

# GC East 'Walks' By RU For District Crown

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Garden City East roared past two Redford Township baseball powerhouses to win

the state district tournament at Dearborn and earn the right to join Livonia Stevenson Ann Arbor Pioneer and Henry Ford in the Southfield regional.

East, which finished behind Livonia Franklin and Thurston in the Northwest Suburban League, knocked off Thurston in the semifinal, 7-4, and Redford Union

nipped Detroit Cody, 3-2. In the finale, a bases loaded walk in the last of the 10th gave Garden City a 1-0 triumph over RU. This is the first district

title for East, which lost in the Southfield district finale last season to Bentley. East now sports an overall record of 11-7.

East Coach John Kulazenska started Marty Hackman on the mound against RU. He finished with Mike Schmidtke.

Thurston outlasted East 10 to six but East put its hits together and was aided by four Eagle errors.

Eagle head mentor Emil Majeski used Mark Falvo, Ken McLean and Ray Ivey, with his starter Falvo taking the loss. Falvo worked the first 5 2/3 innings and gave up six runs, only three of them earned.

Schmidtke picked up the win for East in a relief role of Hackman, with Hackman in turn taking the win against RU in relief of Schmidtke.

East jumped on Falvo in the second for three runs. Keith Anleiner and Jim Wisniewski drew walks and Paul Reed was safe on an error by Tom Dowdy to load the sacks.

Hackman smacked a single to score two. After Steve Cauldron walked, Ray Ivey at first lost a pop-up in the sun and Reed dashed in for the third tally.

But Thurston was far from out of it. Singles by Gary D'Ascenzo and Falvo and a double by Gary Chappell made it 3-1 in the third. An error, followed by D'Ascenzo's single in the fourth, sliced it to 3-2.

Thurston jumped on Hackman in the fifth to take the lead.

John Roy opened the inning with a single and was moved up on a sacrifice by Ivey. He came home on a hit by Chappell.

A passed ball moved Chappell to second, and McLean delivered a hit to score Chappell with the go ahead run.

Kulazenska had seen enough

and in came Schmidtke who got Kurt Beadle to ground out and retired Dowdy on strikes.

East bounced back in its half of the inning. George Karr was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on a hit by Steve Orr. Rich McCon sacrificed Orr to second and Keith Anleiner singled him home.

## Dearborn District

The Panthers added to their lead in the sixth. With two outs, Karr singled off Falvo but the Thurston hurler tore something in his elbow. Coach Majeski called in McLean who pitched to Orr and promptly gave up a walk.

Majeski replaced McLean with Ray Ivey and McCon greeted him with a two run single. Mike Whaley followed with a walk and Anleiner singled to make it 7-4.

Thurston threatened in the seventh with Roy and Ivey banging out back-to-back singles, but a strikeout and two foul balls ruined the rally and halted Thurston's state tourney hopes.

Powerful Redford Union, which just two days prior had been upset by Southfield Lathrup in the Les Anders semifinals, took on Detroit Cody in the other Dearborn district contest.

Tom Nippa and Tom Miller shared the mound, with Miller hurling the last 4 2/3 innings. He allowed just one hit in picking up the win.

Cody stuck with Dennis Mitchell who gave up six hits, walked three and struck out two.

RU rallied once in the first on a single by Mike Kalil, an error and a single by Mark Yourchok.

Cody threatened to break the contest open in the last of the first. Nippa walked Venias Jordan, Ken Lis beat out a bunt and Gary Steinman walked to fill the sacks with no outs.

Nippa found the range and struck out the next two Cody batters, Bob Paul and Keith Jeffery. The lefthander struck out the next batter, Mitchell, but in the process uncorked two wild pitches, allowing two to score and RU found itself down, 2-1.

RU came back in the third to tie the things up. With two

outs, Glenn Richmond blasted a three-bagger over the center fielder's head and scampered in on a double by Steve Friedman.

The Detroit crew came back at Nippa in the third with Jordan and Lis opening with his. Nippa got Steinman on strikes, but walked Paul to load the bases.

RU Coach Bob Atkins brought in Miller, and he got Jeffrey to ground into a fielder's choice, Kalil to Richmond at the plate, to nail Jordan for out No. 2.

