

Redford Rally Smothers Plymouth, 8-7

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Defending Adray champion Redford is after another title. Bob Atkins' crew overcame a 7-4 last inning deficit to upend Plymouth Bidwell, 8-7; rattled Birmingham's Varsity Shop, 10-3, and fought to a 6-0 tie with Livonia Griffin.

Redford stands on top of the 10 team league with a 5-0-1 mark with Plymouth next best at 4-2.

Redford dominated action in its first five games, scoring 41 runs. It was a different story against a Livonia team that had been having its ups and downs.

"Our well ran dry against Livonia and we still didn't

lose," commented Atkins. "We had been hitting so well, it was bound to happen but we still didn't get beat."

The come from behind win over Plymouth has to be a key in the championship drive.

Atkins went through five pitchers in attempting to stop the Bidwells. Scott Evans started for Redford and was relieved by Tom Miller, Tom Nippa, Jeff Moon and Mark Miller with Mark Miller chalking up the victory.

"We had Redford beaten, we had them down and got the breaks but we just couldn't hang on," commented the Plymouth coach

who utilized Lary Graves and Terry Laird on the mound.

Graves worked the first three innings, gave up four runs on four hits, struck out one, walked two and hit three batters. Laird who suffered the extra inning defeat, worked 4 1/2 innings, gave up four runs on four hits, struck out six, walked three and hit three.

Plymouth slipped ahead in the first when Dan Hees drew a walk off Evans.

Graves singled and both moved up on a sacrifice by Mike Kolb. Grimmer was hit by a pitch to load the bases and Dave Hees drew a walk to force in brother Dan.

Redford came back in the bottom of the stanza to take a 2-1 lead. R.J. LeRoux led off with a two-bagger. Mark Durance sacrificed him to third, John Broder walked and Bill Fraser hit into a fielder's choice to score LeRoux with Broder out at second.

Mark Yourchuck singled and Atkins called for the delayed double steal, Fraser scored and Yourchuck was safe at second and Redford was up, 2-1.

Plymouth bounced back in the second. Jeff Walker walked and Bart Taylor doubled. With one out Dan Hees sacrificed in Waller and Grimmer was safe on an error to score Taylor and give Plymouth a 3-2 margin.

In what had the makings of a real slugfest, Redford came right back with two runs in the second to grab a 4-3 lead.

Steve Friedman drew a walk off Graves and John Roy hit a four-bagger between the outfielders.

Plymouth came back to take the lead in the sixth and all with two out. Lane singled, Dan Hees drew a walk, Graves singled in Lane and moved to second on the throw to the plate which got by Glenn Richmond allowing Hees to score. Bill Kovacs followed with a single. Graves scored and Bidwell was up, 6-4.

Bidwell increased it to 7-4 in the seventh on a leadoff single by Robb and two-bagger by Waller.

Laird had kept Redford in check and struck out Jim Foster to start the seventh. Bill Fraser singled and Mark Yourchuck tripled to score Fraser. Richmond belted a game tying homerun and it was seven all. Laird got Friedman to strike out and Roy to pop out but it was a new game.

Plymouth's rally in the eighth was cut short when Graves walked and was picked off first by catcher Richmond.

The eighth saw Redford put the finishing touches on a comeback. After Laird struck out Mark Miller and got LeRoux to pop out, Mark Durance and Foster walked. Sparkman replaced Laird with Graves and Fraser laced an opposite field hit down the third base line and Durance scored easily to end the game.

The Varsity Shop contest was a little easier. Atkins went with Scott Evans the full seven innings, and he responded with a six hitter, walked six and struck out eight in recording his second win against no defeats.

Rick Wolfe and Tim Fremuth hurried for Birmingham with Wolfe taking the loss and Redford collecting 12 hits.

Redford fell behind, 2-0, in the second when Pete Gaudino singled, Tim Kazanski singled and Bruce Neibyski tripled.

