

# RU Hangs On To Upend Trenton

The Redford Union baseball machine has rolled to another 30-victory season and is alive and well in state tournament competition.

RU tipped Trenton in the Suburban Eight, 7-6, and upended Crestwood in a pre-district clash, 6-1.

The Panthers sport an overall record of 29-7, the third consecutive season Bob Atkins' crew has chalked up at least 20.

It will be Cody against RU in a district battle Saturday, June 2, at Dearborn High at noon. The winner will play in the championship game at 3 p.m. for the right to move on to the Southfield regional.

Trenton gave RU a real run in the league outing.

RU led, 6-2, going into the seventh and had to come up with a tally in the last of the stanza to squeeze out a 7-6 victory.

Mark Hiller and Tom Miller worked the RU mound, with Miller picking up the win in relief. Dave Shanauer and Doug Merhroff tumbled for Trenton, Merhroff taking the loss.

Trenton opened with two in the top of the first. Fred Bruley was hit by a Hiller curveball. Tom Crawford singled but Bruley was cut down at third. Gary Fuks hit Lupe Brivo.

Ken Livorno was also hit by a pitch and Merhroff hit into a fielder's choice as Cranford was cut down at third.

Just when it appeared that Hiller might be pitching his way out of a jam, Dan Reno singled to score Livorno and Randy Young drove in Merhroff. Trenton led, 2-0.

## Bulldog Golfer Scores 1st Ace

Glenn Eaton, a 16-year-old Livonia Bentley High student, scored a hole-in-one on the 17th hole at Salem Hills Golf Course.

He used a four iron on the 190 yard hole and carded a 76 for the 18 holes.

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RU bounced back to tie it in the last of the first. Mike Kalil and Fuks both singled when the ball got by the rightfielder, both runners scored.

RU went ahead in the fourth on a single by Forma and a three-bagger by Kalil.

The Panthers added three more in the fifth to make it 6-2.

Steve Friedman doubled and Ron Campbell singled. Friedman was balked home and Brava connected for his second roundtripper of 72.

But Trenton wasn't about to give up. Bruley was safe on an error; Cranford singled and Livorno singled in Bruley and Merhroff singled in Cranford.

Coach Atkins went to his bullpen for Miller and the new RU hurler proceeded to hit Reno to fill the bases. Young hit into a double play, Fuks to Richmond, but Mike Molaski kept things alive with a two-run single, nothing it up, 6-6.

RU struck back with the deciding tally in its half of the inning, thanks to three bases on balls.

Ron Campbell led off with a walk. Brava walked and Forma hit into a fielder's choice. But the throw was late and the bases were loaded with no one out.

Tom Uttych drew another base on balls off reliever Merhroff to score Campbell and it was all over.

RU made no mistake about



DUSTING OFF THE BASES before her Patriots ran circles around them is Franklin batgirl Nancy Nykolas. Franklin banged out 14 hits and scored 11 times to upend Thurston 11-2. (Observer photo)

## Champion Franklin Paces NW Teams In All-Leaguers

Northwest Suburban League champion Franklin captured four berths on the all-league baseball team in the standings, next best with three players on the first team.

The all-league pitching staff is made up of Franklin's Rich Gaber and Thurston's Mark Falvo. Gaber, a junior, recorded a 7-2 league mark which included the championship victory over Thurston in the finale. Falvo finished his senior stint with a 5-3 mark.

Franklin's other three all-leaguers are Gar Franz at first, and Jeff Waterstone and Dave Watkins in the outfield.

Gary D'Ascenzo and John Roy are the others from Thurston. Roy boasting the No. 1 batting average with a .430 mark.

John Glenn and Garden City East sported two each on the first team. Glenn was represented by catcher J.P. McBride and outfielder Jeff Brittain. East had shortstop Steve Orr and outfielder Mike Whaley picked as first team members.

Oak Park sported Kery Moss on the first team in the infield.

Honorable mentions went to Ray Ivey of Thurston; Jim Wisniewski, George Karr and Keith Anleitner of Garden City East; Dave Wesley of John Glenn, and Mike Combes and Kim Parker of North Farmington.

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## East Downs Cherry Hill

It will be a Northwest Suburban battle in the first round of the Dearborn High baseball district tournament.

Garden City East and Thurston, Northwest Suburban foes, each won pre-district clashes and will be matching talent in the 10 a.m. contest Saturday (June 2).

