

Visitors Take Honors In Livonia Turney

Legion 9 Big Bats Boom

Greater Livonia teams played "perfect" -- in fact, too perfect -- hosts during the annual Legion's Trophy Invitational baseball tournament.

As a result it was Roseville, vs. Ann Arbor, in the night's final game. The Roseville team, with a four-hit pitching of Gene Lawrence, who also sluggered a single and triple, and two runs hit by Ray Stalter, in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Ann Arbor tried to go all the way on the pitching of Mark Carroll, who appeared in all four of the team's games. He also allowed only four hits in the championship game.

THIRD-PLACE honors in the tournament went to Bentley, with a 4-3 win over Livonia's Phillip Cisner.

Dave Gorton was the winning pitcher, besting Chris Wendrick and Jim Davies of the Giants.

Singles by Greg Macy, Ed Ryan and Greg Coleman sent Bentley past a 4-0 lead in the first inning. Another hit by Coleman, two stolen bases on an error, produced another

run in the fourth and then in the fifth Ray Krueger singled in Gorton with what proved to be the winning run.

Wendrick and Carl Gubrone singed for the Giants' first run in the third. In the sixth, the Giants picked up a second and Garton with two runs in three times at bat was the only Optimist who could solve the Ann Arbor pitching.

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Martins tripled in the only East run while Carroll's Homer and doubles by Rick Speaker and Ted Brindie accounted for the winners' runs.

Carroll, working again with next to no rest, fanned nine and scattered three hits in the Ann Arbor triumph.

He added his own cause with three hits in four trips to the plate while teammate Fred Zermack lashed out two doubles. Dave Gorton's Homer in the first averted a shutout for Bentley.

CARROLL'S RELIEF WORK

made it possible for Ann Arbor to pip the Plymouth Optimists' as Jack Robertson suffered the defeat without yielding an earned run. The lone tally in the game resulted from a single and a single.

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It has taken a third of the season, but as manager Harry Kujawa said, his Farmington American Legion team was destined to unload some big bats.

And the team has done it, too, with a 10-2, last Sunday in the second half of a doubleheader and then followed up by dumping Milford, 12-7, with a 14-hit attack in the 17th District of Legion play.

All of which prompted Kujawa to declare:

"I still think we have a chance to be league champs."

TWO RUNS in the first inning started Farmington off on the right foot against Milford, Don Drapaski and Tom Weisler singled and came home on Joe Himmelbach's double.

Four more runs followed with singles by Tom Webster and Himmelbach, a hit by Jerry Tinkle, a fielder's choice, Gary Zerman's single and Tom Snyder's Homer.

Al Kilkis kept things alive with a triple, Drapaski singled him in and then stole two bases. Himmelbach walked, stole two bases, Himmelbach walked, stole second and both men dashed across when Chris Norton bunted a single.

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Mixed-Up Team Shows Its Class

Livonia's Cardinal Deciders is what one might call "a mixed up" team.

Players from both Bentley and Franklin highs have united together to make up the 12-man ship.

Mike Deppenbier/Herb Chrome, long battle for honors in the Greater Livonia's Detroit Free Press League.

With Larry Russel, from Cardinal flipping a heat three-batter and boys from both Livonia schools clubbing the ball, Cardinal blanked Wayne Red Sox, 7-0, Wednesday, when Free Press play resumed after the holiday break.

It has been an on-the-breaker and he will be complete mastery of the situation in lifting Cardinal to a 3-Record.

DEPENDABLE, however, he achieved the aim of all golfers who he connected with a No. 9 iron on the sixth hole, which measures 140 yards, at Hilltop.

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Birkett singled for a tally in the fourth.

A double by Craig Colton and a hit by Dave Stott finished the scoring.

Chris Wendrick turned in a walk-off double as Giants downed McFarlane-Kings of Garden City, 5-2. Hits by Dave Fisher, Dave Paden, Craig Grey and Wendrick enabled the Giants to get off to a fast start.

Bentley won its tourney over Earl Morrell, 5-4, with Hank Schuebeck the victor over Dale Bjerve. Three runs in the fourth inning on hits by Greg Colton, Greg Macy and John Schreiber helped to decide the game.

Earlier Macy and Ryan, had delivered hits in a two-run first inning for Bentley.

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