

# Redford Falls Quick At Saginaw

The champions of the Berry National League must have packed the wrong bats for the district baseball clash at Saginaw-MacArthur high school.

Redford Adray Appliance, winner of the National League with a 15-1 mark, won its opening battle over the host club but then could muster only six hits in the next two games and fell out with a one and two mark.

Redford trounced Saginaw Super-Flite, 8-3, fell to Warren, 5-1, and to Saginaw Gerkens, 5-3, and Coach Bob Atkins closed the books on a 15-4 season.

Tom Nippa, Gary Fulk and Mark Hiller all saw service for Redford in the victory. Nippa started and lasted three and one-third innings. Fulk worked the middle two and two-thirds innings and picked up the win

## Saginaw Mack Districts

The fifth saw Redford jump to a 4-2 lead. Dan Barone singled, Bruce Breen was safe on an error and Fulk bunted his way on to fill the bases. Kall delivered a two-run single and Redford had the lead.

Two walks and an error sliced it to 4-3 in the sixth. Redford pulled away in the seventh with four runs on three hits. Fulk drew a walk, Kall singled and Redford pulled off a double steal. Bravo singled to score two, Marty Raymond walked, and

Mark Yourhook doubled in runs No. 7 and 8. Redford then fell silent with two quick setbacks dropping the Adray team out of competition.

Paul Pepoy held Redford to two hits in Warren's 5-1 victory, walking one and striking out seven.

Coach Atkins used Tom Centers and Mark Hiller with Centers taking the loss. Centers gave up two runs on one hit but walked one and hit a batter in the one inning worked. Hiller hurled the last six innings and allowed three runs on three hits, walked two and struck out three.

Warren tallied twice off Centers. With one out, Don Dimuzio walked, Bruce Martin bounced one back to Centers who tossed to the short stop while the second baseman was covering the bag and an inning ending double,

Play was nullified. Centers then hit Don Bodnar to load the bases and Tom Delamelleur lined a double to score two.

Redford got one back in the fourth when Bravo was safe on an error and Ron Campbell batted him in.

Warren broke it open in the seventh on two hits, a walk, a hit batsman and an error pushing the difference to four.

Redford couldn't come up with a winning attack in the losers bracket and fell to Saginaw Gerkens, 5-3.

Brad Bonk handcuffed Redford on only four hits, walked three and struck out six.

Gary Fulk went the first two and two-thirds innings and gave up all five runs on four hits, walking one and striking out four.

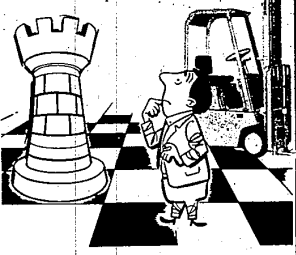
Redford spurred ahead 2-0 in the first. Raymond singled but was erased with Bravo safe at first on a fielder's choice. Yourhook walked and Redford pulled off a double steal with both runners scoring on a two-sagger by Steve Friedman.

A single by Russ Burnell, hit batsman and a single by Bonk evened it up at two-all in the second for Saginaw.

Saginaw went to work on Fulk in the last of the third. Champaign was safe on an error, Craig Gotham singled and Gerkens singled in Champaign. Gotham scored on a double steal and Ron Russell singled in Gerkens.

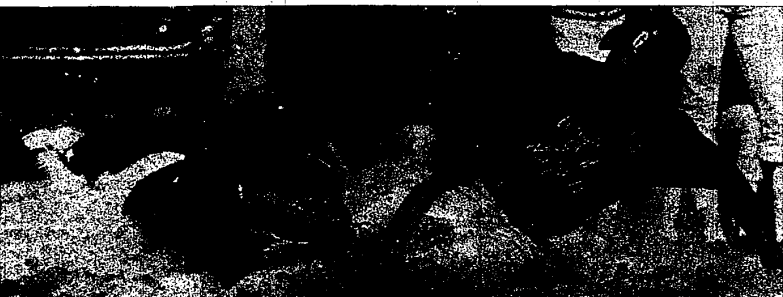
A two-bagger by Raymond and single by Yourhook was the last of Redford's assault in the sixth, which fell two runs shy.

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OUT AT THE PLATE—Churchill Berry catcher Bob Waslewski hangs onto the ball after nabbing John Rogers at the plate attempting to score from second on a single.

Rogers, of the Wayne County Sheriff team, was out. Churchill won in eight innings, 2-1. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

## Turf Tips, Quips

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'Tis interesting indeed to watch the operations of the Hazel Park trotting meeting where General Manager Harold Duris ordered an earlier start of 8 p.m. on the Detroit Race Course decided to start earlier.

The DRC has past times of 2:30 p.m. daily and 1 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays. Hazel Park appeared to be in line with the earlier 8 p.m. spot at its plant with the implied thought that fans would be leaving the park earlier.

Apparently the message never stretched from Duris to Mutuels Manager Gene Tarlton.

Saturday's race started at 8 p.m. as ordered. The horses went off for the final event shortly before the mid-night deadline.

All of which means that Hazel Park is starting a half-hour earlier for the single reason of having additional time to get bettors to the windows.

DRC management is taking a big risk in its history-making decision for an early afternoon post, something unheard of in Michigan since the thoroughbreds were legalized in the mid-30s. It hopes to sell patrons on the change and is finding it takes a lot of selling.

