

Bloop Ruins Farmington No-Hit Gem

Baseball is a matter of inches... as pitcher Doug Drapalski of Farmington's American Legion baseball team found out.

Just escaped the stretched hands of Farmington's infielders cost Drapalski a no-hit gem as he blanked Milford, 7-0, in an 18th District game.

The cheap hit came in the first inning. Thereafter Drapalski was air tight and he wound up with 10 strikeouts. His mates gave him a

run in the first inning and erupted for six in the fourth to put the game out of reach.

A walk to Mark Kajawa and a single by Mike Thompson paved the way for Al Kilkat to slam a three-run homer. Then Tom Webster tripled, Joe Himmespach singled, Chris Norton doubled and Drap-

alski himself singled. Farmington could have used more of Drapalski's spectacular pitching on Sunday when they went against Clarkson in a doubleheader.

Clarkson swept the pair, 6-1 and 5-2, to squish the hopes. Farmington has entertained of making a last-half season rush for the flag the team won a year ago.

In the opener against Clarkson, Mike Thompson was nursing a 1-0 lead in the fifth inning when the roof fell in.

A walk, four hits and three errors produced six runs for Clarkson and settled the issue.

Farmington had stored in the second inning on a triple by Gary Zerkan and a single by Norton.

In the second game, Farmington banged out ten hits but wasn't able to do anything with men on bases — on leaving 11 strands as Clarkson counted bases in the first, twice in fourth and two more in the sixth.

Singles by Norton, Dennis Perry and Steve Sager led to the first Farmington run. The other came on a double by Norton and a single by D'Almeida.

Farmington enters its Southfield at Our Lady of Sorrows Wednesday and then invades Southfield Friday evening. On Sunday, Walled Lake comes to the Sorrows diamond for a doubleheader.



CONTACT: Bill Fahey of Earl Morrall's Connie Mack League leaders connects for a hit in game with Optimists. The loop leaders lost the game.

DEPENDABLE WINS!

Windup on Tap In FP Action

They reach the end of the line Wednesday evening in the Greater Livonia Detroit Free Press League with the Cardinal Decorating team meeting Garden City Sportsing Garden City for second-place honors.

Dependable Hard Chrome has the regular-season championship locked up.

And that's all the teams that remain in the loop. Dearborn Heights and Wayne Red Sox were suspended for not being able to field enough players for games.

Dependable of Redford Township carries a 13-3 record. Livonia's Cardinal stands 10-3 and Garden City 9-1.

Thus Garden City must win at Henry Ford Field Wednesday evening to gain a tie for second-place.

The playoffs will begin Friday to decide which team advances in the Free Press competition in the fight for state honors and a trip to Johnstown, Pa., for the All-American Boys tournament.

Dependable represented Livonia in the U.S. Open last year.

Dependable split a pair of pitcher's duels over the weekend. After bowing to Cardinal, 2-1, Friday, Dependable

jumped back to nip Garden City, 1-0, on Sunday evening.

Larry Ruzas flipped a three hitter to beat Rick Berryman and Chuck Viane in the Livonia triumph.

Mike Stachurski singled over Paul Hertz in the first inning and Stachurski then knocked home Gary Birkett with the winning run in the third.

Ruzas lost his shutout in the seventh inning when Reg Barringer walked and came around to score on an error.

Viane was back on the mound against Garden City and outduelled Al Kamienicki.

Viane allowed only three hits and struck out 11.

The game's only run was scored in the second inning when Bill Fahey's fly was misjudged by the Garden City centerfielder.

The ball sailed over his head and before it could be retrieved, Fahey had circled the bases for a homer.

The playoffs will be conducted on a two-defeat-and-out basis.

Garden City has drawn Cardinal in the first round Friday evening at 6 p.m. with the loser to go against Dependable Sunday evening at Henry Ford Field.

Lacrosse Battle Set For Aug. 6

Indoor lacrosse, played by two of the world's top teams, will come to Detroit when the Detroit Hornets face the Toronto Maple Leafs in Olympia Stadium, Sunday Aug. 6, at 7 p.m.

