

Dependable Adds to String

Call it a monopoly. The Greater Livonia-Detroit Free Press baseball league has just finished its fifth year of operations. Teams from Redford

Township, managed by Al Turner, have won each time. The 1987 honor goes to the Dependable Hard Chrome combination which blanketed Cardinal Decorating, 2-0, for

the playoffs crown and carried the right to advance into the first round of the Free Press outstate competition.

Turner, with the help of Bob Atkins, led Dependable to the title last year. In fact, the '86 team captured the outstate crown and represented the non-Detroit entries in the All America Boys tournament at Johnstown, Pa.

"We have a good shot at going all the way again," declared Turner after the team swept through the Livonia playoffs.

Atkins points out that the team boasts powerful hitting and strong pitching and adds: "We boast as much experience, if not more, than most of the teams we will have to go against in the outstate title drive. Many of our boys are off college teams and all have played high school and summer ball now for four or five years."

It was Rick Berryman, with the assistance of Chuck Viane, who flipped the shut-out that beat Livonia's Cardinal Decorating in the final game of the playoffs.

Berryman hurled for six innings and then he got into a jam. Viane took over to put out the fire and preserve the vital victory.

Berryman allowed three hits, struck out six and walked two.

Viane pitched to two men and fanned 'em both.

Bill McAlpine hurled for the losers. He allowed three hits and struck out nine. But his control lacked the usual

sharpness. He walked eight and that led to his undoing—and his team's—in the seventh inning.

The score—well there wasn't any—stood at 0-0 when Redford's Dependable came to bat in the seventh inning.

Rod Ferguson, the first batter, walked. Berryman tried a bunt and it worked well. He batted it out for a single.

Paul Santangelo walked to fill the bases.

Bill Fahey, next up, ran the count to 3-1 when McAlpine was removed and Chris Wendick came in.

But Wendick delivered the fourth ball and Redford had one run.

Terry Rothwell beat out an infield hit to send across Berryman with the game's only other run.

Dependable had coasted past Garden City Sporting Goods, 9-1, in the semifinals with Bob Durand going the route despite the fact he was rapped for ten hits. But he was equal to the occasion when in a pinch.

Two homers and a triple paced the Dependable attack. Both circuits came in the third, inning when Dependable wrapped up the game with four runs. Paul Santangelo started the frame with a four-bagger.

Then Bill Fahey and Bill Holmes walked and Viane followed with a smash that enabled him to circle the bases.

Ferguson locked a triple, along with two singles, to put the Dependable attack.



THE CHAMPS: The Dependable Hard Chrome baseball team of Redford Township which has repeated as champions of the Greater Livonia-Free Press League. The team

is managed by Al Turner (back-left) and coached by Bob Atkins (back-right).

Nationals Next

State Colt Title To Garden City

State Colt League baseball champs! That honor came to Garden City Monday when the community's band of 15-16-year-olds completed an unbroken sweep to the crown by downing Mt. Pleasant, 9-4, at St. Clair Shores.

Now it's on to the national sections at Grand Ledge, Mich. (near Lansing), starting this Thursday.

Some lousy hitting, combined with fine pitching by Rick Orlandoni, brought Garden City home a winner in the deciding game at St. Clair Shores.

Orlandoni allowed five hits and never was in too serious trouble.

Meantime, his mates scored once in the first inning, thanks to errors.

In the third frame, Garden City cashed four markers. Singles by Ed Puishes

and Charles Evans were followed by Ray Hannon's triple. Kevin Wilkinson was safe on a two-base error and eventually scored on two infield outs.

The victors collected three more runs in the fifth inning. Hannon walked and scored on Wilkinson's double.

After Rick Lang singled, Craig Sylvester socked a two-run hit to put the game out of reach.

In reaching the finals, Garden City won over Hamtramck 4-1 and then North Farmington Walled Lake 4-2.

North Farmington had beaten Mt. Pleasant, 2-1, before bowing to Garden City. Then after the Garden City setback, North Farmington was knocked out in a 1-0 heartbreaker at the hands of Mt. Pleasant.

Rick Orlandoni hurled five-hit ball for Garden City to beat Hamtramck, Ray Hannon and Charles Evans each poled out a pair of hits while Ed Puishes had the biggest extra-base hit, a triple.

Puishes was on the mound in winning for Garden City against North Farmington. He allowed three hits and fanned 10, to best Mike Hart.

The winners had to rally after North Farmington jumped into a 2-0 lead when Pat Hickey singled. Dave Thomas walked and Bob Graessle tripled.

Garden City got one run back on an error, then cashed three big runs in the third when Mike Riley singled, Ed Puishes singled and an infield out and error followed.

It was one of three tight games in which North Farmington played.

Graessle tossed a five-hitter at Mt. Pleasant with both the winners' runs coming in the same inning. Dan Emmitt's single, a walk to Graessle and a triple by Ron Weber did the damage for the North Farmington team.

It was Weber vs. Dan Polling in the Mt. Pleasant-North Farmington duel. The winners got three hits, the losers two.

Graessle's double and single constituted the losers' hit production.

The teams fought on scoreless terms until the seventh inning. Then Pat Funnel constituted in Bob Pickins, who had singled and taken second on an infield out.

It was a rough way for a team to be eliminated from the tournament.

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'NICE GOING'—Manager Lucky Birkett gives pitcher Bill McAlpine a pat on the back after wildness got the Cardinal star into trouble against Dependable.

Pony Hopefuls Ko'd From Play

There'll be no area tournaments advancing into sectional play in Pony League baseball competition.

South Farmington, North Farmington and Redford Township all went by the wayside in district play over the weekend.

