

It's Win Or Out For Southfield In Colt Tourney

Southfield-Lathrup found itself in a tough spot Friday in the sectional Colt League baseball tournament it is hosting at the Southfield Civic Center.

After the first round of action, Southfield-Lathrup was too good a host.

The team dropped its opener to Birmingham, 3-2, while Mt. Pleasant blanked Skokie from the Chicago area, 3-0, in the other game.

THAT MEANT that Southfield-Lathrup dropped into the losers' bracket to face Skokie in the first game on Friday while Mt. Pleasant met Birmingham in the nightcap.

It meant, too, that Southfield Lathrup could not lose again in the double elimination tournament which will continue with games at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday at the Civic Center.

If necessary, another game to decide the crown will be played Sunday at 2 p.m. with the winner moving on to Murray, Ky., for the next phase of the tournament's competition which leads finally to the Colt League World Series in Lafayette, Ind.

BILL SPINNING went the distance for Birmingham and allowed only two hits while a trio of Southfield-Lathrup pitchers was tagged for six safe blows.

Spinning fanned 10 and didn't walk a man. Jack Booth started for the losers while Ron Dunkelt took over in the fourth and Jim Pohjola finished up.

Birmingham took advantage of errors to score all its runs.

One Southfield miscue led to a Birmingham run in the second. Another bobble brought in two runs in the sixth.

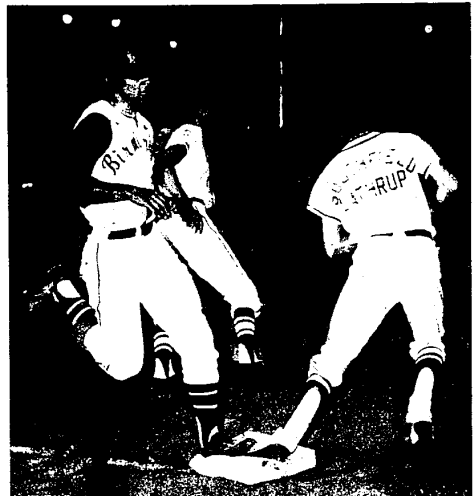
Southfield didn't score until the seventh when Scott Lucas was hit by a pitch. After two fielder's choices, Alex Schapp walked and both runners moved

along on a wild pitch before Joe Sanders singled them in.

KELLEY LUPLOW scattered seven hits for Mt. Pleasant in shutting out Skokie, the Illinois champs in the competition for boys 16-17 years of age.

Mt. Pleasant scored twice in the first inning and once in the fifth.

Southfield Lathrup had been exempted from prior play in the Colt tournament as the host team in sectional. Both Mt. Pleasant and Birmingham won at North Farmington last weekend to advance to the play at Southfield.



BIRMINGHAM'S Mickey Siegel is out at first on this play as Southfield-Lathrup first baseman Buck Calmedjian wheels around to try for a play at second base. Birmingham toppled the host team in the Colt tournament on Friday, 3-2. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

S. Farmington LL Captures District Crown On Shutout

The South Farmington National Little Leagueers are at it again.

Their personnel is all new from last year's team which won the area, the district, the pre-state, the state, the national sectional and then moved within a game of the World Series of Little League baseball at Williamsport, Pa. But the 1971 South Farmington Nationals appear a mighty lot.

THEY CLIMAXED the first phase of their march which hopefully will end in Williamsport by downing the Birmingham Nationals, 3-0, for the District 4 title.

Now it's South Farmington vs. District 7 champion Richmond at Civic Field in Southfield Sunday at 1 p.m. for the right to advance to next weekend's state Little League tournament at Bay City.

Dick Torigian is the new manager of the South Farmington Nationals assisted by Bill Hosford.

TOM HARMON, one of the two 11-year-olds on South Farmington, pitched the shutout against tough Birmingham, as the Farmington team became only the second ever to win the District 4 title two years running.

Harmon struck out 10, allowed two scattered hits and walked one. He never was in serious trouble and was in complete command all the way.

South Farmington pushed across all its runs in the second inning and had a couple of other chances to fatten its margin.

In the second, Andy Ponke was safe on an error and Kevin Verner and Jim Simmons followed with singles for one run.

Another run scored when Harmon was safe on a fielder's choice and a third when Simmons came in on a wild throw after Tom Notestine had walked.

In the third, Radatz singled, but was nailed trying to

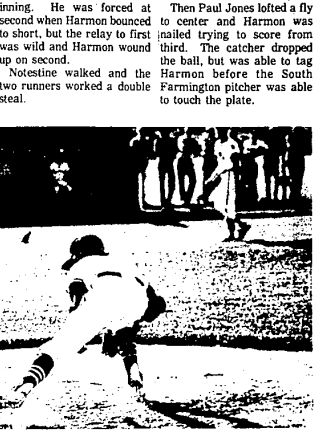
stretch the hit into a double. Then Ponke was safe on an error, but the inning ended without any further developments.

SOUTH FARMINGTON threatened in the fourth when Simmons singled to start the

inning. He was forced at second when Harmon bounced to short, but the relay to first was wild and Harmon wound up on second.

Notestine walked and two runners worked a double steal.

Then Paul Jones lofted a fly to center and Harmon was nailed trying to score from third. The catcher dropped the ball, but was able to tag Harmon before the South Farmington pitcher was able to touch the plate.



