

# Churchill Baseballers Go On Scoring Spree

The Churchill High bats are booming and nobody knows better than Coach Roy Frayer, that the explosion has come a little too late.

Waterford Mott at 7-1 has already wrapped up the Western Six baseball title. Churchill is second best at 4-3, with one game remaining with Farmington Harrison. Churchill mauls Western Lake and Northville tied both ends of a Highland Park twin-bill, 17-3 and 9-3.

"We are just a little too late in putting it all together," said Coach Frayer whose Chargers stand 12-5 overall.

The five losses have been by a total of six runs with a 2-0 setback by Redford Union the worst defeat, the other four all by one run each. Churchill put together a barrage of 10 hits, 11 walks and five errors to crush Western.

Kevin Nelson started for Churchill and went the first

six innings. He allowed four hits, walked none and struck out four. Larry Lipa hurled one stanza in relief and struck out two.

John Gabriel went the route for Western with the Chargers scoring five times in the second, three in the fourth and six times in the fifth.

Bobby Blaes opened the second with a walk and Mott moved to second on an error. Rod Hawraney doubled him home and Phil Skender was

hit by a pitch and Nelson walked to load the bases.

Brian Kelly singled to score one and Jim Foster singled to push the Chargers to a 5-0 lead.

Mike Gottshall started the fourth with a single and moved around to third on a stolen base and passed ball.

Nelson singled Gottshall in, Foster singled and Rick Deher walked to load the sacks. Blaes and Hawraney followed with base on balls to force in two more runs and

Churchill was sitting on an 8-0 lead.

The Charger explosion continued in the fifth. Gottshall and Nelson walked and Al Leirstein singled to fill the bases. Kelly walked to force in one run. Dreher was safe on an error followed by back-to-back doubles by Blaes and Skender.

Western scored its lone run in the sixth. Churchill went after Highland Park in a wild scoring fashion.

The first of two games was short after five innings with Churchill enjoying a 17-3 margin. The Chargers banged out 12 hits and made full use of 19 walks.

Andy Coppola hurled for Churchill, allowed just four hits, walked two and struck out three. It was his third victory in four decisions.

John Dove suffered the loss for Highland Park in the first after Highland Park had scored twice to open the contest. The Chargers continued

with one in the second, seven in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Brian Kelly was two for three, scored three times and stole two bases. Jim Foster was one for two, scored three runs and had three runs batted in. Coppola helped his own cause with three hits in four at bats and had four runs batted in.

Highland Park jumped to an early lead again in the second contest with three runs in the first. Churchill came back with one in the

first, one in the third and six in the fourth to complete the sweep.

Junior Lipa started for the Chargers, working the first four innings and allowed five hits, walked one and struck out four. It was his first win of '73.

Sophomore lefthander Dan Bobowski worked in relief. The 5-4 hurler allowed no hits and struck out one in the sixth without giving up a run in relief.

## Chargers Roar Past Mott

# Trackmen Win League Title

It was a record setting Western Six track meet with Livonia Churchill accounting for four of the eight records set and successfully defending its title.

Churchill totaled 96 points in upending Waterford Mott with 75. Walled Lake Western and Northville tied for third with 29 with Farm-

ington Harrison in the basement at eight.

The Charger trackmen were sporting a 5-1 dual record, that one loss at the hands of Mott in league competition. Mott finished with an undefeated dual record that was no match for Churchill's depth in the league meet.

Churchill collected 36 points on six firsts, placed three even, six different events and won two of the three relays.

The 21 point spread was the widest ever for the now three-year old league.

Mott led in the first in '71 by 11 points over Churchill, and Churchill came back

to win it by 11 last year over Mott.

The big surprise for Churchill coach Fred Price had to be the performance of senior Phil Damaska.

Damaska had never run the 880 yard run before the league meet. He took on the new event in a record setting fashion with a clocking of

1:59.5 over Mott's Bob Grace

at 1:59.6. Churchill's 880 relay team of Rich Kahn, Phil Lafave, Bob Mendoza and Ron Miller established a meet record with a time of 1:51.8. The 440 relay foursome of Jim Cieszkowski, Lafave, Larry Baughman and Ray Harkins set a new mark of :45.0.

