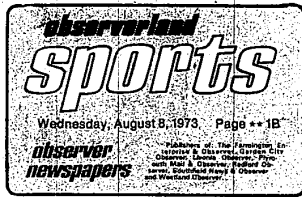


# Dearborn Thumps Franklin Berry, 5-2

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Franklin Berry fell one step short of his goal.

The Franklin High varsity, winners of the Northwest Suburban championship, advanced the farthest of any Observerland Mack team but wound up one contest away from the regionals at Marshall.

Fort Dearborn tipped Berry in the Lincoln Park district finale, 5-2.

It was the second loss for Berry to Fort Dearborn, a 2-1 eighth-inning defeat against the now district champs sent Franklin into the loser's bracket where it fought back only to lose again to Dearborn.

Paul Hunt's Franklin team won its district opener over Tom Noland's Lincoln Park Adray team, 1-0. Lincoln Park was quickly eliminated and Franklin then lost to Fort Dearborn, 2-1.

Berry bounced back with two straight 2-1 victories over Monroe and Southgate and it was back against Fort Dearborn for the district title.

Fort Dearborn came up with a surprise pitcher in Allen Park High's Jeff Hrdlicka who was just added to the roster that day when it was discovered a player on the Dearborn roster was ineligible.

Hrdlicka's American Legion Allen Park team was knocked out of another journey the day before.

The All-Suburban Eight lefthander handcuffed Franklin on a four-hitter, walked six and struck out 12.

Rich Gaber started for Franklin and lasted two complete innings, giving up all five runs on five hits, walking three and striking out one.

Joe Jinnett went the last five and gave up three hits, walked one and struck out three.

Fort Dearborn jumped on Gaber for one in the first. Jeff Walberg walked and Ed Crittenden singled. Tom Sadek forced Crittenden, short to second and Tom McElroy

walked to load the sacks. Gaber struck out the next batter but lost Larry Mucha on four pitches to force in Walberg.

Berry fell behind by three in the second. Hrdlicka led off the Dearborn inning with a three-bagger and scored on a hit by Walberg who moved to second on a stolen base and to third on a wild pitch. Crittenden followed and Franklin then lost to Fort Dearborn, 2-1.

The third stanza saw McElroy single and Ron Bazy double and Coach Hunt had enough of Gaber and in came Jinnett who was greeted by a double by Mucha.

Mucha was cut down attempting to stretch it into a triple. Tim Livesay to Bob Ganzak to Dan Longeway. But Franklin was down five.

Berry got one back in the third when Jeff Waterstone singled, stole second and scored on a hit by Ganzak.

The second tally came in the seventh when Waterstone drew a walk, went to second on a passed ball and scampered in when Ganzak was safe on an error. That was the extent of Berry's assault with Hrdlicka keeping the bats in check.

The district opening 1-0 win over Lincoln Park was the first of two one-hitters to be tossed by Jamie Knapp who also did the trick against Southgate two days later.

Knapp gave up one lone single against Lincoln Park, walked two and struck out five. Taking the loss for Lincoln Park was Bill Martin who allowed four hits, walked three and struck out seven.

Berry's solo tally came in the second. Wayne Darrah led off with a walk and stole second. Livesay hit into a fielder's choice with Darrah cut down sliding into third.

Livesay put on his running shoes, stole second and third. After a walk to Ron Vanderlinden, the two pulled off a double steal with Livesay beating a return throw to the plate and Vanderlinden safe at second.

It was then Gaber on the Berry mound in his first of two appearances against Fort Dearborn.

Gaber gave up two runs on five hits, walked two and struck out five. Picking up the victory for Dearborn was Gary Trybus who allowed seven hits, walking three, striking out eight.

Dearborn struck first in the third when Walberg was safe on an error by Gaber and stole second. With two outs, Crittenden drilled a grounder between Longeway's legs at third and Walberg dashed in with the first run.

Berry tied it up in the fourth. Waterstone singled and was forced at second with Tony Dattilio safe at second on a wild double play attempt. Gar Frantz followed with a single and it remained one-all until the eighth.

