

Dependable Two Victories Away From Trip U.S. Meet for Redford?

Two victories! That's all that stands this day between Redford Township's Dependable 15-16 year old Chrome baseball team and a trip to the All American boys tournament at Johnston, Pa., beginning on Aug. 16.

The brilliant group of young men—all residents of the Township—cleared another hurdle in their bid for U.S. honors last weekend when they knocked off Ferndale, 4-0 and 11-2, in the sectional of the Detroit Free Press outstate playoffs.

So... now it's Dependable vs. Mt. Pleasant in a best-of-three series for the trip to Johnston.

Game No. 1 will be played at Mt. Pleasant on Saturday afternoon at one o'clock.

Game No. 2 takes place at noon next Wednesday at Tiger Stadium.

If there's a third game, the time and site will be announced at a later date.

Neither Manager Al Turner or Coach Bob Atkins of Dependable hope there'll be a third game.

"We'd like to wrap it up at Tiger Stadium," declared Turner.

Turner and Atkins have put together a team which, except for two boys, is comprised of athletes who have performed—or still are performing—at Thurston or Redford Union High schools.

The exceptions are Tom Flesher and Mike Ritz, both pitchers, who go to school in Detroit at Catholic Central and Benedictine High, respectively. Flesher, it should be noted, not only is the top Redford pitcher, but he also is an all-A student at CC.

Most of the Dependable team has been through tournament competition before. Boys like Robby Masson, Harry Kendrick, Clyde Ziegler and Rick Barryman played on Atkins' state Connie Mack champs a year ago.

Red Barringer, Barry Sinemus and Holmes were members of Thurston High's Greater Livonia Observer Invitational champs this year.

Many on the team are in college and on college teams. Kendrick is slated to be Michigan State's No. 1 catcher in 1967. Lou Banwert, Jim Sproul, Rick Barryman and Terry Rothwell are at Eastern Michigan; Rick Fisher and Claude McTaggart at Port Huron Community College and Robby Masson at Alma.

"This has to be the finest team we ever have assembled," says Turner.

Atkins agrees.

Rothwell led the team in hitting with .375. Banwert hit .355 and Sproul .321. Flesher, Fisher and Barryman headed the pitching corps.

Fisher gave up on three hits—two on bunts—in the 4-0 win over Ferndale. He fanned 10.

Dependable scored first in the fourth on a walk to Masson and singled by Rothwell and Holmes. Kendrick added a run in the sixth on a fielder's choice and passed ball. In the eighth Banwert homered after which Kendrick singled, Riley walked and Ziegler was safe on a fielder's choice to send in Kendrick.

Flesher coasted along in the second game against Ferndale. He scattered eight hits and fanned 11 and had himself an early 3-0 lead when Holmes singled after Masson was safe on an error. Rothwell singled 'em both in and Riley tripled Rothwell home.

In the third, a triple by Kendrick, a walk to Holmes, an error giving Riley a fly and a triple by Sproul added three more runs.

Then in the sixth Barringer and Masson walked, Kendrick doubled and Holmes singled. A walk to Sproul and hits by Barringer and Masson finished the Redford scoring in the seventh.

Redford earned its way to the Free Press state finals by taking both halves of the Greater Livonia league race before going against Ferndale.

Mt. Pleasant survived a series of outstate tournaments to qualify for its "payoff" series with the Township.

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Garden City '9' Beaten in Colt Ball Finals

Garden City made a strong run in the State Colt Ball League (boys 15-16 years of age) baseball tournament.

But after reaching the finals, Garden City fell to Hamtramck, 5-1, on Sunday.

It ended the season for the Garden City team and sent Hamtramck on its way to pursue further honors—now on a national scale.

It was unfortunate for Garden City that it had to keep bumping into Hamtramck.

The West-Side team had started the tournament on Friday by beating Southfield, 8-6.

Then on Sunday it was Garden City against Hamtramck in a battle of unbeaten—and Hamtramck won, 7-4.

Garden City came up against Mt. Pleasant next, and came through with a 4-3 win in the eighth—first extra-inning.

But on Sunday, there was Hamtramck again, and the Garden City team ran into its bombshell.

Gregory Pike was the big star in Garden City's victory over Southfield. Besides pitching the entire game, he drove in four runs—two with a double and another pair with a triple.

The first Hamtramck-Garden City game was airtight until the final inning. Then, with Hamtramck leading, 2-1, the Cosmos broke loose for

Observing SPORTS

by George Maskin

They're off and running at the Detroit Race Course—and where in the lowest can one find a more beautiful spot to shell out his 10 bucks?

