

Westland Kicking Up 3rd Round Storm

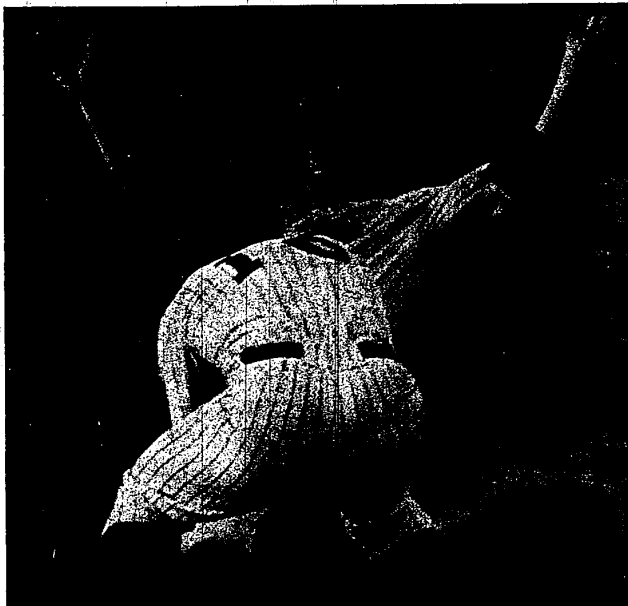
Westland Burger King is making no claims about it, the team is out after Redford in the third and final round of Adray competition.

Redford won the first two rounds to assure itself of at least a double round elimination in the playoffs.

Westland, which finished 5-4 in the first round and 5-3 in round two is off to its best start. Burgers knocked off Garden City, 7-0; Livonia

Griffin, 2-0; and North Farmington Koebel, 2-0. Meanwhile Redford was winning two and tying one.

The third round wraps up in what could be the deciding contest with Redford and Westland going at it on



OUT AT THIRD—Livonia Griffin's Mark Temby is nabbed attempting to advance from first to third on a single in Adray baseball play

against Farmington Sinacola. Griffin won, 9-2. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Friday, July 27, at Thurston High.

Westland's three shutout string started against Garden City.

Dell Malloch took over the pitching and came up with a two-hit showing, walking none and striking out six. It was his fifth win against four setbacks.

Terry Dobbs took the defeat for Garden City, allowing 10 hits.

Westland opened with three runs in the third on singles by Malloch, Glenn Ambrose, J.P. McBride, Bob McSpadden and an error.

The fourth saw Westland push its lead to six. Tony Dattilio and Ken Robinson singled, Malloch doubled and McBride singled him home.

Westland's final tally came in the fifth when Bob Gamsak drew a walk, moved to third on a groundout and scored on a double steal after Dattilio walked.

Jeff Hodgkins was the story against Livonia Griffin.

The John Glenn right-hander handcuffed Livonia on only three hits, walking

five and striking out eight. It was Hodgkins fifth win with no defeats.

Dan Green suffered the loss, allowing five hits, walking three and striking out five.

Westland scored once in the fourth inning when Malloch was safe on an error, McSpadden walked and Robinson singled in Malloch.

The second tally came in the fifth when Gamsak was safe on an error by Howard Schryer and Ambrose sacrificed him around to third. He scored on a hit by McBride.

Art Mach had quite a day

against North Farmington Koebel in Westland's third consecutive shutout.

The hard throwing right-hander hurled a two hitter, collected a single-double-triple and batted in four runs. Mach also had a perfect game on tap in the sixth inning when Rich Weber came up with a two-out opposite field double. Bob Gass collected the only other hit for Koebel in the seventh.

Taking the loss for North was Al Anderson who gave up eight runs and eight hits.

Westland scored twice in the first on a single, by Ambrose, an error and single by Mach. Ambrose was safe on an error to start the third and was sacrificed by second by McBride. Malloch walked and Mach doubled to make it 4-0.

Singles by Karne Derdarian, Hodgkins and McBride added one in the fourth.

Westland completed its assault in the fifth. Mach tripled, McSpadden and Dattilio walked. Mach scored on a ground out and McSpadden on a balk. Dattilio then scored the eighth run on a wild pitch after sealing third.

Farmington Legion Sweeps Walled Lake

It was some kind of weekend for the Farmington Legionnaires and Coach Wally Christenson.

Farmington edged Birmingham Troy, 5-3, and swept both ends of a Walled Lake doubleheader, 4-3 and 2-1, to keep pace with front-running Rochester in the 18th District standings.

Rochester is on top with an 18-3-1 mark with Farmington second best at 16-4.

The first victory of the Walled Lake twin-bill had to be extra sweet for Coach Christenson. It was his 150th win in nine years of Legion Play.

