher.

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By George Maskin observing sports

Speaking of umpires - and who was? To set many straight on how long an umpire can wait when a game is halted because of the weather elements, the answer is indefinitely...an hour, two hours...three hours.

And, sometimes, only a minute or two. Once a game starts, the senior umpire is in complete charge should the elements force a halt in the proceedings.

Judgment becomes uppermost. What kind of condition is the field in? What about the crowd? What about scheduling problems? When, and where, will the games be made up? An umpire can't be impatient. Most aren't. After all, if they wait around for 90 minutes while it rains, it just makes their day longer...and they aren't paid time and a half or overtime for overtime.

The ump just as easily can call it off and go home, or wherever he has to go. Remember something else...no umpire who is worth anything cares who's ahead or what the score of the game is.

The last thing an ump wants anybody to tell him is: "You want that team to win and us to lose." Those are fighting words, believe me! TALK ABOUT CALLING off a game, it doesn't necessarily have to rain or snow...or be too cold.

I remember once stopping a game because the sun was shining too brightly. The batters couldn't see the ball. It was in the day before batting helmets became mandatory.

The sun came over the top of a school and smacked into the batters' eyes. The catchers were having troubles...so was the umpire.

After the batters ducked for an inning or two, both managers besieged me. "We can't go on like this," they pleaded, "somebody is going to get killed."

One suggested we do something about moving the sun, or something. Now, that, of course was impossible.

So, we waited a few minutes. Things didn't get any better. If anything, worse. Another huddle with the managers. What to do? After all, the umpire really couldn't call the game off in bright sun light.

The managers thought it was too risky to continue. The ump agreed. The result: The game was called off with the temperature in the 80's, the sun bright as anything and a perfect day for baseball...except for the way the sun came over the school.

BY PROFESSION, Fred Goldberg is a school counselor in Southfield High.

He has proved he's a pretty good baseball coach, too. Goldberg was selected to handle this year's Southfield American Legion baseball team which comes down to Sunday's final regularly scheduled game in the 18th District neck and neck with defending champion Waterford.

That in itself is quite an honor for a rookie coach. But Goldberg's job has earned him still another honor. He has been named to direct the 18th District Legion All Stars, who also included players from Farmington, against the Detroit League All Stars in a pair of games...one this Saturday night in Pontiac, the second at Tiger Stadium on Aug. 5.

Goldberg says he's surprised that the league has thought so highly of him. Veteran manager Will Oliver of Southfield Legion teams says differently.

"We've known right along that Goldberg deserves only the highest honor that can come his way. He has done a terrific job with the boys," Oliver declared.

"It's amazing how he handles young men. And how the boys like him." Goldberg is 37 and rightfully rates another distinction: "Coach of the Year" in the 18th District.

S. Farmington Gets Scare In Tourney

South Farmington came through with a roaring finish Wednesday to get off on the right foot in the District 3 Colt League baseball playoffs at Allison Field in Redford Township.

Trailing, 2-0, in the seventh inning, South Farmington pushed across three runs in its final turn at bat to top Redford Township, 3-2, and move on to Friday's second round against Birmingham.

TERRY SMITH and Gary Peeling delivered the decisive hits in the seventh inning for South Farmington.

Steve King had walked and Paul Simons singled to get South Farmington going. Then Smith connected to drive in King and when the throw from the outfield was wild, Simons raced home with the tying runs and Smith wheeled around to third.

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