As the season dawned at Middlebelt and Schoolcraft Roads Monday, we didn't help but think back to the days when the oval was nothing more than a dream in the minds of a few men.

When it started, a gent by the name of E. E. Dale Shaffer entered the DRC picture. He became president of the track.

Shaffer was a man with visions. He talked about making the DRC plant one of the best anywhere... about bringing some of the best horses in the country to the DRC... also the finest stables.

Whatever Shaffer said back when the track first opened in 1950 has become a reality.

It wasn't that Shaffer and his colleagues were boastful. They simply set out with a purpose... and they have accomplished same.

Shaffer will tell you: "We by no means have reached our goal. We are working hard to keep improving what we have... so that in the long run the fans who patronize our track will enjoy the best possible."

Listen to what Shaffer had to say: "Sixteen years ago, the Detroit Race Course opened its doors to the racing enthusiasts of the state of Michigan and the City of Detroit. And we are proud to have been a major part of the sports life in this great industrial area ever since. We've grown and we've helped our adopted hometown, Livonia, grow with us. It's been an exciting period for us both."

"Today, during our 17th season, we are looking forward to the future and to continued development... Last summer we were happy to welcome our 8,000,000th patron since opening the day in 1950 and with this popularity we feel a responsibility to our public."

"The management of the Detroit Race Course is vitally interested in each one of its patrons and would welcome suggestions from any of them as to how we may improve our services." (Give us all a lot of winners, Mr. Shaffer!)

In case you didn't know it, the DRC represented an original investment of \$4,000,000 when the track opened in 1950. The oval's worth has soared tremendously, since.

Making the customers happy—except, perhaps, at the betting window—is a prime object of the track's owners.

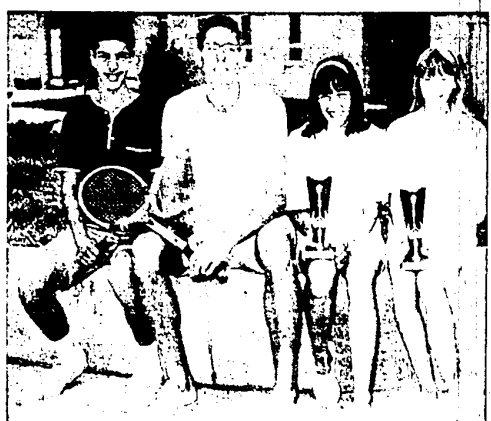
From the parking lot, they have special taxi-wagons to reduce the wear and tear on your feet... the track has all kinds of lunch facilities so that you won't starve as you watch your favorite horse or go sour.

There's the Frank Terrace at the final line plus sandwich facilities, etc.

And, they even make it possible for your car to receive emergency attention if needed, while you're watching the races.

Getting to the DRC also is pretty simple for those of you in the area serviced by The Observer newspapers. From

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ALL CHAMPS. Winners of championships for the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation in the annual metropolitan area competition are: (seated from left) Bill Zemplas, 14242 Berwick, junior tennis; Ken Rollin, 14858 Ingram, senior tennis; Mary Jo Catterall, 38450 Ann Arbor Trail, hop, step and jump; Marilyn Mauch, 9589 Cavell, winner of the Class B standing broad jump.

Farmington Legion Team Makes Bid in Zone Meet

Truly an all-Farmington team! That's the Farmington American Legion baseball squad, winners of the 1966 18th District championship, which now goes forth in the zone meet at Warren starting on Friday.

It will be a double elimination series with teams from Mason, Owosso, the Thumb area and Farmington contesting for the right to advance into the state meet at Owosso later in August.

Managed by Wally Christensen, here's a rundown of the Farmington team:

First Base—Jerry Tinkle, an all-suburban football end who still has another year to go at Farmington High. He's batting .345 on the Legion team.

Second Base: Mike Perry, last year's Farmington high football captain whose heading to Adrian College, batting .259.

Shortstop: Miles Kearney from Our Lady of Sorrows, and now at Michigan State University where he'll enter his sophomore year, batting .347.

Third Base: Carl Misch from Farmington high, now a student at Wayne State University, batting .401.

OUTFIELDERS

Wayne Johnston—From Farmington high where he won all-county honors in football. Heading to Wayne State in fall. Batting .294.

Chris Norton—Another Farmington high product, batting .345.

Joe Himmelsbach—"A" "baby" on the team. Just 15, with two years left at Farmington high, batting .345.

Doug LeFevre—Now at Lawrence Tech via Farmington high, batting .231.

CATCHERS

Tom Webster—A junior at Sorrows, who's batting .423, has 13 runs batted in, along with one homer, three triples and two doubles.