It will mark the first United States appearance of two clubs from the finest indoor lacrosse leagues in the world.

The Detroit club will be represented by the Oshawa Green Gaels of Oshawa, Ont., winners of Canada's junior championship four years in a row. The team is leading its league again this season seeking its fifth consecutive title.

The Toronto club, playing in Canada's top senior league, currently is in third place within striking distance of the lead.

Both teams are amateur clubs, representing the top brand of lacrosse in the country since there are no professional teams. Canadian indoor lacrosse, the official national sport, is regarded as the best in the world.

Mortley Kells, coach of the Toronto club, describes lacrosse as "hockey with a ball — and without skates."

Kells said the game boasts rugged body contact and passing plays similar to hockey. Each team is made up of six players — a spalterer, two defencemen and three forwards — and contests are played on the floor of a hockey rink.

Mike Clark, Wayne State second baseman from Royal Oak Killebrew, set a school best record in 1968 as a freshman by accumulating 40 total bases on his safeties.



TOP CONTENDER for the 1967 Michigan two-year-old pacing championship is Torjon, the speedy Torpid colt owned and driven by Paul Jensen of Pontiac. He won the \$2,500 stake at Northville Downs a week ago by three lengths and had a clocking of 2:05.1 earlier in the meeting. That was just a fifth of a second off the season's best by a two-year-old colt on a half-mile track.

Son's Arm and Bat

(Continued from Page 2B) scored on Ferguson's first big single of the game.

Dale Bjorker hurled the route and worked out of jam after jam because of wildness. He issued nine walks, along with seven hits.

A five-run inning and then a seven-run frame helped Bentley to rout the Plymouth Elks. John Schroeter and Don Meyer each knocked in a pair of runs in the five-fall-outburst.

Schroeter drove in two more as did Ray Krueger and Greg Coleman when Bentley cut loose with its seven runs in one inning.

All of which made it possible for Ken Grates to coast along on the mound.

Denny Hopkins hurled a five-hitter as the Livonia Elks slipped over two runs in the top of the seventh inning to nip Dearborn Heights Hawthorne Valley, 2-1.

Hopkins started the winning Elks rally with an infield hit. Then Dave Toyes pulled the same trick. The pair followed with a double steal and came home with the tying and winning runs when Mike Lehto singled.

McFarlane King won a tight battle from South Redford's Big Boy, 3-1, as Jim Furye went the route to edge out Deno Syrios and Bob Durand, who performed on

the mound for Redford. Purey's single drove in Bob Chidester with McFarlane's first run. Then it was Chidester with a single that knickered in Mike Donnelly and Ken Pierce in the fourth with what proved the winning and an insurance marker.

Bentley won a wild battle from Big Boy Saturday night by a 10-7 score by stalling a pair of five-run rallies. The second big outburst came in the sixth inning to bring Bentley from a one-run deficit.

Two-run hits by Greg Macy and Ed Ryan paced the final explosion. Reliever Hank Schoenbeck was the winning pitcher.

Mark Dornier drove in two runs and Denny Hopkins one as the Livonia Elks fell to Hawthorne, 7-3. Dornier also was the losing pitcher.

Winner in Golf Tourney

Honors again went to Darlene Gaymer in the weekly women's golf tournament sponsored by the Livonia Recreation Department at Ioyl Wyld.

However, Miss Gaymer, who has won outright or tied for the top in each of the weekly sessions this season, was hardpressed to beat out Mrs. Florence Goodlesky.

Miss Gaymer posted a winning 48 (for nine holes) in the championship flight. Mrs. Goodlesky, a first-flightier, turned in a fine 49.

The results in other flights: Flight B—Barbara Custer, 61. Flight C—Edith Pegrum, 61. Flight D—Sandra Gramer and Elaine Kelly, 83.

Softball Stars Clash Friday

There'll be an interesting softball game at Livonia's Henry Ford Field Friday evening.