Redford Union is pitted against Cody in the noon battle, with the two winners going at it in the 3 p.m. district finale.

In league play, Thurston holds a 2-1 edge over East which now stands 9-7 overall after tipping Cherry Hill, 3-2, in the pre-district.

It took eight innings and a two-out double by Rich McCain to win it and earn the right to play Thurston.

East Coach John Kalauskas went with his junior left-hander, Marty Hackman. Hackman came through with a three-hitter, walked four, struck out eight and recorded his sixth victory against three setbacks.

Taking the loss for Cherry Hill was Ken Wassus who also hurled a three-hitter, walked eight and struck out 12.

## Major Metro Travel League Softball

STANDINGS WEST DIVISION	
Little Caesars	WL 6-2
Snyder's	5-3
Bryant-Walsh	4-4
Starlit-Marine	0-6

EAST DIVISION	
Strohe	WL 7-2
Dodge	6-4
All-Pro	5-4
Marathon	0-6

SCORES	
Caesars 23-15, Bryant 8-17	AT BRYANT
Snyder's 24-6, All-Pro 6-17	AT FARMINGTON
Strohe 16-17, Bryant 6-12	AT FRASER

TODAY'S GAMES	
AT WESTLAND JAYCEE PARK	Little Caesars vs Bryant, 2:30 p.m.
AT FARMINGTON	Snyder's vs Strohe, 7:30 p.m.
AT FRASER	Strohe vs Marathon, 8 p.m.
AT OAK PARK	Dodge vs All-Pro, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES (June 5)	
AT EAST DETROIT	Marathon vs Dodge, 7:30 p.m.
AT BRYANT	Bryant vs Snyder's, 7 p.m.
AT SOUTHWEST	Starlit vs Caesars, 6:45 p.m.
AT DETROIT	All-Pro vs Strohe, 7:15 p.m.

Kalil. Campbell was then safe on an error and Friedman grounded out to score another.

RU made it 4-0 in the second when Forma was safe on an error, Fuks walked and Forma dashed in on a double steal.

A single by Campbell and double by Friedman made it 5-0 in the third.

Crestwood mustered one in the fourth.

Chuck Drummond and Greg Lis walked. Grauzer forced Lis, with Nippa balking in the run.

RU scored an extra run in the sixth.

Bill Campbell and George Willard walked and when Fuks was safe on an error, pinch runner Curt Montney scored.

### State Baseball Tournament

East came back to tie it up in the sixth. George Karr walked and after one out, Keith Anleitner was safe on an error, and Mike Whaley was safe on another Cherry Hill mishap to load the sacks.

Hackman delivered a sacrifice fly to score Karr. Paul Reed singled to score Anleitner with the tying run.

East tucked away victory in the eighth. With two out, Reed worked his way on by a walk, Jim Wisniewski walked and Rich McCain unleashed a double to score Reed with the tie-breaking tally.

## Observerland's Top 20 Hitters

	ab	r	h	rbi	ba
ROY, Thurston	61	19	34	15	.420
FRANTZ, Franklin	66	18	27	23	.409
PAULINE, Farmington	47	5	18	8	.404
FOSTER, Churchhill	56	18	22	24	.393
WATKINS, Franklin	59	10	23	9	.390
KELLY, Churchhill	60	19	23	17	.383
DREHER, Churchhill	63	19	24	14	.381
LIVESAY, Franklin	64	13	24	13	.375
BOEGLER, Bentley	40	4	15	10	.375
NICOLIN, Farmington	43	7	16	8	.372
WHALEY, GC East	53	11	19	13	.358
McBRIDE, John Glenn	85	14	30	10	.352
WATERSTONE, Franklin	74	19	26	11	.351
HERBST, GC West	88	12	30	18	.350
REED, GC East	41	8	14	9	.341
CAMPBELL, Redford U	74	9	25	9	.338
WALDOCK, Bentley	33	5	11	2	.333
McLELLAN, GC West	58	11	19	9	.328
ANLEITNER, GC East	55	10	19	11	.327
LONGWEA, Franklin	34	3	11	4	.324
HODGKINS, John Glenn	68	13	22	8	.323
HOLTON, Farmington	50	7	18	1	.320
FORMA, Redford U	47	11	15	8	.319
WISNIEWSKI, GC East	47	15	7	7	.319
WASILEWSKI, Bentley	47	9	15	10	.319

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