

Livonia Overpowers NF Koebel, Nips Westland

Livonia Griffin closed one door with an overpowering triumph and opened another with a one run squeaker.

First round Adray baseball competition came to a close with Livonia crushing North Farmington Koebel, 10-3, and finishing fifth in the 10 team standings at 3-2-3.

Coach Ron Heller got his crew off to the right start in

second round play with a 1-0 tipping of Westland.

Jim Zimmerman and Mike Keller combined talent in the lopsided North Farmington affair with Zimmerman taking the win, working the first five innings.

Dave Riebe, Ivory James and Don Combes hurled for Koebel with Livonia collecting 10 hits, just one more than North, and starter Riebe took the loss.

Livonia started things off with two runs in the first. Jeff Waterstone doubled, stole third and scored on a sacrifice by Mick Cron. Roy Henriksson and Gar Frantz were safe on errors with Henriksson scampering around on the second mishap.

North Farmington got those two back in its half of the inning. John Cassidy walked, Dave Gass singled

and both dashed around when Marty Raymond doubled.

Livonia continued to demonstrate its offensive talent in the second while North was stopped.

Steve Chilenko drew a walk, Zimmerman and Jeff Waterstone were safe on errors. Cron walked and Henriksson singled to push it to 5-2.

Four consecutive singles by Temby, John Sichta, Zimmerman and Waterstone and a steal increased it to 8-2 in the third.

North's Bruce Brewin singled and Cassidy doubled to cut it to 8-3 in the fourth.

The fifth saw Livonia add another run on singles by Sichta and Zimmerman. The final tally came in the sixth

on three straight walks to Frantz, Sichta and Chilenko and a hit batsman.

The Livonia bats slowed down against Westland with hurler Dell Malloch pitching a two-hitter.

But Livonia came up with a run in the top of the seventh to open the second round in the win column.

Malloch struck out nine and walked three while winning hurler Dan Green gave up four hits, two walks, and seven strikeouts.

Gar Frantz led off the Livonia seventh with a three-bagger, only the second hit off Malloch. Howard Schryver banged another single in the fifth.

After Frantz tripled, Schryver walked and with one out, Pat Perino walked to load the sacks. Malloch bore down and retired Steve Crowe on strikes. Sichta grounded one to second that was bobbled, tossed to first and dropped and Frantz scored. That was all Green to chalk up the victory.

On Top With 6-2-1 Mark

Redford Wraps Up 1st Round

One down and two to go.

That's the way Redford Adray Bob Atkin's mind has to be clicking these days.

The defending champions captured first round honors with a 6-2-1 mark with Plymouth Blidwell a half step off at 6-3. There are now two more rounds and two more champions and as far as Atkin is concerned, He would rather not have a playoff at the end of the third round.

But the way the other nine clubs are coming on, there could very well be a different champ in each round. Redford clinched the No. 1 berth with a 3-0 triumph over Garden City which placed eighth with a 2-5-1 showing.

Jeff Moon and Scott Evans worked the Redford mound. Moon went the first 3 1/2 innings, gave up no runs on two hits, walked one and struck out one. Evans came on for the save.

Redford scored once in the second when Glenn Richmond was safe on an error and with two out, Steve Friedman doubled him home.

The fifth saw Redford push the margin to three when Moon singled, John Knox was safe on an error and Bill Fraser was safe on an error with the left fielder dropping a fly fly allowing Moon and Knox to score.

North Farmington Koebel decided to make things interesting in the final weekend of the first round. The Koebel crew won its only game of the first round over Redford 7-2.

Scott Evans, Tom Miller and Jeff Moon all worked on the Redford mound with starter Evans taking the loss, North Farmington collected eight hits.

Al Anderson hurled for North and gave up two runs on six hits, walked four and struck out two.

Koebel scored twice in the first off Evans when Cassidy

was safe on an error. Bob Gass, Rick Cavarella, Marty Raymond and Combes all singled.

A walk to Glenn Richmond and a two-bagger by John Broder cut it to 2-1 in the second but North went back to work.

Raymond singled to open the third. Bruce Brewin was hit by a pitch and Mark Copp tripled in both runners to make it a 4-1 clash.

A walk to Mark Yourcheck and an error got another run back for Redford in the third.

An error, walk to Gass, single by Caravella and another Redford error pushed it to 5-2 in the fourth. An error and single by Caravella in the fifth was the way it ended, 7-2.

Redford regained its composure to open the second round with a 2-1 win over Southfield Lathrup.



OUT AT THE PLATE is Livonia's Steve Chilenko, who was tossed out by five feet attempting to score against North Farmington Koebel on an overthrow. (Observer photo)

Thurston Downs Bentley Crowe

Thurston pushed itself back over the .500 mark in Berry American play with a 7-5 victory over Bentley Crowe and a 5-4 nipping of West Bloomfield.

A 3-2 overall record shows Thurston in the middle of the eight team American pack.

Mark Falvo picked up his first summer victory on the Thurston mound against Crowe Associates. Bentley High's varsity team. Falvo gave up the five runs on seven hits, walked six and struck out eight.

Bob Deacon worked the mound for the losers, giving up all seven runs on only six hits. He struck out two, walked three and hit three Thurston batters.

Deacon hit Gary D'Ascenzo to start the Thurston first. He wild pitched him to second and Ray Ivey singled him home.

A walk to Kurt Beadle, sacrifice by Mike Robinson, an error and a single by Falvo pushed it to 3-0 in the second.

Thurston increased its margin to five in the third. Mike Hill drew a walk and Tom Dowdy singled. Robin-

son was safe on an error by the Crowe shortstop and Mitch Drozdowski singled.

Crowe struck back with two in the fourth when Waldo was safe on an error and Doug Macklon smashed a four-bagger.

A single by Mark Newell, two passed balls and a ground out sliced it to 5-3 in the fifth.

Thurston bounced back in the last of the inning. Hill singled and moved around to third on an error. Chris Queen sacrificed him in, Jeff Krzywada and Robinson walked and Drozdowski singled in Krzywada.

Crowe's final comeback came in the sixth when Klop and Hirst drew walks off Falvo. Newell singled and Brent Boegler doubled. It fell two runs shy and it was on to West Bloomfield for Thurston.

Ray Ivey hurled for the summer Eagles. The hard throwing rightlander gave up 10 hits, walked one and struck out six. Mark Edlen suffered the defeat for Bloomfield. He was haunted by five errors, gave up only

four hits, walked three as struck out six.

West Bloomfield took a 2-0 first inning lead when Zamboldi singled, Bob Gass walked, Mutknick singled and Dan Rowley singled.

Thurston fought back to tie things up in the third. Mike Robinson singled and Mike Donoghue walked. D'Ascenzo was safe on an error to fill the sacks and John Ray singled to score two.

Ivey got things going for Thurston in the fourth with a lead off walk. Hill and Dowdy singled. Robinson walked and Donoghue was safe on an error to make it 5-2.

Bloomfield came back in the seventh. With two out Gass and Mutknick singled. Dan Rowley singled in Gass and Bob Rowley singled in Mutknick moving his brother Dan around to third, with the tying run.

West Bloomfield had the wind taken out of its sails when Rowley rounded the bag too far at third and was cut down.

3 Wolverines On All-Big 10

Three players from the University of Michigan earned berths on the 1973 Big Ten All-Academic baseball team.

Mark Crane, a junior shortstop from Flint; Craig Forhan, a sophomore right-hander from Detroit, and Tom Kettinger, a senior outfielder from Oak Park, Ill. were the Michigan players selected. Kettinger also was named to the All-Big Ten team picked by the coaches, in addition to being Michigan's MVP.

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