Farmington needs just one more triumph in its four remaining games to clinch a tourney berth. The first two teams go on to the state league playoffs and the third and fourth place clubs enter the Connie Mack tourney.

Farmington plays tonight (Wednesday) against Birmingham Troy at Boulan Park at 8:30 p.m. and Friday on the same diamond against Troy Clawson at 8:30 p.m. Then comes the regular season wrap-up with Berkley in

a twin-bill on the Farmington Drake Field Saturday starting at 2 p.m.

Birmingham Troy jumped on Farmington for two runs in the first inning on a walk, sacrifice and two singles.

Farmington came right back in the last of the stanza. Rob Holton tripled, Tom Celani walked, Mitch Thomas singled and Rich Stringer doubled to tie it at two-all.

Birmingham slipped ahead in the second on an error and single and again Farmington tied it up in the third. Holton doubled, Jeff Herman singled and Celani sacrificed in Holton.

Farmington tallied twice in the fifth for victory. Celani walked, Thomas singled, Rich Stringer sacrificed and Hagen and Dave Washburn singled in the deciding runs.

Rich Stringer took over the Farmington mound chores in the first of two with Walled Lake. He chalked up his sixth win on a five-hitter, walking one and striking out five.

Stringer gave up another gofer ball in the top of the seventh when Panteline delivered a four-bagger.

With out, Farmington's Randy Meier came up with a pinch-hit single, Holton and Herman both singled and Rich Stringer hit a sacrifice fly that was thrown away with Meier and Holton both scoring.

Farmington jumped on another fluke play to win the second. Singles by Rich Stringer, and Thomas and a sacrifice by Sam Pink gave Farmington a 1-0 lead in the

fourth and Walled Lake tied it in the fifth. With one out, Steve Hayes and Joe Stephens singled and Grace walked to load the bases.

Phil Yeager then laced a drive to center that dropped in but Farmington outfielder Rich Stringer threw quickly to second and forced Grace. The next batsman grounded out and Farmington escaped with just a tie at hand.

The deciding tally came in the last of the fifth. Bill Willson singled and Meier ran for him. A passed ball moved Meier to second with one out and a groundout advanced him to third.

Then on a 3-1 pitch to Rich Stringer, the Walled Lake hurler Jim Grace reared back on the mound and fell off, a balk was called and in trotted Meier with what proved to be the deciding tally.

Hagen picked up his seventh win against two losses in a relief appearance. Tim Hammer went the first 4 1/2 innings and gave up three hits while Hagen worked the last 2 1/2 and allowed just one hit.

Plymouth Elks Throttle Berry Front-Runners

The way the Plymouth Elks have been charging around, one might want to take notice at the hunting calendar.

The Plymouth Elks blanked two Berry American League clubs to stand high in the standings with a 10-2 record.

Plymouth shutout Bentley Crowe, a team that upended them a week earlier. This time Plymouth got revenge in a 6-0 shutout.

Thurston then fell to Plymouth, 5-1.

Robb Willette got the call against Bentley Crowe and came up with a two-hitter. He walked three and fanned

five for his second win against no defeats.

Dan Vezina suffered the loss for Crowe, being touched for eight hits, walking three and striking out five.

Plymouth scored all six runs in the first inning when it sent 11 players to the plate.

Tony Rossi started things off with a single, Mark Stephens walked and Jeff Waller singled in Rossi. Robb Willette tapped a roller to Bob Cross at short who uncorked a wild toss to the plate, allowing Stephens and Waller to score. After a wild pitch and stolen base, Larry Davis delivered a four-bagger. Scott Sommerville was safe

on another error by Cross, was wild pitched to second and stole third. He scored on a passed ball.

The Thurston game pitted Steve Robb against Chris Queen. Robb went the distance to record his fourth victory. The Plymouth right-hander allowed six hits, walked two and struck out one.

Queen needed relief from Mark Falvo and took the loss.

Thurston drew first blood in the opening inning. Jeff Waller booted a ball at short and Gary D'Ascenzo was on. Falvo sacrificed him to second and a ground out by John Roy moved him to

third. John Broder tapped another to Waller, it was booted and D'Ascenzo dashed in with Thurston's solo tally.

Plymouth bounced back with two in the last of the stanza on walks to Rossi and Stephens, a single by Waller and an error.

The third inning saw Plymouth increase it to 2-1. Stephens singled, moved to third when a wild toss bounced off a wild pitch.

Plymouth finished its scoring in the fifth after one was out. Robb singled, Rob Willette doubled him home, Waller bunted safely and Willette scored on a wild pitch.

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