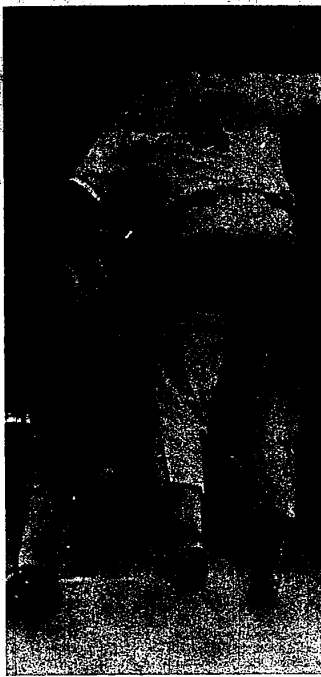




UP AND ALMOST OVER is Fancher's Bob Ganzak (4) in Berry baseball action with Red-



ford Appliance catcher Ted Musto intent on making the tag and not letting the futile leaps



and bounds of Ganzak deter his tag at the plate. Redford won the contest and the Nation-



al League with a 15-0 record. (Observer photos by Tom Donoghue)

One-Run, Ill-Omened Plymouth Slips To 3-3-1

Plymouth High baseball Coach Wayne Sparkman who has turned Adray for the summer has picked up a sour taste of one-run defeats, a taste he doesn't enjoy but is beginning to accept in his rookie season of Adray play. His Bidwell crew gave powerful Redford a run in the first round, fell flat in the second round and now slipped to a 3-3-1 mark in the final third round.

The first round 6-3 mark featured three one-run defeats. This round shows another three one-run setbacks and a tie.

"With a break here or there, we would be on top instead of Redford or West-

land," commented Sparkman whose crew stands 14-9-3 overall behind Westland at 16-7 and Redford at 18-2-2.

Garden City which is the on and coming club in the third round at 5-1, nipped Plymouth behind the four hit pitching of Terry Dobbs, 1-0. Dobbs struck out 10 and walked one.

The solo tally came in the fourth with one out. Darren McHugh was safe on an error by Larry Graves at third. McHugh advanced to second when Steve Robb booted a pickoff attempt at first. Dobbs then won his own game with a run scoring single and Plymouth tasted another one-run setback.

Plymouth bounced back to make a clean sweep over North Farmington. Koebel. Bidwell's third victory over the team from North, 4-2, featured Mike Kolb and Terry Laird on the mound.

Kolb started and lasted 3 1/2 innings, giving up two runs on six hits, walked three and struck out two. It was Kolb's second win. Laird got credit for the save with 1 1/2 innings of one-hit ball.

Al Anderson took the loss for North. Plymouth scored

all four runs off him along with six hits, seven walks and two striking out.

North jumped to a 1-0 lead in the second when Mike Claperella doubled and scored on a groundout and wild pitch.

A single by Bill Kovacs, stolen base, walk to Robb and wild throw on a fly ac-

counted for Plymouth's first score. A solo roundtripper by Graves pushed Plymouth to a 2-1 margin in the third.

The fifth saw Bidwell make it 3-1 when Graves walked, stole second and scored on a two-bagger by Robb.

North cut it to 3-2 in the sixth on singles by Mike Combes and Claperella, a

Livonia Falls Victim To 8 Run Inning

Birmingham Varsity Shop came up with eight runs in the sixth inning to upend Livonia Griffin in Adray play, 8-5.

The Livonia crew, coached by Ron Heller, bounced back from the giveaway contest which featured six walks and an error in that sixth inning to nip Plymouth, 2-1.

Livonia now is in a tie for fourth with Birmingham in the third and final round at 4-2. Plymouth slipped to sixth at 3-3-1.

Gordie Miller, Dan Green,

Mike Keller and Jim Zimmerman shared the Livonia mound against Birmingham. Green took the loss. Birmingham collected only five hits.

Rick Wolfe and John Johnson hurled for Birmingham with starter Wolfe chalking up the win.

Livonia scored four times in the first inning and once in the fourth to take a commanding 5-0 lead.

Jeff Waterstone was safe on an error by Wolfe. How- and Schryer walked and the two pulled off a double steal.

Roy Henriksson singled in Waterstone and Gar Frantz singled in Schryer. Steve Chienko followed with a single. Mark Tomby a walk and John Sichts a bunt and it was a 4-0 after one.

A single by Henriksson, stolen base and hit by Frantz made it 5-0 in the fourth.

The sixth inning depicted Livonia's entire summer. Birmingham sent 14 batters to the plate, collecting only four hits but drawing six base on balls.

Pete Gaudin started it with a walk, Ted Kazanski singled and Kevin Kays was

safe on an error to load the sacks. Steve Jayhand singled to score two and after a strikeout, Bart Bates, Bruce Neblyak and Frank Carr all drew walks. Keller came in for Livonia and pitched to one batter, Gerry Keller who greeted him with a two-run single. It was Zimmerman's turn to take the mound and with two out he walked Kazanski, Keys doubled and Jayhand walked.

Livonia picked up against Plymouth. Larry Graves went the route for Plymouth in recording his third loss against one win. Graves gave up four hits, walked eight and struck out four.

Zimmerman started for Livonia and recorded the win. He was forced to retire with a pulled muscle and Keller came in to record his fourth save with Plymouth totaling six hits.

Plymouth drew first blood in the third when Dan Hees singled, stole second and scored on a one out double by Graves.

Livonia did all of its scoring in the fifth. Pat Perino opened with a high bouncer over Greg Lane's head at short. He stole second and

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Franklin Berry 'Routs North

Franklin Berry put the finishing touches on second place in the National Mack standings with a 14-1 rout of North Farmington.

It was Berry's 12th victory against three losses behind Redford Appliance at 15-0. Fancher's next with an 11-2-3 record.

Rich Gaber and Mickey Fischer combined pitching talents for a four-hit victory against a now 4-1-1 North Farmington team with Gaber picking up the win.

Lou Doot and Chuck Weber hurried for North with the Franklin crew being out 11 hits and Doot suffering the lopsided defeat.

Berry scored four times in the opening stanza. Tony Dattilio and Dan Longway singled and Dattilio stole third. Gar Frantz singled in Dattilio and Longway stole home. Wayne Darragh walked and Tim Livesay tripled and Franklin had a four run margin.

A walk to Gaber and double by Dattilio made it 4-0 in the second, with North Farmington's designated hitter. He last of the inning. McIntosh walked, Weber singled and Combs doubled.

Walks to Dattilio and Longway, three stolen bases and a triple by Darragh increased the Berry lead to 7-1 in the fourth.

The fifth saw Berry add two more when Dave Holandsworth walked, Gaber was safe on an error and Dattilio doubled then home. A single by Livesay, two stolen bases and a double by Joe Jimmet, pushed it to 11-1 in the sixth.

Berry concluded his assault in the seventh. Fischer walked, and stole second. Longway was safe on an error, Frantz walked, Darragh was safe on an error and Livesay doubled.

Hits .379

Jim Kooloski of Monroeville, Pa., won the University of Michigan baseball hitting title as the Wolverines' designated hitter. He hit .379 to become one of the best hitters to win a batting crown.

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