



SAFE AT THE PLATE -- Thurston catcher Mike Robinson falls on Stevenson's Mike Assemany after a loss from shortstop Gary D'Ascenzio goes astray. It was the lone tally for Stevenson as Thurston scored a 7-1 win. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Plymouth Wins League Opener Over Trenton

Plymouth High baseball Coach Wayne Sparkman tucked his two non-league losses away and opened Suburban Eight league action with a 2-1 victory over Trenton.

Steve Robb and Tom Willette worked on the mound for the Plymouth Rocks. Robb pitched the first four innings. He gave up five hits and chalked up the win.

Willette got credit for the save, pitching the final three innings and holding Trenton hitless.

Dan Reno and Dan Shanavar hurried for Trenton with starter Reno taking the set-back.

All the scoring came in the third stanza. Trenton opened with one

run in the top of the inning when Fred Bruely was safe on an error by Rock third baseman Jim Szilagyi. Tom Cranford followed with a single to right and when Plymouth's Scott Sommerbobbled the ball, runners advanced to second and third.

Reno then singled to score Bruely and the throw to the plate was cut off by Keith MacDonald who caught Cranford in a rundown between home and third.

A throw to Szilagyi nailed Cranford at third.

Szilagi then turned to face second and tagged Reno who was attempting to make it all the way around to third on the rundown. A double play was completed and that

was the extent of Trenton's offensive rally.

Plymouth bounced back in the bottom of the stanza. Szilagyi was safe on an error and Tony Rossi hit into a fielder's choice. Sommerbobbled the ball, runners advanced to second and third.

Robb advanced to second on the play at third and scored what proved to be the deciding tally on a hit by Rob Willette.

Plymouth finished with two runs, five hits and five errors while Trenton had the solo tally, five hits and two errors.

TRENTON PLYMOUTH

Bruley, 1b	3 1 1 0	Ross, 2b	2 1 0 0
Cranford, c	3 0 2 0	Willette, rf	7 0 1 0
Reno, p	3 0 1 1	Robb, p	3 1 0 0
Livorno, 3b	3 0 0 0	W. Willette, lf	3 0 2 1
Young, 2b	3 0 1 0	Szilagyi, c	1 0 0 0
MacDonald, 1b	2 0 0 0	MacDonald, 1b	0 0 0 0
Weaver, cf	0 0 0 0	Stephens, ph	1 0 0 0
Lutz, lf	3 0 0 0	Combs, cf	1 0 0 0
DeFranco, ss	2 0 0 0	White, ph	1 0 0 0
Gund, ss	1 0 0 0	W. Willette, lf	1 0 0 0
Sparks, rf	3 0 0 0	Willette, lf	3 0 0 0
Shanavar, p	1 0 0 0	Szilagi, 3b	3 0 2 0
Totals	26 5 1 1	Totals	20 2 2 0

TRENTON..... 00 10 00 0-1
PLYMOUTH..... 00 20 00 0-2

E. Livorno, Shanavar, Szilagyi (2), B. Willette, Robb, Sommerbobbled (2), Trenton 7, Plymouth 7, 2B - Robb, R. Willette, 3B - Cranford, 3B - MacDonald.

IP H R E BB SO

Reno (L)..... 4 5 1 2 2

Shanavar..... 3 1 0 0 2

Robb (W)..... 4 5 1 0 4

T. Willette..... 3 0 0 0 2

Thurston Dazzles Stevenson; Then Drops Kimball Twin-Bill

If Thurston High had any visions of an undefeated baseball season, they all went up in smoke when Royal Oak Kimball started beating the tom-toms.

The Thurston Eagles thumped Stevenson 7-1, for their third consecutive victory but fell victim to a doubleheader defeat at the hands of Kimball.

Kimball slipped by the Eagles in the first game, 2-0, and nipped Emil Majeski's crew in the second round, 5-4.

"The funny thing about the afternoon was that we outbit Kimball in both games but wound up losing both," said Majeski.

Ray Ivey went the distance for Thurston in the non-league with Stevenson. Ivey allowed the Spartans only

three hits, walked seven and struck out four.

Bob McLive started for Stevenson and took the defeat.

Thurston tallied twice in the top of the first. Gary D'Ascenzio walked, John Roy singled, Mark Falvo walked and Ken McLean sacrificed in D'Ascenzio with Falvo cut down at second.

Kurt Beadie was then safe on an error by Stevenson shortstop Don Finn and Roy dashed across home plate to give Thurston a 2-0 lead.

Stevenson came back with one in the last of the first. Mike Assemany walked, Mark Temby singled and Bob Ganzak walked to fill the sacks with one out. Finn grounded one to the shortstop who threw the ball wild to the plate, Assemany scoring

and that was the extent of the Spartan assault.

Nine Thurston batsmen went to the plate in the top of the third.

D'Ascenzio was safe on an error. Falvo doubled, McLive walked, Beadie sacrificed, Mike Robinson walked, John Stein singled, Chappell walked and Roy sacrificed to push the difference to 5-1.

The Eagles added one in the fourth on a two bagger by D'Ascenzio and single by McLive and finished the scoring in the fifth when Stein was safe on an error and Gary Chappell doubled him home.

Then followed a double sweep for Kimball over the then 3-0 Thurston team.

Bob Smith hurled a six hit shutout against the Eagles.

striking out eight and walking one with his teammates collecting four hits off losing pitcher Ken McLive who walked three and struck out eight.

Kimball scored both runs in the bottom of the first.

John Kimball singled, John Blugauan walked and Randy Manendez singled with Knox scoring and Blugauan scoring on an overbrow.

Thurston again outbit Kimball in the second clash but fell victim to its own errors and chalked up another in the loss column.

Bob Maliniak started for Majeski, worked four innings, allowed all five runs on four hits, walked five and struck out two.