Mark Priebe covered the mile run in 4:31.7 for Churchill, another meet record. Bob Mendoza ran the 220 dash in :23.0, the fourth Charger record.

The results:  
TEAM STANDINGS—Livonia Churchill (36), Walled Lake Western (29), Northville (29), Farmington Harrison (8), Waterford Mott (8).  
100 YD DASH: 1. Livonia Churchill (1) 12.4 sec. (new record); 2. Waterford Mott (2) 12.8 sec.; 3. Farmington Harrison (3) 13.2 sec.; 4. Northville (4) 13.5 sec.; 5. Walled Lake Western (5) 14.0 sec.

## Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

From California have come three or four of the top stables at the recent Los Alamitos track near Los Angeles and the result is the finest harness racing program of the Wolverine Raceway season.

Racing Secretary Bill Connors has put together some excellent cards during the meeting which reaches the 56th night Saturday but never before in Michigan history has he matched pacers for 10 races with total purses at an all-time high of \$68,700.

Connors thought he had reached the peak a year ago when he had a program worth \$67,000 but tonight's (Saturday) card is the richest without a stake. It ranges from a \$12,500 invitational to \$4,000 conditioned events. Can you imagine a harness racing card having a minimum of \$4,000? We can't but there it is two races valued at \$4,000 and the other eight going much higher.

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the big mile track, one that has brought five purses in less than seven weeks.

With only 26 nights remaining of the 82-night season, indications point to one or two more purse hikes if business continues to boom. There isn't any reason to think it won't because Wolverine is just coming into the best part of its campaign...

"Take a glance at tonight's (Saturday) program that headlines the rich invitational with a field of six. All, with the exception of newcomer Banner Ranger can you imagine a harness racing card having a minimum of \$4,000? We can't but there it is two races valued at \$4,000 and the other eight going much higher."

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The Skipper has nosed out the Jet in each of the triumphs with great speed in stretch duels and the story could be much the same this time.

With the exception that this week's field includes Big Kahuna, star of the powerful Gene Reigle stable which is just now starting to reach the form that enabled it to win at Wolverine in 1:59 last spring.

Big Kahuna won his last start in 2:02.4, making up a length and a half in the stretch. That victory moved it from the preferred to the investor class showing that Connors feels it is ready for that type of competition.

Banner Ranger, from the public stable handled by Joe Marshall, in Chicago, could be the one to watch. The six-year-old has won \$27,700 already this year, with four

wins in 16 starts, one in 2:01.3 at Sportsman's Park.

The secondary feature, an \$8,000 event, could turn into one of the highest races of the year. It has a field of seven but everyone is capable of a mile around 2:00 and it will just be a question of which in the best shape on this particular evening.

Starting are: Tricky Dale, Easy Riv, Prince Knox, George Dancer, Shells Gold, Adios Rick and Ark.

To just give an idea of how outstanding the program is, one need only point to the \$7,500 preferred that lists the brilliant Saucy Wave in the eight starters.

Saucy Wave, a four-year-old from the Ben James stable of Southfield, won \$104,377 a year ago and shows \$13,800 in the bank this year but still wasn't fast enough to get into the invitational class.

And the speedy mare may have plenty of trouble this time since she's against such fast ones as Garcon House, fresh from California; Johnny G, making his first start since Northville Downs' winter session; Knox Patch, Spook Time, Key Creed, True Temper and Track Master.

It's going to be that kind of a night. Evenly matched fields in every one of the 10 races and a program that will have an overflow crowd standing up for every finish.

It could be the best night of harness racing ever presented in Michigan and certainly the finest of the season which has been marked by better than average programs.

## Stevenson Girls Down Farmington

Stevenson High girls softball team opened its season with a 9-7 victory over Farmington. The lead changed hands four times before Stevenson tallied four times in the fourth to jump ahead to stay.

Strong defensive plays by Michelle Macy at third, Lori Hyman at short and Ann O'Connell at second helped back a strong Farmington hitting attack.

