

# Colts To Open Tournery



ON WRONG TEAM?—Dave Fisher (from left), Chris Wendrick and Dave Stott of Phillippi Giants want Bill McAlpine of Plymouth Optimists to get back "on our team." While he hurls for Optimists in

## Son's Arm, Bat Make Dad's Team a Winner

Father-son combinations reside on the area's sandlots. One of the more successful is that of Bob (the dad) and Jerry (the son) Dettler who have combined to give the Livonia Spartans an interesting season in the Greater Livonia-Connie Mack League.

Take last Thursday's 2-0 victory for the Spartans over Northville.

There was dad directing signals from the bench and the coaching lines. Meantime, son was doing his share with his arm and bat.

Jerry, 18, who has another season of eligibility at Stevenson High, pitched for four innings and then gave way to Phil Camp. Before then they scattered five hits.

But it was Jerry who delivered the big blow of the game. He socked a two-run homer and that settled matters in favor of the Spartans.

Meantime, the Phillippi Giants of Livonia turned against "a friend" in beating the Plymouth Optimists, 8-4.

The "friend" was Bill McAlpine, who pitches on the

It's tournament time for the area Col League (boys 15-16) players.

Redford Township, North Farmington, Farmington and Garden City will have entries in the competition which begins with district action this week and ultimately could result in a team reaching the Col World Series at Shawnee, Okla., beginning Aug. 18.

In Col tournaments, all-star teams from each league are selected to comprise representatives. This is the same pattern employed in Little League, Pony League and Babe Ruth.

Farmington and North Farmington are assigned to a Col district to start at the Groves High in Birmingham Thursday.

Garden City and Redford Township begin Friday.

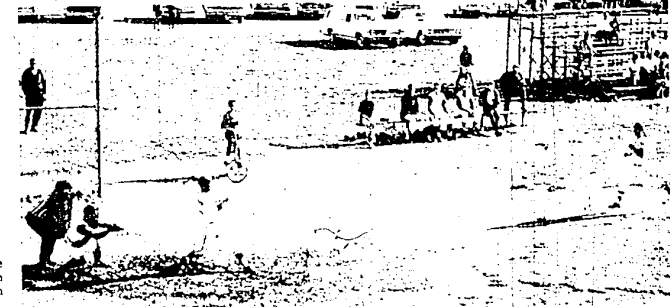
Colt meets are conducted on a two-defeat and out basis.

The luck of the draw pits Farmington against North Farmington against each other at 3:30 p.m. after Birmingham engages Southfield Saturday at 11 a.m.

The two losers then will clash on Thursday at 6 p.m. with play continuing on Friday.

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GOING TWO WAYS—Dave Storm of Phillippi Giants head for first after belting a single while Craig Crags rushes in to score from third against the Plymouth Optimists. The catcher is Dave Prochaska. The Giants won the game, 8-4.

series at Shawnee.

Here are the All-Star teams:

REDFORD—Vic Macrih-one, Tom Panek, Rick Crags, Mike Yurechok, Jerry Cook, Mike McCullough, Jeff Caminski, Martin Droz, Greg Dunny, Dave Livinichuk, Bob Jackson, Bob Sharon, Bill Bachara, Steve Comarata, Tim Bradley, John Silvi.

Managers—Ray Worthington and Mickey Williams.

GARDEN CITY—Craig Wilson, Kevin Wilkinson, Eddie Pulites, Jim Corles, Bruce Smith, Rick Orlando, John Fleming, Mike Miley, Reg Hamor, Barry Reinink, Joe Noonan, Craig Sylvester, Carl Dork, Al Poland, Rick Long, Charles Evans, Steve Curtis, Manager—Don Hannon; Coach—Len Wilson.

NORTH FARMINGTON—Steve Everman, Steve Kenny, Pat Hickey, Tom Gutik, Tony Gartin, Dave Thomas, Robert Grassie, Jim Weldon, Dan Emmitt, Rick Tooney, Sam Walsh, Dick Linahan, Mike Hart, John Tomlinson, Ron Webber, Stan Kourit, Dale Bewersdorf, Manager—Ron Emmitt; coach—Tom Hart.

FARMINGTON—Jim Flynn, Mark Lynott, Bob Hether, Joe Kin, Mike Daley, Mike McAskin, Bill Panith, Jerry Evangelista, Frank Barber, Ross Patton, Tom Russom, Bill Williams, Tony Himmelcamp, Mark Donoghue, Tom Symborski, Bob H. Thelen, Manager—Don Flynn; coach—Bill Williams.

### RIPS LIVONIA, 8-2

## Redford Nearing 'A' Loop Pennant

With nine games remaining on the regular season, Redford Township's Class A baseball team appears to be sitting pretty in the Dearborn League.

The Townshipers fattened up over the weekend by downing Dearborn Heights, 4-1, and then winning "a showdown" with second-place Livonia, 8-2.