Redford went the farthest, getting to the semifinals at Hamtramck before being ousted.

The Townshipers had begun their tourney quest by beating Lincoln Park, 8-3. Mark Bradley pitched the route while Bill Herbert and Paul Jones supplied the batting punch.

Both Herbert and Jones pounded homers. Herbert's coming with two on.

Southgate then slowed down the Redford charge, 7-1, with Jones the losing pitcher. Tom Masowicz scored the only Redford run on a walk, stolen base and error.

Again on Sunday, Southgate beat Redford, this time 8-3 to oust the Townshipers. Jones working in relief of Mike Paige and was the loser. A two-run homer by Jim Kroesch was the big blow for the winners.

Redford scored once in the first inning on a walk, error and Randy Taylor's single. In the fifth, Paige singled, Bob Provost and Bradley walked and Taylor doubled to wrap up the Township scoring.

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Colts reached the finals at Garden City before being bumped out by St. Clair Shores, 11-0.

The losers were held to only two hits—singles by Greg Brooks and Rick Herpik.

Joe Minjo had three-for-three for the winner, who coasted along with Craig Schrek on the mound. The winners belted out 11 hits.

South Farmington got off on the right foot at Southfield when Phil Millman pitched and led his team to a 3-2 win over Southfield-Leitner.

Millman's three-run home accounted for all the winners' run production... but it was enough.

However, South Farmington was bombed the next two times out.

Birmingham cashed seven runs in one inning to hand Farmington its first loss.

Then Southfield got even, 12-0, to knock the Farmington team out of the double elimination competition.

Stars Game At Stadium Postponed

The Greater Livonia All Stars will have to wait until Aug. 28 to get their crack at the Detroit All Stars at Tiger Stadium.

The teams were to have met last Friday, but the disturbances in the Motor City forced a change in the schedule.

Named to make up the Livonia Stars are:

Pitchers—Larry Ruizas and Chuck Viane.
Catcher—Bill Fahey.
First Base—Joe Huber.
Second Base—Gary Birkett.

Short Stop—Bob Holmes.
Third Base—Carl Misch.
Outfielders—Terry Rothwell, Paul Harige and Al Ventura.



THE WINNER: Rod Ferguson of Dependable Hard Chrome steps across home plate with what proved the winning run as the Townshipers beat Cardinal Decorating of Livonia for the area's Detroit Free Press League title. Teammate Bill Holmes watches Ferguson score along with Mike Stachurski, the Cardinal's dejected catcher.

Identical Results On Links

How's this for identical action?

Braeburn and San Marino both engaged in Michigan Public Links Association matches Sunday and each won tying by the same score, 11-11.

The Braeburn team, defending league champ, deadlocked with Salem Hills as Jim Bringer ledled Braeburn with a 70.

Joe Wilson shot a 72, Murray Brooks a 74 and Terry Bowers a 75.

San Marino's tie came against Green Acres. Each team had only three players on deck.

Steve Roberts fired a 78, Bill Thompson a 75 and Bill McCormick a 78 for San Marino.

Farmington Golfer Leads District Meet

Salem—Two Kipalainen, of Farmington, was both sublime and pitiful with his putter, but he still leads the Western Wayne Golf Association Individual Medal Play tourney by a stroke heading into the final 18 holes this Saturday at Salem Hills Golf Club.

Kipalainen, 20-year-old at Western Michigan University, collected five birdies—four of them on the front nine—but could do no better than 35-38—73 for the day.

Kipalainen is a shot ahead of Northville's Ray Hartner, who had four birdies in 37-37—74, and two shots up on Charles Tarver of Garden City, who had only one birdie in 38-37—75.

Gary Bradberry, of Plymouth, and Bob Weber, of Dearborn, head up the alternate flight with 85. Grouped a stroke back at 86 are Dave Aushard of Jackson, Bill McGuire of Dearborn and Don Engel of Westland.

Final 18 holes will be played this Saturday at Salem Hills with tournament tee times beginning at 2 p.m.

Observing Sports

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"I guess the walk now is longer than ever for me," he remarked.

"You see Woloch wasn't able to last in the Tiger system. This despite the fact he was impressive in spring training... so much so the Tigers assigned him to a regular job with their Lakeland Class A team."

With Lakeland, Woloch got off to a great start. He hit homers and other big blows. The paper in Lakeland wrote him up as a "new star."

Then Woloch's bat lost some of its momentum. It was now June and the major teams, the Tigers included, had conducted their annual draft of college and schoolboy players. Others were reporting to the Tiger farm department for assignment after finishing their college studies.

So the new faces went to Lakeland. Woloch had to be re-assigned. He was shipped to the Tigers' rookie team at Erie, Pa., which was in the process of being formed.

Two days before the Erie team was to start the season, Don Lund, the Tigers' farm director, called Woloch into his office.

"I knew what that meant," declared Woloch, "as soon as Mr. Lund said he 'had some bad news.' I knew they were going to release me."

Back home in Redford Township, Woloch has lamented. It all "was fun and interesting and instructional" while it lasted. He's now through with professional baseball as a future.

"After all, this is the second year in a row I've gone to Lakeland, the second time I've won a job in the Tiger system to start the season, and the second time they've let me go. I guess I'd better try something else."

So he's playing for Redford Township's Class A team and working. In the fall he plans to return to Schoolcraft College.

What about Helwig, who with Woloch and this reporter made that 300-yard walk?

Arnie still is in the Tiger chain. At last report he was at Statesville, Ga., hoping that there'll come the day when he'll get to Tiger Stadium and over the loudspeaker hear Joe Gentile shout off:

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