

It's A 'Berry Finale' For Mack Title



The Berry League show-down has to produce a Berry winner.

The Connie Mack league, which went under the auspices of Berry this season, had a very team in both the American and National Leagues.

The Churchill and Franklin Berry clubs finished second best in their respective leagues. The Plymouth Elks won the American with a 12-4 record with Churchill second at 11-4-1. Redford Adray captured the National with a 15-1 mark with Franklin at 13-3.

All four teams qualified for the state tourney which opens this weekend.

The league championship saw both first place clubs fall to the Berry talent. Franklin Berry tipped Plymouth, 2-1, and Churchill blanked Redford, 1-0. It will be the two Berrys against one another for the league crown.

Churchill mustered only one hit off Redford in the semifinal and it didn't even figure in the scoring.



The game's solo tally came in the last of the fifth.

Gary Condon, who had the only hit off Redford hurler Gary Fulk, a single to right in the second inning, opened with a walk. Al Leirstein hit into a fielder's choice with Condon going out pitcher to shortstop.

Fulk then attempted to pickoff Leirstein and threw wild with the Churchill runner advancing to second. Jay Nelson went down swinging for out No. 2 and with Phil Skender at the plate, Fulk uncorked two wild pitches and Churchill was on the board.

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against the loser of the Detroit AABC playoff at 3 p.m. Friday.

A single sacrifice and two-bagger in the seventh inning provided the winning margin for Franklin over Plymouth Elks, 2-1.

Rich Gaber went all the way for his fifth win against two losses, giving up six hits, walking two and striking out seven.

Steve Robb suffered the loss, allowing seven hits, walking none and striking out two.

Franklin struck first in the last of the second. Wayne Darragh was safe on an error by the shortstop and was forced at second with Tim Livesay safe at first. Ron Vanderlinde was then safe on an error and Joe Jinnett rifled a single up the middle to score Livesay.

A solo roundtripper by Larry Davis tied things up for Plymouth in the fourth inning. It came down to the last of the seventh with the score still knotted at one all.

Darragh opened with a single off Robb and Livesay

sacrificed him to second. Vanderlinde delivered a double and Darragh scampered in with the winning tally.

Franklin plays at Lincoln Park High School in its Mack district on Friday Aug. 3, at 6 p.m. against the winner of the Lincoln Park and Allen Park contest.

Plymouth will attempt to get back on the winning track Thursday at Flint in the opening district game at 11 a.m.

Announce Tri-County Tryouts

The Adray Appliance Squire team of the Tri-County Hockey League (9-10 year olds) will be holding pre-season tryouts beginning Aug. 4 at 10:30 a.m. at the Spectrum Arena.

CUTTING LOOSE WITH a hard fastball in Berry Baseball playoff action is Churchill's Dave Panzoff who chalked up the win against Redford Adray in semi-final action, 1-0. (Observer photo)

Redford Wins, 2-0 For Championship

Redford Adray might not be like a good wine that improves with age but more like a cool glass of champagne that is always good.

The defending Adray baseball champions have successfully defended their crown, and it is now on to the world championships in Johnston, Pa.

Westland Burger King, which had won its first seven games of the third and final round, fell flat on its face. He had one-all tie with Southfield and 4-1 defeat to Redford. This gave Garden City the third round title and a shot at Redford, winner of the first two rounds.

Garden City had to win two games from Redford to take the crown. Redford made quick work of it in game No. 1 with a 2-0 victory locking up the championship.

Redford finished at 22-3-2 overall.

The champions, second in the final round at 7-1-1, tied with Westland now go against Ann Arbor in a state

district clash Aug. 10-11 in a best two of three series. One game will be played in Livonia, one in Ann Arbor and one on a neutral site.

The winner advances to Johnston, Pa. for the nationals, Aug. 15-21. Coach Atkins used two hurlers in the league championship clash with Garden City: Mark Miller and Scott Evans worked.

Miller went the first 4 1/2 innings, gave up no runs on two hits. Evans picked up the save pitching the final 2 1/2 innings, not giving up a hit.

Garden City threatened in the first when Jim Wisniewski tripled but was left stranded. Miller retired the next seven in a row.

Redford struck in the first on a three-bagger by R. L. LeRoux and a sacrifice fly by Mark Yourcheck. The champions came back with another in the fifth. Mark Durance and Mark Miller singled, pulled off a double steal and Durance scored on

a hit by LeRoux.

Garden City came back in the inning to load the bases with only one out but failed to score.