Beating the Livonians, who operate under the banner of constitute a major highlight of the campaign's action for Redford.

Not only was it the third time in four meetings that Redford had topped the Livonians, but this time the Townshipers stopped the winning ways of Jay Schmitt, who hadn't lost in three previous starts and in the surge had given up only one run and a half-dozen hits.

But the big Redford bats again were booming.

Gary Schneider drilled out three hits and Rich Harlow slammed a two-run homer along with a run-producing single to turn matters into a romp in a hurry.

Harlow's single socked in Robby Masson, who had walked, and moved up a base on Schaefer's first hit.

Then in the second, Redford picked up four more runs. Walks to Claude Me-

### Pony 9's Awaiting Playoffs

Garden City will play host to a district Pony League baseball tournament starting July 27.

Four teams will comprise the field in the double elimination tournament.

Southfield Woods will meet St. Clair Shores in the first game with North Farmington-West Bloomfield playing Garden City in the second encounter at 4 p.m. on opening day.

The tournery will continue on July 28 and 29.

South Farmington's Pony League team has been assigned to a district tourney at Mt. Clemens and will play against teams from Southfield, Birmingham, and Wall-eb-Lake.

## Observing SPORTS

By George Maslin

### THOUGHTS THAT COME TO MIND THIS MIXED-UP SUMMER.

We still have to sympathize with high school football coaches: Take just one, or all of them, in the area . . . or, around the state for that matter.

The state rules clearly specify that a prep football coach can't hold formal drills during the summer months. It's possible to get away—and legally—without informal types of workouts, but not until the last week in August can a coach of a football team work his charges together and in full regalia.

Yet, while the grid coach stands by with his hands tied, he sees his brother mentors in basketball, baseball and swimming just to mention three activities carrying on during the summer with no restrictions.

Virtually all of the area's high school baseball teams are operating intact this summer as sandlot units. Several still have their regular high school coaches in charge . . . or in fact in charge watching with an interested eye from close range.

There's nothing, too, that prevents summer schoolboy basketball leagues. Or swimming leagues like the one which involves Plymouth, Livonia and Redford Township teams.

Of course the schoolboys can engage in golf, in tennis, in track, in anything else.

But, football—the sport which requires far more time to prepare a team and where injuries are the most—well, sorry to say rules are rules!

Taggart and Masson were followed by Schaefer's second hit that drilled in two runs.

Harlow came up and socked his homer and Redford had five runs to its credit.

Another run came in the third when Dave Woloch singled, stole second and scored on Bob Crags's hit.

Two more runs were added in the sixth when Schaefer singled, Keith Spicer walked along with Jim Poburski. When Woloch grounded-

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### Redford '9' Wins Twice At Cranbrook

Redford Township's Earl Morrill baseball team conquered Cranbrook, the Pontiac League leader, in a doubleheader last Saturday.

First it was 5-1, and then 5-0.

Tom Booker allowed six hits in the opener as Kevin Fox knocked in two of the runs.

In the second tilt it was Mike Riley on the mound for the winners. He yielded only two hits and fanned seven.

Those of us connected with front offices of professional athletic teams can't help but groan that we are in the wrong phase of operations.

As Joe Falls reported in the Friendly Free Press the other morning, salaries for pro athletes have reached an all-time high . . . that in the case of the Lions . . . and the Pistons, too . . . despite poor seasons last year, nobody has been asked to take a pay cut for the coming campaigns. The fact, virtually everybody has received raises—and big hikes.

All of which isn't stated to cause fans to sympathize with owners and general managers.

What we're trying to get at is the opportunity which rests ahead for the schoolboy and college athletes of today who aspire someday to enter the play-to-pay ranks.

Say what Walter Reuther and any of the others will about their pension plans. They can't match what the five or ten or 20-year athlete will collect when he gets set to retire and loaf around the homestead.

Most five-year athletes are assured upwards of \$500 per month not counting what Social Security or any other investments kick forth.

This kind of a distant future, coupled with the big salaries of the moment, along with bonuses, should stir more boys to think about professional sports.

The road to the big time isn't simple. You have to think about something other than girls and cars, although granted both are pleasant subjects.

Whats more, there have to be more opportunities for teenagers to play—especially in Little League and the multitudes these days perform as Babe League and as they get older, the survivors become fewer and fewer.

The chance is there boys. Why squander it?

Tom Sullivan

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### Jug Girard to Coach Ypsilanti Grid Team

Earl "Jug" Girard, former Wisconsin All-American and professional star with the Green Bay Packers, the Detroit Lions and Pittsburgh in the late 1940's and early 1950's has been appointed head coach of the Ypsilanti Vikings of the Midwest Football League.

A standout flanker and punter during most of his professional career, Girard joins several other former pro stars coaching in the Midwest League. He replaces Tom Tracy in the Vikings post. Tracy went to Pottsville to become head man with the Pontiac Firebirds of that city.

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