CLOSE but S. Farmington's Herb Holtz was a bit late when he tried to beat out an infield grounder, Birmingham's Kevin Ryan has the throw just a stride ahead of Herb. S. Farmington went on to win the Little League championship to qualify for Sunday's regionals. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring.)

Redford Wins Uphill Title Bid

The Greater Livonia Adray League championship and Redford Township go hand in hand.

Eight years...eight titles for Redford.

But never has Redford had to fight the uphill battle it did this year to emerge in the king's role.

The Townshippers had ruled in the first of the three rounds of regular season play. Then they slipped in the next two as Northville Reef and Westland Cleaners emerged on top.

Thus, a three team playoff became necessary to decide the overall titlist and the Livonia League representative in the state Adray tournament at the University of Michigan diamond this Saturday.

was faced with coming back and winning three straight in order to win the crown.

Which is what Redford did.

First there was a 6-4 decision against Northville in a game that had to be switched from Livonia's Ford Field to Ypsilanti because somebody accidentally left the sprinklers on at Ford Field and the diamond was soaked.

THEN IT WAS a showdown with Westland for the flag.

Two games on Wednesday...and Redford won both, 12-2 and 4-3.

"What can you say about these boys," said manager Pat Sheridan in his first year as the Redford manager. "They had to come back. The chips were down. They sure proved themselves."

The first game against Westland was a runaway as Kirk Taylor coasted along, allowing two hits, fanning 15 and walking two.

He never was in trouble after the first inning when singles by Tom Roy, Gordie Eszes, Jeff Washington and Taylor put Redford in front, 3-0.

Five runs in the fifth sealed the game. Roy, Eszes and Washington singled for one run. Taylor and Doug Burke walked for another and Jim Murray cleaned the sacks with a triple.

Washington's double led to two more runs in the sixth and Murray drove in two runs and Burke one in the ninth.

has for six straight years - it'll be on to the All American Bowl tournament in Altoona, Pa., later in the month.

IN ITS COMEBACK surge, Redford beat Northville, 6-4, with a homer by Tim Fox with one aboard in the fourth inning the big blow.

Earlier Washington had tripled in Roy. Then in the seventh, Redford locked up the game when Murray singled, Eszes tripled and Taylor doubled.

Northville scored in the third on two errors and then Dennis Benedict tripled and Dan Boehm sacrificed.

Rick Adams knocked in the final run following a walk and two stolen bases.

The state tournament at Ann Arbor will be a two defeat-and-out competition. It's slated to wind up on Sunday.

Terry Mills and Bob Caesar from Westland have been added to the Redford roster as extra players permitted under the rules for the state tournament.

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S'field Loses; Livonia Wins

In a pair of one-run battles, National Pride (Churchill High) and Southfield American Legion emerged with different results in the first round of the Connie Mack District baseball tournament at Ann Arbor.

National Pride slipped past host Ann Arbor 2-1 in a nine-inning struggle while Southfield lost to the West Side Cubs of Detroit by the same score in what amounted to a giveaway. Errors led to all the Southfield runs.

THREE PITCHERS worked the victory for National Pride. Mike Keller hurled the first five and one third, Gary Sobkowik one and two-thirds, and Ken Woods finished up the eighth and ninth and was credited with the victory.

The winners scored first in the third inning when Bob Blais walked and Roy Henriksson and Steve Chlenko singled to lead the bases, and Mark DeRoche walked to force in Blais.

After Ann Arbor scored an unearned run to tie the game, the teams fought until the ninth inning when Chlenko singled, took second on an error and scored the winning run on DeRoche's single.

Brian Sherman went two-for-three for National Pride.

BOB BROWN, Southfield's fine pitcher from Brother Rice High School, never suffered a more heart-breaking defeat. He gave up only one hit, a single in the third inning, which followed an error and led to the first West Side run.

The Clubs' other run came on two errors and a wild pitch. Southfield scored in the third when Brown walked, went to second on a passed ball and scored on Dan Damiani's single.

Ed Mapes and John Solberg each had two hits for Southfield.

The tournament is conducted on a two-defeat-and-out basis, and both National Pride and Southfield were scheduled again Friday afternoon.

The meet champion will qualify for the state Connie Mack tournament, starting Thursday at Marshall.

6 Livonians Enroll In Mat Clinic

Six students from Livonia are among 150 high school wrestlers from eight states and Canada participating in the second session of the ninth annual Spartan wrestling clinic at Olivet College.

Under the direction of Grady Peninger, head wrestling coach at Michigan State University, the staff includes Tommy Evans, coach at the University of Oklahoma, where he has guided his teams to two national championships and developed 16 NCAA individual champions; and Vaughan Hitchcock, wrestling coach of Cal Poly of San Luis Obispo, California since 1962, whose teams have won five straight

Fishing Reports Are Fair

With unsettled weather and the warming of the water, fishing reports were only fair to good in southeastern Michigan this week.

Conservation officers reported "spotty" bass catches on Lake Orion but good catches on Union, Oakland, White and Pontiac lakes.

Only Lake Orion and Woodhull lakes reported good bluegill fishing, and a "few" pike were taken from Orion by deep water trolling.

Union Lake was a hot spot for perch, one reaching 14 inches, and rainbow trout began biting there.

Wayne County lakes had only light pressure, but anglers had good catches.

Bear hunters were told that licenses are on sale at the state Dept. of Natural Resources district office at 2455 N. Williams Lake Rd., Pontiac; at the DNR district information office at 17800 Woodward, Detroit; and scattered stores.

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