Audrey Selinsky, Ann O'Connell and Sue Binson collected three hits apiece to pace the Stevenson attack.

Farmington scored twice in the last of the seventh with the bases loaded. A relay throw from left cut down a Falcon runner at the plate to end the contest.



PLYMOUTH'S STEVE ROBB Pitching Arm Quits Trenton

## Bentley Finishes At 8-2

Bentley High wrapped up one of its most successful track campaigns with a 78-4 Suburban Eight victory over Allen Park.

The Bulldogs finished 8-2 in dual meets and fourth in the league meet with 46 1/2 points.

The results:

SHOT PUT: 1-Agardy (AP); 2-McCloskey (B); 3-Frazier (AP); 4-Duncan (AP).  
HIGH JUMP: 1-Agardy (AP); 2-Zull (B); 3-Lyle (AP); 4-High 5'10".  
440 RELAY: 1-Bentley (Brown, Ditzler, Murphy, Hudson); Time 1:54.5.  
880 RELAY: 1-Spencer (B); 2-Lyle (AP); 3-Varkata (AP); Time 2:02.4.  
LONG JUMP: 1-Wiley (AP); 2-Patterson (AP); 3-Brown (B); 4-Duncan (AP).  
100 YD DASH: 1-Ditzler (B); 2-Lyle (AP); 3-Frank (B); Time 15.2.  
LOW HURDLES: 1-Zull (B); 3-Palerson (B); 2-Schmitt (AP); Time 20.4.  
200 YD DASH: 1-Hudson (B); 2-Murphy (B); 3-Schmitt (AP); Time 40.9.  
220 YD DASH: 1-Hudson (B); 2-Connors (AP); 3-Frank (B); Time 22.7.  
MILE RELAY: 1-Bentley (McCloskey, High, Zull, Ditzler); Time 241.5.  
440 RELAY: 1-Bentley (Brown, Ditzler, Murphy, Hudson); Time 1:54.5.  
POLE VAULT: 1-Spencer (AP); 2-Blevins (B); 3-Connors (B); 4-High 11-0".

## Nets 1st Ace

It took 47 years, but George Blake, of 23675 Newell Circle, Farmington, accomplished the dream of every golfer.

The 55-year-old Blake need No. 3, 130 yards, at Bay Pointe Country Club in Walled Lake, with an eight iron. He carded a 98 for the 18 holes.

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## Harrison Bats Rip Western

Farmington Harrison collected nine hits to down Walled Lake Western in a Western Six baseball contest, 6-2.

It was Harrison's second triumph in six league games and second overall in 11 outings.

Tim Hammer went all the way on the Harrison mound to pick up his first win in five decisions. He gave up seven hits, walked three and struck out three.

Gary Abel worked for Western mound, allowed nine hits, walked four and struck out three.

A walk to Jim Sietz and

double by Nick Nicolay gave the Hawks a 1-0 first inning margin.

Harrison pushed it to 3-0 in the second when Hammer was given a base on balls. Tom Vance was safe on a fielder's choice, Bruce Kovan doubled in Vance and scored on a hit up the middle by Steve Morrison.

A walk to Steve Johnson, single by Gary Mead, walk to George Patnor and single by Abel sliced it to 3-1 in the second.

The top of the fourth saw Hammer walk. Vance hit into a fielder's choice, stealing second, moving to third on a passed ball and scoring on a wild pitch to make it 4-1.

Western tallied again in the last of the inning on a single by Shickle, a stolen base and hit by Gary Pelling.

The final run came in the sixth as a walk to Hammer, a single by Vance, walk to Kovan and single by Sietz.

## U-M Champion Wins Medal

ANN ARBOR—Godfrey Murray, Big Ten hurdle champion, has won the 1973 Conference Medal of Honor for Michigan. The medal, awarded at each Big Ten institution, honors scholarship and academic achievement as well as athletic ability.

Murray, who carries a 3.0 average in the classroom, has dominated the high hurdles in the Big Ten outdoors and indoors. He won both titles for the past two years.

A native of Jamaica, he ran for that country in the Olympics, and during this past winter, defeated Olympic champ Rod Milburn.

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