The Hazel Park management is taking advantage of a situation working in its favor to better its economic position with apparently no thought of keeping its promise to the public, earlier start, earlier finish.

AT THE MOMENT Hazel Park is off to its finest start with single record for attendance and an all-time high wagering for a Saturday.

Both marks were set Saturday when betting soared to \$887,481 compared to the previous high of \$874,350 set in April, 1970.

The crowd of 11,875 was the biggest turnout at the track since April 1960. That's going back quite a few years and shows the area trend is moving more and more towards the trotters.

The average handle for the first four nights is \$708,917, a 10 per cent increase over the same period a year ago. The turnstile count to date is 8,780 for a hike of one per cent over 1972.

DURING AN INTERVIEW a few weeks back, Mrs. Bea Farber, who became the first woman to win a major drive

ing championship when she was crowned at the recent Northville Downs campaign, indicated one of the best horses in her stable was Blazing Kirood.

But she also said the pacer wasn't quite ready at that time.

Guess who she drove to her second win at Hazel Park on Saturday. Blazing Kirood paid a fat \$14 for a victory in 1:59.3, indicating it is nearing top form now.

NEITHER NOBELITE nor Blu Fireball, recent winners of the Coon Memorial four-year-old stakes at Croswell, were able to make the winner's circle in their Hazel Park debuts.

Nobelite finished well behind Speed. A Plenty Friday and Blu Fireball was no match for Chicago's Shady Mile in the Saturday feature.

Blu Fireball and Easy Irv, pride and joy of the Farber stable duelled for a half-mile, before the latter wilted. Then Blu Fireball took on Shady Mile and was a half-length back at the finish in 2:00.4, fastest mile to date.

ADMISSION PRICES to the Detroit Race Course will remain at 1972 levels until at least Aug. 12. The 1972 prices of \$1.50 to the grandstand and \$2.50 in the clubhouse were fixed by the federal wage and price control board.

The DRC management filed application earlier to hike prices to \$2 and \$3 and is awaiting action from the board, which has indicated it will review increased DRC operating costs Aug. 12 to determine whether to allow or disallow.

DRC officials are busy studying the pedigrees of their two new Belgian draft horses to determine if there is any mule blood in their backgrounds.

Thus far both Scotty and Dan have demonstrated a rather reluctance to pull the starting gate into position before each race. But officials haven't given up, they're getting another team of Belgians.

The thought being that perhaps a team of four Belgians will be more willing to do the job instead of the two reluctant.

CELEBRATING THE silver anniversary of the Michigan Mile this year at the Detroit Race Course and the silver anniversary of the racing plant next year, management has come up with still

## WSU Harriers Set Schedule

Wayne State University's cross country team will face a dozen dual meets, compete in two invitational events and is listed to run in two championships during the 1973 season.

Coach Dick Swanson returns for his seventh season, bringing a 42-35 career mark into 1973. Only the third man to coach the sport fulltime at WSU, he's taken his teams to a 30-14 state in the last three years.

WSU expects to return four of last year's six lettermen for the Sept. 4-8 pre-season camp at Lake Huron Methodist Camp in Jedd, Mich.

They include seniors Julius Aletto (Dearborn Heights Riverside), Gary Trombley (St. Clair Shores Lakeview) and Frank Tynarak (St. Clair Shores South Lake) and sophomore Tony McDonnell (Catholic Central). They are expected to blend with a number of newcomers including transfer Don Richardson (Macomb CCC) to form the nucleus of the '73 squad.

The home schedule includes dual meets with Mid-America Conference members Central Michigan (Sept. 15) and Toledo (Oct. 12) and Detroit, Oakland, and Lawrence Tech in a four-way meet on Nov. 2.

## 2 Junior Golfers Qualify For State

Glenn Eaton, 16, of Livonia, and Ray Proben, 17, of Redford Township, qualified for the state finals of the Metropolitan Junior Golf Association in play at Brae-Burn Golf Course.

Eaton was medalist with a 75, whipping the field of 113 by two strokes. Proben, a member of the well-known golfing family, was two strokes back.

He was joined at that figure by Dan Donoghue of Birmingham and John Jawor, Jr. of Dearborn Heights.

A total of 128 qualifiers from district meets in Jackson, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Flint, Saginaw and Mt. Pleasant will compete in the 36-hole state meet. It will be held on the Highland Hills course just outside Lansing.

The finalists will include 30 from the Metropolitan Detroit area.

## Livonia Sailor Takes Honors At Annapolis

Jim Heffernan, of Livonia, finished behind three other Michigan sailors to capture a fourth in the U.S. National Wayfarer championships held at Annapolis, Maryland.

Dearborn's Jeff Jones, Lee Tour of Grosse Pointe and Dick Roberts of Rochester took the first three places in the finals to complete the sweep by the Detroit area Wayfarer sailors.

The Wayfarer is a one-design 16 foot sloop by Ian Proctor and sailed competitively by two fleets in Detroit.

Heffernan was re-elected Commodore of the U.S. Wayfarer Association for 1974 and is Fleet Captain for Detroit's Wayfarer Fleet No. 2.

Heffernan's wife, Linda, serves as his racing crew.

## RU Announces Physical Exam

Redford Union High School will be offering its final athletic physical exam day for all cross country and football candidates. It will be in the RU gym on Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 5 p.m.

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