Mitchell then grounded to Friedman at third and Miller had done the job.

RU came up with the deciding run in the fifth when, after one out, Gary Fulk walked, stole second and scored on a hit by Yourchok.

Miller held Cody and it was RU against GC East in the finale.

Atkins stuck with Miller in the game and after the first five innings, and giving up only three hits, his 10 inning state tourney day of pitching ended and in came Fulk.

Kulazenska started Schmidtke and he worked the first seven innings. He gave up five hits, walked two and struck out two, before giving way to Hackman.

It turned into a four-way pitcher's duel with both of fensive attacks stymied.

RU came up with two real threats. In the second, Friedman singled and Lupe Bravo advanced him to third, but Bill Campbell popped out to halt that scoring threat.

In the seventh, after one out, Campbell singled and was wild pitched to third. But Kalil grounded out to strand another Panther at third.

East came close to breaking the scoreless duel in the bottom of the eighth. Paul Reed singled but was forced at second by Hackman. Steve Cauldron singled and Hackman moved around to third.

However, George Karr missed on a squeeze. RU catcher Richmond put the tag on Hackman, and Cauldron was thrown out at third attempting to steal.

Keith Anleiner opened East's 10th ground ball to Kalil at short that was booted. Anleiner moved to second on a passed ball and was sacrificed to fill the bases with only one out.

Cauldron then stepped up and Fulk proceeded to use cork four straight balls and Anleiner came in with the winning run as RU fell victim to its first shutout in 31 games this season.



HEAD FIRST INTO SECOND -- Stevenson's Steve Brown gives it a lolly pop to steal second base while Churchill shortstop Brian

Kelly hauls in the late throw. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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## Milford Upends Farmington, 3-1

The Farmington baseball first came to an abrupt halt in the state districts at Southfield High.

Milford High led three times to the last of the sixth to upset Farmington in a district semifinal clash, 3-1.

The Falcons flung to a 6-3 inter-lakes showing and finished with an 11-6 mark.

Farmington Coach Rich Roy was with senior right-hander James Hagen. He

## Stevenson Has 3 All-Leaguers

Stevenson High and Pontiac Northern shared top billing in the Inter-Lakes All Conference baseball ratings.

Bob Canals, Tom Centers and Mark Tressler made the No. 1 squad for Stevenson while Hans Medina, Ron Erwin and Brian Chismo captured berths for Northern.

The All Inter-Lakes infield consists of Jim Watson, of Walled Lake Central, at first base; Chismo of Northern, at second; Rick Pesko of Central, at shortstop; and Ganzak, of Stevenson, at third.

Farmington's Rick Pauline, Bill Kennedy of Waterford and Medina of Northern make up the outfield and Stevenson's Mark Tressler was the selection for the catching berth.

Centers, of Stevenson, and Erwin of Northern, were selected the top slots in the pitching department. Erwin is a Junior.

Honorable mention honorees went to: Guy Meyers, John Daniels, Pete Spurling, Kevin Bates and Keith Paschke of Waterford; Bob Holter, Jeff Herman, Pat Nicolini, and Dennis Hagen of Farmington; Paul Bidingen of Walled Lake Central; Steve Brown from Stevenson; and Jack Cole and Mark Carie of Pontiac Northern.

**Captains Named**

Co-captains in for 1973 for Michigan State's football team are tailback Mike Holt of Highland Park and defensive tackle John Shinsky of Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Jeff Herman walked, Rick Pauline walked and Pat Nicolini doubled home Herman.

Hagen and Farmington were coasting along with the 1-0 lead until the sixth.

Gary Aldrich led off for Milford with a slant down the left field line. Falcon outfielder Pat Nicolini leaped for the ball, had it in his glove, hit the ground and flipped over, the ball squirted loose and Aldrich wound up on second with a two-bagger.

Gray followed with a single to score Aldrich and the things up and advanced to second on the throw to the plate and to third on a flyout. Bill Small singled and Gray scampered in to put Milford up, 2-1.

An infield out moved Small to third and Hagen walked Sam Acree to put runners on first and third with two outs.

Acree broke for second and Falcon catcher Bill Willson uncorked a wild toss to second that sailed into centerfield and Small scored with Milford's third run.

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