

C'ville, GC West, Bentley, Northville Gain Semifinals

Surprises, Upsets Mark Tournament Contests

A surprise or two...some record performances! They helped to make for some excitement in the first two rounds of the fifth annual Les Anders Memorial Invitational

Baseball tournament at Ford Field, Livonia. The meet, which started with 14 entries, was to wind up Saturday night under the sponsorship of the Livonia Optimist Club, the Livonia Recreation Department and the Observer newspapers.

Northville, Bentley, Garden City West and Clarencville won their way into the semifinals, leaving behind among others such touted teams as Stevenson and Franklin, the respective Interlakes and Northwest League champs, and Redford Union, which appeared set

to wrap up the Suburban Six League crown. It took 14 innings for Northville to oust Franklin, 2-1. Never before had a tourney game gone so long.

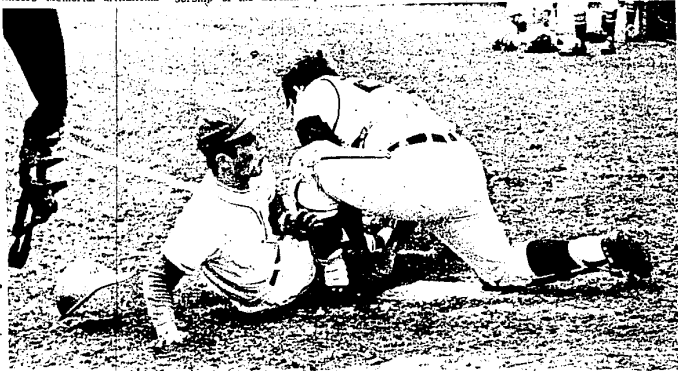
Bentley put out Glenn, 4-1; Garden City West surprised Stevenson, 2-1; and Clarencville upset Wayne, 3-2, as Bob Duman fashioned 16 strikeouts, another tourney record.

Here's a blow-by-blow on how the games went:

WAYNE 6, ST. AGATHA 4 Wayne started and finished strong to eliminate St. Agatha, 6-4.

After taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning, Wayne saw its advantage to 3-2 in the second when hits by Ron Blackmore and Jerry Miron sparked a St. Agatha two-run surge.

Wayne made it 4-2 in the fourth, but St. Agatha bounced back to get even in the bottom of the sixth on an error, double



OUT AT THE PLATE after a perfect relay to Wayne High Catcher Gary Weaver is Ron Blackmore of St. Agatha. As the picture shows, Ron made a long slide but Gary had the plate blocked

Tigers Keep Winning Despite Big Problems

Money eases a lot of pains—like Norm Cash playing for the Detroit Tigers when he knows that they'd prefer he'd be performing elsewhere.

The Tigers have sought for some time to work a deal for the first baseman. But nobody wants him at the price the Tigers want in return.

Wilson missed one turn this past week and may have to sit out the series with the New York Yankees at Tiger Stadium which opens with one game Friday night and follows with a single tilt Saturday afternoon and a doubleheader Sunday.

Kalene's loss will be of longer duration. He has been placed on the 21-day disabled list, which means he'll be out at least until June 18.

Observerland Trackmen Shine In 'Champions'

Observerland track entries starred in the first annual "Battle of Champions" in which the Northwest Suburban League piled up 52 points to 48 points each for the Suburban Six and Interlakes loops.

The meet was transferred from North Farmington to Waterford because of the rains. Performers from North Farmington, Thurston and Franklin joined with color bearers from Birmingham Groves to vie on the victorious NW squad.

Redford Union, Plymouth and Bentley delegates accounted for the bulk of the Suburban Six league points while Farmington and Stevenson standard-bearers starred for the Interlakes League.

Meet director Jack Cotton of the Farmington schools said "you couldn't have asked for a closer or more thrilling meet."

CASH HAS been in and out of the Tiger lineup this season almost as frequently as most women pop in and out of stores.

He's shared the job at first with Mickey Stanley, Eddie Matthews and even Bill Freehan.

During the past week, Matthews got the call over Cash as a starter, although in one game at California, Cash came in as a pinch hitter and socked a two-run homer after Matthews had socked a pair of circuits on his own to up his career total to 512, sixth highest in the all-time circuit list in the majors.

Manager Mayo Smith would like to settle on one first baseman, but he's been platooning because he doesn't feel that Matthews and Cash can hit the left-handed pitchers. Both hit from the portside.



HEAD AND HEAD are John Morrison (left), of Redford Union, and Stevenson High's Dale Wendell in the 20-yard high hurdles at the 'Champion of Champions' meet at Waterford High. John was declared the winner although both were clocked in :14.5.

GOING INTO the final relay, the Interlakes League had 48 points to 47 for the Northwest and 46 for the Suburban Six.

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Dave Anderson, of Groves, broke the tape first in the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

North Farmington's John Mann continued his brilliant high jumping as he soared 6 feet, 4 7/8 inches to a field record at Waterford despite the heavy footing and the rain.

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