

# Farmington Legionnaires Slip Out Of 1st

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BALLET STEP INTO A TAG -- Farmington Sincola catcher Pat Loridas reads himself for a tag with Birmingham Varsity Shop's Mike Jayhand a "dancing duck." (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

## Two Down-One To Go Redford Wins Round

Two down and one to go. That's all Redford Adray and Coach Bob Atkins needs to make it a clean sweep in the 10 team Livonia Adray League.

Redford beat Plymouth in the opening round with a 6-2-1 record. Plymouth was second best at 6-3. Last year's champions did it again in round two, clinching it with victories over Garden City and North Farmington Koebel.

With one game remaining in the second round (tonight) Redford has wrapped up the second of three with an 8-0 record. Westland Burger King and Southfield Lathrup are next best at 5-3.

The third and final round opens this Friday and if things go as Coach Atkins plans Redford could sweep the three rounds and there will be no need for a playoff to see who will be journeying on to Johansstown, Pa.

If one of the other nine clubs does win the third round, they would have to beat Redford twice in the playoffs to win the title while Redford would need only one win.

The 5-2 victory over Garden City all but sealed up another first place with John Knox hurling a two-hitter, walking four and striking out six. It was his first win behind no setbacks.

Jerry Herbst took the loss for Garden City, allowing seven hits, walking one and striking out two.

Garden City struck first in the opening inning when Knox had trouble finding the plate. Mike Whaley singled, Terry Dobbs went down on strikes but Knox walked Cliff McClelland and Mike Orr to load the bases. After getting Marty Hackman to pop out, Knox walked Rich McColin and in trotted Whaley.

Herbst started Garden City off in the second with a walk. Whaley was safe on an error. Dobbs singled and McClelland sacrificed in Herbst to put Redford down by two.

Redford woke up in the third to explode for five runs. Knox singled and stole second. Steve Friedman was hit by a pitch and Bill Fraser was safe on an error to load the sacks. John Broder singled in Knox and Glenn Richmond tripled in three runs. Mark Durane batted in Richmond and Redford had the lead to stay.

Tom Nippa got the call in the contest with North Farmington and came up with his first triumph of the summer campaign.

Redford slapped North Farmington, 5-1, for the title.

Nippa tossed a three-hitter, walked nine and struck out nine. Mark Reibe and Al Anderson buried North with Reibe taking the loss and Redford collecting a total of 10 hits.

Redford scored twice in the first inning after two were out. Mark Yourchuck was safe on an error, Bill Fraser tripled and Broder singled him in.

The third saw Redford make it 3-0 when Yourchuck walked. Fraser singled and Broder bounced into a double play with Yourchuck scoring.

A walk to R.J. LeRoux and four-bagger by Yourchuck pushed it to 5-0 in the fourth.

North Farmington came up with its lone run in the fourth. Mark Copp was safe on an error. With two out Nippa fanned Reibe but the ball got by Richmond putting runners on first and second. Dave Nauman then delivered a single to score Copp and North was in the run column.

## Bentley Crew Coming On Crowe Stuns Plymouth

Bentley High's summer varsity baseball team has something to crow about.

The Bulldogs have come to life and are making a real run at the Berry American standings.

Crowe handed West Bloomfield back-to-back shutouts and then upended the Plymouth Elks for their first setback of the '73 campaign. Crowe now sports a 6-3 record, tied for second with Churchill Berry behind Plymouth.

Brent Boegler and Dan Vezina handled the Crowe pitching in the meeting with West Bloomfield with starter Boegler taking the 3-0 victory.

West Bloomfield collected only two hits, Vezina picking the save. Taking the loss for West Bloomfield was Bob Jones with a six-hitter.

Crowe scored once in the third when Boegler walked. Paul Roshirt singled and Dave Waldoek singled in Boegler.

Two insurance runs were added in the sixth when Boegler tripled, Roshirt singled him in and was thrown out at second. With two out, Steve Marlow walked, went to second on a passed ball and scored on a hit by Bill Klapp.

Crowe came right back at West Bloomfield with another blanking, 7-0. Coach Dick DeVries again went with his two pitcher routine, using Dan Vezina and Paul Roshirt.

Vezina started, hurled three innings of no-hit ball and picked up the win. Roshirt worked the final four innings to chalk up the save, allowing three hits.

Mark Salisbury took the loss for Bloomfield, giving up five hits.

Crowe tallied three times in the first. Bob Cross walked with two out. Roshirt was hit by a pitch and Dave Waldoek walked to fill the bases. Doug Macdonald then lashed three run single. Singles by Vezina and

Cross increased it to 4-0 in the fourth.

The fifth stanza saw Crowe push across two more. A two-out by Bob Deacon, walk to Waldoek, single by Macdonald and sacrifice by Vezina did the work.