With one out, Miller walked Mike Orr, Terry Dobbs and Rich McCain. Atkins called on Evans and the Redford hurler proceeded to strikeout Ken Reed and get Steve Orr to ground out to the first baseman and Redford had all but sealed up another title.

Redford's earlier 5-1 victory over Westland killed the Burger King hopes with John Knox going the distance giving up just two hits. Knox walked none and struck out five along the way to his fourth triumph against no losses.

Taking the loss for Westland was John Glenn's Jeff Hodgins who gave up the five runs on six hits, walked two and struck out four.

Westland was just off a one-all tie with Southfield that really put the pressure on while Garden City nipped Dearborn, 11-0.

Redford made it 2-0 in the first of the two were out. Mark Yourcheck walked, was wild pitched to second and scored when Bill Fraser was safe on an error. Fraser then stole second and scored on a hit by John Broder.

The third saw Redford push it to 3-0 on a hit by Yourcheck, a ground out, and a single by Broder.

Westland got one back in the top of the fourth. With one out, J.P. McBride was safe on an error by the shortstop and advanced to second on an infield out. Dell Maloch drove him home on a single and that was all Westland could put together.

Two runs in the sixth iced the victory for Redford's Broder led off with a walk and Glenn Richmond was safe on a fielder's choice with Broder beating the loss to second. Knox was safe on an error allowing Broder to score. Durance hit into a double play, but Roy singled in Richmond for run No. 5.

Plymouth Wraps It up Over Southfield, 3-2

Plymouth Bidwell wrapped up its 73 Adray baseball campaign with a 3-2 victory over Southfield to finish 4-1 in the third round and overall 15-10-2 mark for Coach Wayne Sparkman.

This was the first season for the Plymouth High varsity baseball coach in the Adray program.

Three hurlers took the mound in the finale with Southfield. Mike Smock started and lasted four innings, allowing two runs on six hits. Larry Graves worked 2 1/3 innings, gave up no runs on one hit, struck out five and walked four.

It was Graves' second win against three losses. Taking the loss and going the route for Southfield was Mike Bodnar who allowed all three runs, two earned, on five hits, walked one and struck out four.

Plymouth scored its first run in the second inning. Jim Grimmer singled and moved to second when the Southfield outfielder bobbled the ball. Grimmer was wild pitched to third and scampered in on a sacrifice by Bill Kovacs.

Southfield tied it up in the third. With one out, Bodnar

and Shaye Raminick singled. Rick Farrell forced Bodnar at third. Kelbi Hakala bounced one over the shortstop's head and Raminick dashed in.

The fourth saw Southfield take a 2-1 lead off walks to Mark Smith and Bruce Digue and a single by John Dallow.

Plymouth tied it up again in the fifth without the benefit of a hit. Kovacs drew a walk and Dave Hees was

safe at second on an error with Kovas advancing to third and scoring on a pick-off attempt.

The deciding tally came in the top of the seventh with one out when Grimmer cleared a 340 foot shot over the wall in left.

Southfield rallied in the bottom of the stanza. Graves walked Lee Manduzzi and Bodnar and Sparkman

brought in Steve Robb. Grimmer proceeded to pick Manduzzi off second and Raminick slapped a grounder to Greg Lane at short with Bodnar forced at second.

Farrell followed with a single and Sparkman put Graves, who had been moved to third, back on the mound. Graves walked Hakala but struck out pinch-hitter Terry Braha to halt the threat.

Metro West Track Running Saturday

Regular season competition for the Metro-West Track Club comes to a close Saturday, Aug. 4, at Garden City West High School.

Anyone wishing to qualify for the upcoming Aug. 11 meet with the Mid-Michigan Track Club at Michigan State University must be present.

The 100 yard dash, two mile run, sprint medley relay, one mile run, 440 yard run and 440 yard relay will be featured Saturday.

There is a 50 cent entry fee for non members. On the upcoming schedule is a six-mile cross country race at Rouge Park on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 6:30 p.m.

A total of 39 were on hand for the final club meet with Don Richardson of Warren the solo double winner. Richardson won the three-mile run in 14:48 and the mile run in 4:38.

Second place in the three mile run went to Garden City

East grad John Yurchis.

Geoff Lane of Wayne State won the 800 yard in 2:54.2 with John Call taking second and Ken Landini third.

The 220 was captured by Bob Mendoza, of Churchill High, with a 22.3 clocking. Dan Blacha was second. Pat Cummins, Ken Landini, Lane and Blacha won the mile relay in 3:44.6. First and second place finishers qualify for the Mid-Michigan meet.

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