Redford exploded for six runs in the third to take a commanding lead. John Knox was hit by a pitch, Yourchuck tripled and

Fraser singled. John Broder walked, Richmond was safe on an error, Durance hit into a fielder's choice with Broder safe at the plate. Friedman capped it all off with a two run homer and Redford was up, 6-2.

A single by Yourchuck and homer by Fraser pushed it to 8-2 in the fourth. Singles by Roy and LeRoux and a sacrifice by Evans made it 9-2 in the fifth.

An error and singles by Broder and Evans increased the lead to 10-2 in the sixth with Birmingham tallying once in the seventh.

Then came the 11 inning scoreless duel with Livonia Griffin.

Redford's Mark Miller and Livonia's Dan Green locked in a pitcher's battle. Miller gave up only two hits in the 11 innings, a single to John Sochte in the second and another single to Howard Schryer in the ninth. The Redford righthander walked six and struck out seven.

Green allowed six hits, walked one and struck out eight.

Redford's top scoring effort came in the second. Richmond led off with a single and with one out, Durance doubled with Richmond stopping at third. Green bore down and struck out Friedman and Miller to halt that threat.

Livonia did everything but score in the second. Steve Crowe walked, Pat Perin forced Crowe at second, John Siehta singled, Mick Crom hit into a fielder's choice and Green grounded out to retire the side.

Livonia was checked as Miller allowed just one base runner the next eight innings, a walk to Jeff Waterstone in the sixth. He was erased by a double play.

Redford collected hits by LeRoux and Fraser in the eighth but failed to score.

Livonia looked like it might break things open in the ninth when Roy Henriksson walked and Schryer singled. Mark Durance robbed Gar Frantz of an extra base hit with a diving catch and Crowe grounded out to kill the rally.



SAFE AT SECOND --Redford Adray's Barry Basebatter Mark Hiller hits the bag before National Pride's Steve Uresite can swoop

down with a tag. Redford clobbered the Churchill junior varsity team, 15-2. (Observer photo)

'Managers Not Really Overjoyed'

Livonia Has Female Umpire



"All-right, the first guy who says a smart remark about a girl umpiring will be watching the rest of the game from the bench," announced a Livonia Little League baseball coach before having his team take the field.

In this age of the fairer sex trying on the suit of every color, Livonia has its first female umpire. Janine Klarr, who will be senior class president next school year at Livonia Stevenson High School, is sporting the shin pads, mask and chest protector of the well known "blue" in baseball.

The 16 year-old Miss Klarr who stands 5-6 and weighs 130, is in her rookie season of umpiring and has taken on the challenge with all sorts of vigor and energy.

"I decided last summer that I would like to give umpiring a real shot," said the Stevenson High student. "My brothers Jack and Jerry encouraged me and it is a job for the summer."

"I sought out information concerning umpiring in Livonia at the Civil Service Office and they informed me that I would have to attend an umpire school."

"I really didn't expect to be the only girl there, but I was and here I am umpiring Little League baseball."

"I guess you could say that I like the authority but I don't consider myself a woman's libber, just a girl out having fun while working," added Janine. "I want to be an aeronautical engineer and I do believe in equal job opportunity."

Miss Klarr didn't know what to expect when it came to calling the balls and strikes in her first outing.

"I sort of had my own cheering section that first game. My parents, brothers and friends all came out," she said.

"My dad was constantly trying to help by telling me to do this and that and to ignore the comments by some people."

"I was really nervous and expected people to have all kinds of comments directed toward me."

"I expected to make a few mistakes that first game, and did, but over all it came off all right."

"The kids were not shocked if anything. The boys came up asking if I was really going to be their umpire. The managers didn't over react but weren't exactly overjoyed either."

"This business of umpiring is a lot of fun but it does take something out of you," concluded the first female umpire in Livonia.

But this summer could be a very trying one for many of the nine through 11-year-olds in Livonia. How do you explain to your friends that a girl just called you out on strikes?

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COME ON UMP -- Little Leaguer Ken Carrol (right) questions a call by Janine Klarr, the first girl umpire in Livonia. Miss Klarr's call held up and Ken took it all in stride. (Observer photo)