Mike Searley—Also via Farmington high, batting .365.

PITCHERS

Charles (Chuck) Viane—From North Farmington high. Has an 8-3 record on the mound. Pitched a no-hitter, two one-hitters and four two-hitters. Ironically, he lost two of the two-hitters, also one of the team's hitting stars with a .383 average. Leads in runs batted-in with 20. He also has hit three homers and eight doubles.

Rick Krumm—Came to Farmington from Berkley high. Now attends Eastern Michigan University and has a .51 record, plus four "races."

Jerry Turner—From Our Lady of Sorrows and heading to Eastern Michigan. He has a 6-0 record.

Fritz Simons—A sophomore at Farmington who has been used in spot situations.

Mike Daly—Brought up as an alternate pitcher.

Kearney also has pitched for Farmington's Legion team, winning two and losing one.

Al Kilyka—A sophomore from Farmington high who is hitting .272.

Eight of the players have been named to the 18th District All-Star team which will play the 7th District Stars from Port Huron at Tiger Stadium on Aug. 8 at 1 p.m.

Picked from Farmington team were Krumm and Turner as pitchers, Webster as a catcher. Perry at second, Kearney at short, Misch at third. Viane Johnston as outfielders.



THESE PITCHERS and catchers carry the hopes of the Farmington Legion team in the district, regional, state and zone competition. The group: (kneeling from left) Catchers Tom Webster and Mike Searley; (standing from left) Pitchers Miles Kearney, Chuck Viane, Rick Krumm and Jerry Turner.

Pitches No-Hitter, Still Loses Game

Call it tough luck. You pitch a no-run, no-hit game—can't win.

That's what happened last Friday to Tim Carr of Redford Township in the Pony League playoffs at Hamtramck.

Under Pony League tournament rules, no pitcher may work more than seven innings.

Tim did just that against Hamtramck. He didn't allow a hit or a run. He walked at just one man and fanned 13.

Unfortunately for Tim, his teammates couldn't score either. So it was 0-0 when each side had pitched moundmen in the eighth.

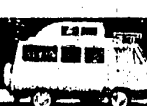
The shifting of pitchers brought a quick end to the scoreless action. Maurice Nadon of Redford drilled a homer in the top half of the frame to make it 1-0 for his side.

But Hamtramck responded without a hit—to score two runs off Wayne Packard on a pair of walks, a hit batsman, a fielder's choice and an error.

This enabled Hamtramck to win 2-1, despite the fact the team didn't make a single hit in the game.

Redford then was eliminated in the two-defeat-and-out tournament by dropping a 6-2 decision to Southgate.

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Mrs. Courtney Leads Golfers With Low 48

Theresa Courtney had the low gross of 45 and won the prize for low scores on No. 4 and 7 holes in the weekly matches of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Women's League at Idyl Wild Golf Course.

Theresa took 12 strokes and June Temple was high in the championship flight.

Results of other flights:

A FLIGHT—Low gross, Kay Leslie, 54; low on 4 and 7, Peg Gaymer with 16; and high, Florence Goodleskey.

B FLIGHT—Low gross, Darlene Gaymer, 52; low scores, Madeline Ricketto; and high, Edna Learned.

C FLIGHT—Low gross, Joyce Brandemuhl, 65; low on holes, Joyce Brandemuhl; high on holes, M. Phillipic.

D FLIGHT—Low gross, Jean Raab, 80; low on holes, Jean Raab, 80; high on holes, Adeline Spiker.

WONDERLAND LANES HOUSE LEAGUES

September 1966 thru April 1967

MONDAY:
9:30 P.M. Ladies Doubles League (Handicap)

TUESDAY:
1:00 P.M. Ladies League (4 to a team)
7:00 P.M. WONDERLAND MEN'S CLASSIC (940-980) 1st Place \$1,300.00
9:30 P.M. Ladies Sr. House League (4 to a team) (Handicap)

WEDNESDAY:
10:00 A.M. First Cuppers League (New or Beginning Bowlers, Free Instructions)
7:00 P.M. Men's Jr. House League (825-875 Ave.)
9:30 P.M. Ladies Jr. House League (5 to a team) (Handicap)

THURSDAY:
9:30 P.M. Men's Sr. House League (875-915) \$1,000.00 1st Place

SATURDAY:
9:30 A.M. BOYS AND GIRLS—Jr. & Major League 13 to 18 years of age
12:00 Noon Prep. League 9 to 12 years
2:00 P.M. Peanut League 8 and under (All U.S.A. sanctioned)

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