Franklin let a scoring opportunity slip away in the top of the inning. After Dattilio struck out, Frantz singled and Ganzak walked. Darrah then struck out and Livesay popped out to end the threat.

Dearborn didn't let its opportunity slip away in the bottom of the inning. Sadek and McElroy singled. With

no outs, Bazy singled with Sadek scoring when the ball was bobbled by Livesay.

Andy Coppola got the call for Berry against Monroe and delivered a six-hitter, walking one and striking out seven with his batsman providing a 2-1 punch.

Ted Elghmey suffered the loss. Berry banged out six hits, with four straying walks and eight striking out.

Monroe scored in the first when Ted Carson singled, Rick Winkler walked and with two outs, Rick Straub singled in Carson.

Berry came one out away from dropping a loser's slot contest to Monroe. It came down to the last of the seventh and trailing by one, Vanderlinden opened with a walk and stole second. With two outs, Coppola singled to left and Vanderlinden dashed in to notch it at one-all.

A solo round-tripper by Ganzak in the eighth sewed up victory for Coppola and his Berry crew.

Knapp got the call again against Southgate and again responded with a one-hitter, walking three and striking out nine.

It was Knapp's eighth win against one loss this summer. The Berry right-hander had given up only six earned runs in 63 1/3 innings worked.

Berry collected six hits total and scored both of its runs in the first inning. Waterstone led off with a walk and stole second. Dattilio walked and Frantz singled in Waterstone. Ganzak hit into a fielder's choice and Darrah bunted his way on to score. Dattilio for what proved to be the deciding score.

Knapp had set down Southgate 1-23 in the first three innings but found his range in the fourth. Ed Schendel walked, Scott Freding sacrificed him to second and Larry Jones was safe on an error by Darrah to make it 2-1.

Tom Crittan collected the lone hit off Knapp but the Berry hurler bore down, got out of the jam and retired Southgate 1-23 in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

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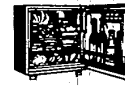
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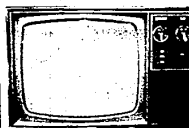
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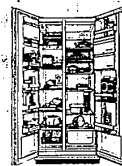
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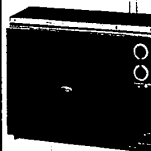
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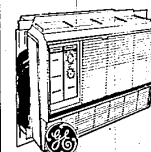


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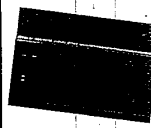
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# Fanchers Nip Crowe

It was the battle of the third place finishers in the Berry League with the winner advancing to the Michigan Recreational Class B state tourney.

The Stevenson Fanchers, tipped Bentley Crowe, 3-2.

Fanchers had finished third in the Berry National League behind Redford and Franklin with an 11-23 record. Crowe was third in the American Division at 10-6

behind Plymouth and Churchill.

Tom Centers went the distance for Fanchers and hurled the three-hit victory, walking one and striking out eight.

Taking the final setback for Crowe was Dan Vezina who allowed three hits, walked eight and struck out eight.

Fanchers got off to a 1-0 start in the opening stanza. Mark Temby singled and

moved to second when Jim Trehanne grounded out. Bob Ganzak drew a base on balls and the two runners pulled off a double steal. Temby scored when Tom Zallagris bounced out.

Two walks, a hit batsman and an error pave the way for two more Fancher scores in the fourth. Vezina walked Tom Centers and Don Finn and hit Mark Kiefer to load the bases with two out. Tem-

by was safe on an error allowing Centers and Finn to score and Fanchers had a three run cushion.

Crowe bounced back in the seventh but fell a run short. With one out, Paul Roshirt singled and Bob Deacon walked. A groundout advanced both runners with the two scoring on a Fancher error. Centers retired the final batsman and Fancher moved into the state recreational tourney.



TURNING A DOUBLE PLAY and taking a flip is Farmington second baseman Randy Stringer in Connie Mack action against Fort

Dearborn. Farmington Legion fell to Dearborn and out of state competition, 7-0. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

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