The stars of Livonia's "League" will go against the cream of the crop from the Unlimited sector. The game is free to the public.

Fans See State's Top Young Pacers

Michigan's finest two and three-year-old trotters and pacers put their talents on display at Northville Downs in a series of six \$3,500 Michigan colt stakes — and the fans liked what they saw.

The four that attracted more attention than the others were: Coral Ridge, a three-year-old Painter colt; Torjon, a two-year-old son of Torpid; Lovgerirnik, three-year-old daughter of Knox Hanover; and Sonny Fortune, a three-year-old Elby Hanover colt.

Coral Ridge, owned by Ed Lintz of Flint, and Bye Bye Lowell, a Bye Bye Byrd colt, staged a two-horse duel from the start to the finish of the mile. Coral Ridge was in front all the way but couldn't pull away from his rival until the stretch where he opened up three lengths and was still pulling away at the wire.

His time was 2:01.4, equaling the fastest mile of the Michigan season and certainly the fastest by a three-year-old at the Downs.

He left the post as the odds-on favorite and paid \$2.20 and \$2.20 in a race limited to place betting only. Even then it cost the track \$1,139 minus pool in the place betting.

Sonny Fortune, the 1966 Michigan two-year-old trotting king and a heavy favorite to win the three-year-old crown this year, who carries the colors of the Briarley Farm of Northville, trotted home as he pleased to win the \$3,500 trot in 2:08.3.

Sonny, winner of 20 dashes a year ago and four of 11 this year, took the lead on the first turn and never relinquished it. Smokey Muriel, a Hill-Kory Smokey filly, made things interesting for three quarters before fading to third.

Actually the smooth trotting Sonny had thumbed his own way and hit the wire five and a half lengths on top in 2:08.3 with Ted Taylor in the sulky.

Perhaps the pacer that has drawn as much attention from the fans as any is Torjon, owned and driven by Paul Jensen of Pontiac, who has been going against older companions and whipping them.

Thus there appeared little doubt that he would beat the six rivals in the two-year-old pace. That he did in excellent fashion, taking the lead from the starting gate and setting his own pace. He had a length and half on his rivals turning into the stretch where Jensen shook him a bit and he quickened the pace to win by three in 2:07.4. That clocking was a full two seconds slower than his 2:05.2 two weeks earlier.

Lovgerirnik, owned by C. M. Saunders of Perrysburg, O., and piloted by Ted Taylor, was held in the second spot (most of the mile while Beano Byrd cut a fast clip of 31.4 and 1:03.4).

But when the field settled down for the drive to the wire, Lovgerirnik fought all the way to the finish and wound up with a half-length margin over second place Lassie Pace with Beanie Byrd a length and a quarter back in third place. The mile went in 2:07.1 and gave Lovgerirnik a record of nine wins in 14 starts.

Elby Chip, a two-year-old son of Elby Hanover owned by the Chipaway Farm of Frontiir, Mich. and Carroll Ornduff of Hawkinsville, Ga., pulled the surprise of the colt stakes series when he came out of nowhere to win the two-year-old trot in 2:13.3.

Chip, who hadn't won in nine previous starts, was 20-1 shot in the wagering and paid a whopping \$43.40, biggest payoff of the six stakes series.

Wayne State University rowing coach Judson Ross rowed for the Detroit Boat Club from 1926 to 1933.

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Redford

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The attempt failed and Spicer followed Schaefer across the plate.

Don Paige got off to a slow start for the winners, yielding two runs in the first inning on hits by Jim Rose, Don Smith, and Roger Frayer. Thereafter, Paige was air tight, giving up only two more hits.

Cleasy pitching by Rick Fisher made possible: the win over Dearborn Heights. He allowed only four hits.

Spicer singled in Schaefer, who doubled, with the first Redford run.

Then in the fifth, McTaggart singled and scored on Masson's long homer. Schaefer then was safe on an error. On a hit-and-run play, he scored all the way from first on Harlop's single.

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