Tim Kacuniak worked the final two innings for Thurston but Maliniak picked up the loss.

Mark Clark went the route for Kimball, allowed six hits and scored the win.

Kimball opened with one tally in the first on a walk, stolen base and single.

Thurston rallied for three in the top of the fifth.

Tom Dowdy was safe on an error, moved to second on a passed ball, and scored on a pinch hit double by Mike Hill. D'Ascenzio followed with another run-scoring double and scampered around on the third straight two bagger by John Roy.

Kimball jumped back in command in the last of the fifth on three walks and three hits to take a 5-3 lead. Thurston added a run in the sixth but it wasn't enough and the Eagles fell to a 3-2 mark.

THURSTON STEVENSON

AB R HBI	AB R HBI
D'Ascenzio 4 2 1 0	Blas 4 0 0 0
Roy 2b 3 1 1 0	Arroyo 3 1 0 0
Queen 2b 1 0 0 0	Tenny 3b 3 0 2 0
Falvo 3b 2 1 1 0	Ganzak 3b 3 0 0 0
McLean 1b 1 0 0 0	Finn 2b 3 0 0 0
McLean 1b 1 0 0 0	W. Willette 1 0 0 0
Beadie lf 3 0 1 0	Stevenson 2b 2 0 0 0
Dowdy lf 1 0 0 0	W. Willette 1 0 0 0
Robinson cf 1 0 0 0	Centeno 1b 1 0 0 0
Stein lf 2 1 1 0	McLave 1b 1 0 0 0
Assemany rf 1 0 0 0	Coppage rf 1 0 1 0
Chappell cf 1 0 1 0	Warner 3b 2 0 0 0
Kimball lf 1 0 1 0	Totals 26 13 0
Ivey p	35 7 7

THURSTON..... 20 21 0 0 8 7
STEVENSON..... 00 00 00 0-1

E-D'Ascenzio, 1b, Finn (2), Trehaner, Tenny, Coppage, 1b, Thurston 8, Stevenson 2, D'Ascenzio, Falvo, Coppage, SAC-McLean, Roy, Beadie, W. Willette, SB-Stein, Chappell.

IP H R E BB SO

Ivey (W)..... 7 2 0 1 8 7

McLave..... 4 2 0 0 2 2

Coppage..... 1 0 0 1 1

Bulldogs Barking, 5-4

Bentley Nips Belleville

It took 11 days and four cancellations because of snow or rain for the Bentley Bulldogs to get in their second baseball contest after an impressive opening triumph over Andover, 9-4.

But Bentley Coach Marty Kiozik shook off the lay-off, put his young squad to work and when the sun finally decided to come out, the Bulldogs were ready and dumped Belleville in their Suburban Eight opener, 5-4.

Games with Thurston, Churchill, Franklin and Edsel Ford were all knocked out by the weather.

Brent Boegler and Dan Vezina handled the pitching chores for Bentley against Belleville, Vezina picking up the win in a relief appearance.

Belleville collected four runs on four hits and made three errors, while Bentley scored five times on six hits and committed two errors.

Larry Cole and Al Cicotte hurried for Belleville, with starter Cole suffering the setback as he walked six in a losing cause.

Belleville struck first in the last of the second inning.

Mike Dansard singled, Larry Farr walked and Joe Stillwagon sacrificed the runners to second and third.

Robin Hoak singled in Dansard and when he hit got by Bulldog centerfielder Chuck Hirst, Farr scampered in to make it 2-0 Belleville.

Belleville struck again in the third.

Dave Dapsi drew a walk off Boegler and moved to second on a ground out. With two outs, Dansard singled to left center and Dapsi made it 3-0.

The Bulldogs woke up in the top of the fourth to slice the margin to 3-2.

Bob Wasilewski, who had cracked two home runs in the Andover opener, walked and moved to second on a sacrifice by Doug Macklon.

Hirst drew a walk and Ernie Storms singled to score Wasilewski.

Dave Waldox was hit by a pitch to fill the bases and Bill Klops sacrificed in Hirst to make it 3-2.

Bentley tied it up in the fifth on a walk to Deacon, a passed ball, and back-to-back sacrifices by Boegler and Macklon.

Redford Golfer Has Lucky 13th

A Redford Township man found Friday the 13th to be his lucky day.

Clarence Hutson, of 2580 Joy Rd., in Redford Township, scored a hole-in-one on the 10th hole at the Quail Creek Country Club in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Friday, April 13.

The 34-year-old golfer used his seven iron with three bounces and a drop telling the story.

BELEVILLE BENTLEY

AD R HBI	AD R HBI
Adkins, cf	4 0 0 1
Vezina, p	4 0 0 0
Dapsi, lf	3 1 0 0
Johnson, 3b	4 0 0 0
Dansard, c	4 1 2 1
Farr, 2b	1 2 1 0
Swenson, rf	0 0 0 0
Hoak, 3b	2 0 1 1
Cole, p	1 0 0 0
Hest, ph	1 0 0 0
Storms, lf	1 0 0 0
Cicotte, p	1 0 0 0
Totals	25 4 3 0

BENTLEY..... 00 00 00 0-0
BELEVILLE..... 00 00 00 0-0

E. Klops, Hirst, 1b, Bentley 5, Belleville 4, Wasilewski, Vezina, SAC-Boegler, Macklon (2), Macklon (2), Klops, Stillwagon, SB-Deacon.

IP H R E BB SO

Boegler..... 3 4 4 1 2 2

Vezina (W)..... 2 0 0 0 0 3

Cole (L)..... 0 0 0 2 6 5

Cicotte..... 0 0 0 0 0 0

Waldox..... 1 0 1 0 0 0

HIP-Waldox (by Cole) Farr (by Boegler)

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