A walk to Mark Newell and single by Waldoek finished the Crowe attack in the second consecutive win over Bloomfield.

Crowe continued its winning ways over previously undefeated Plymouth, 5-5.

Boegler and Vezina did the pitching with Boegler going the first 6 1/2 innings and giving up five hits to pick up the win.

Steve Robb took the set back for Plymouth, allowing 10 hits.

Plymouth jumped off to a 3-0 first inning lead. Tony Rossi, Macdonald and Robb drew walks to fill the bases. Boegler then picked Rossi off third but lost his mark and walked Tom Willette to again load the sacks. Mark Step-

bens uncorked a single and Majors followed with the same and Crowe was down, 3-0.

Crowe got back two in the last of the inning on singles by Cross, Boegler and Roshirt.

Willette walked to open the Plymouth third, Stephens walked and Davis forced Stephens. Majors walked to fill the bases and Jeff Waller singled in two to make it 5-2.

Crowe sliced it to 5-4 in the third on three straight singles by Boegler, Roshirt and Waldoek. A solo round tripper by Bob Deacon tied it up in the sixth and set the stage for a Crowe victory in the seventh.

Jeff Hirst opened for Crowe with a single. He sacrificed to second by Cross and after Newell went down swinging, Boegler was given an intentional walk. Roshirt finished the Crowe sweep with a single to left and Hirst raced in with the deciding tally.

with injuries and wind blown balls."

Coch Christenson does have one thing in his favor. Of the eight remaining league games, six are at home on the Farmington Drake diamond.

Tonight (Wednesday) Farmington takes on Waterford at 6 p.m., Birmingham on Friday (6 p.m.) and Waldoek Lake in a Sunday twin-bill, starting at 2 p.m. all at Drake.

Ron Mirek and Ron Ziegler combined pitching talents for Troy in a 10-5 win over Farmington with Ziegler picking up the win.

Christenson went through Dave Brown, Don Hunt and Tim Hammer on the Farmington mound with Brown suffering the loss, his first against one win. Troy collected 10 hits to go along with the five Farmington errors.

A single by Bill McElrath and two-bagger by Art Banziger gave Troy a 1-0 first inning lead.

Farmington bounced back with two of its own in the second. Tom Celeni walked and Mitch Thomas singled. They worked a double steal with Celeni scoring. Brown was safe on an error, Dennis Hagen drew a walk and Bill Willson beat out an infield roller to score Thomas and Farmington was up, 2-1.

The Legionnaires made it 5-1 in the third. Jeff Herman was safe on an error and was sacrificed to second by Randy Stringer. Celeni walked, Thomas singled in Herman and Ron Buck was safe on an error allowing Celeni to score.

Troy got one back in the third and took the lead for good in the fourth.

With Farmington in command, 5-2, Troy had the bases loaded with one out in the fourth. A short hopper was hit to Farmington second and baseman Rob Holton who tagged the runner heading for second. In an attempt to relay it to first, he was barreled over by the runner, Jim Snyder, to prevent the double play. Holton was forced to leave the contest with a jammed thumb.

Troy went on to score four times, added two in the fifth and two in the sixth and Farmington's first place grip was slipping.

The grip all but let go in the first of two with lowly Royal Oak. Gerg Pasca kept Farmington in check with only two hits to win 7-2. Pasca struck out five and walked seven.

Hagen suffered the loss for Farmington with a five-hitter wasted.

Royal Oak's key was the first stanza when it poured in five runs on only one hit. With one out, Terry Busia walked and Doug Little was safe on an error. Kirby Hall then singled to load the sacks.

After a strikeout, Busia was caught between home and third and wound up being awarded home on the catcher's interference. The next two men walked and a fly to right bounced off Don Hunt's glove allowing three more runs to scamper in. Farmington found itself down five runs, Hagen giving up just one hit.

Farmington came back with two in the fourth but failed to overcome its first inning pitfall with Royal Oak adding two in the fifth.

The Legionnaires straightened out in game two and Tim Hammer delivered a two-hitter, walking one and striking out five in recording his first win.

Mike Fraser took the defeat for Royal Oak, giving up eight hits.

A double by Herman, a ground out and sacrifice by Sam Pink gave Farmington a first inning 1-0 margin. A walk to Buck, stolen base and wild pitch along with a ground out pushed it to 2-0 in the second.

The fourth stanza saw Farmington add No. 3 when Celeni was safe on an error stole second and dashed in on a double by Washburn.

Singles by Herman, Randy Meyer, Thomas and Randy Stringer along with a Troy error increased it to 7-0 in the fifth. A Pink single and double by Celeni chalked up run No. 8 in the seventh.

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