

Franklin Takes It All In Plymouth Twin Bill

By TOM DONOGHUE

Franklin and Plymouth squared off at noon Saturday in non-league twin bill. Seven and a half hours later the final out of the second game was made with a total of 21 innings played and Franklin the victor in both games.

Plymouth dropped the opener in a 14 inning battle, 8-6, and the Patriots continued their surge in the second game with a 7-6 triumph.

Ron Hillier's Patriots are coming alive after a slow start. Franklin has now won three in a row to stand 45 overall.

Plymouth dropped to an overall record of 2-6.

The Patriots opened the first contest with three runs in the first. Jeff Waterstone and Steve Crowe singled and after two outs, a passed ball moved the runners to second and third.

Wayne Darragh walked to load the base paths and Tim Livesey singled to score two.

Tony Dattilo lashed another single and Franklin was three up.

PLYMOUTH bounced back with one in the bottom of the first on a leadoff home run by Dave Hees. The shot carried over the 330-foot mark in left field. The rocks notched it a three-all in the third on a

single by Steve Robb, a double by Jim Grimmer and two errors.

Plymouth surged ahead in the bottom of the fourth with two runs to lead 5-3. Dan Hees singled and stole second. His brother Dave doubled him home and Robb singled scoring Dave Hees.

Franklin made use of some of Franklin's own. A Plymouth letdown in the sixth to tie the game at five up, without the benefit of a hit.

CROWE WAS HIT by a pitch and Darragh walked. A passed ball moved Crowe to third. A double steal saw Crowe score and Darragh moved to second. Dattilo walked and Darragh stole third.

Franklin pulled off another

double steal but this time Plymouth had it stopped. It is until the Boxcatcher dropped the ball and Darragh scored to tie the contest.

Plymouth jumped ahead in the fifth of the inning when after two outs, Dave Hees singled. Robb was safe on an error and Hees advanced to third.

The Rocks responded with some of Franklin's own. A double steal and Hees was across the plate with a tie-breaker.

FRANKLIN didn't say in the top of the seventh, Karney Derdarian singled and Kar Frantz walked. Crowe connected again and Derdarian scampered home, and it was into extra innings.

The ninth inning saw

Franklin put runners on first and second with two outs but failed to score.

Wayne Sparkman's Rocks had numerous chances to break the game open. In the 11th inning they had a runner on second with more out but failed to score. The same held true in the 12th and in the 13th stanza, Plymouth had runners on first and second with one out but failed to score.

In the top of the 14th, Waterstone was safe on an error. Deardarian was also safe on an error by the second baseman and Crowe laced his fifth hit of the game to score Waterstone.

ROB WILLETT, Larry Graves and Robb worked for Plymouth on the mound with Robb taking his second loss.

Tim Griffin, Watson and Birkett went the route for Franklin with Griffin the winning hurler.

Crowe was the big story for Franklin in the extra inning battle with five hits in six at bat including three runs batted in.

The second game followed the pattern set in the first with Franklin grabbing the lead and Plymouth overtaking it with the Patriots rebounding in the closing inning.

Franklin scored two in the first on a walk to Waterstone, a stolen base and a double by Frantz. An error moved Frantz to third and a sacrifice by Crowe brought him in.

PLYMOUTH rallied for four runs in the second on five

singles and a sacrifice. Mike Lindman, Jeff Stringham, Tom Laffey, Tom Rossi and Tim Quinn all connected for one base hits with Jenner adding a sacrifice to put the Rocks up 4-2.

Franklin started picking away at the lead with one in the third and two in the fourth to lead again, 5-4.

Dattilo walked to start the third and stole second and scored on a single by Frantz. Singles by Waterstone and Frantz and two errors allowed Franklin to move ahead by one in the fourth.

The lead moved back into the hands of Plymouth in the fifth. Chuck Amyx was safe on an error. Lindman singled with the center fielder booting the ball and Amyx scampered home. Lindman stole third

and scored on a sacrifice by Jenner.

FRANKLIN REBOUNDED with two of its own to capture a one run lead on a walk to Derdarian, a single by Falow and an error loaded the base paths.

Dattilo drilled a single to tie the two and the twin bill belonged to Franklin.

Ken Oliver and Rick Frayer worked for Franklin with Frayer scoring the win. Keith MacDonald, Richard Grimes and Robb Willett tolled for Plymouth with Grimes taking his first loss.

Franklin hosts Birmingham Groves Wednesday (May 3) in a North-west Suburban game and Plymouth travels to Bentley on Friday in a Suburban Eight matchup.



Cindermen Losing Chargers Sputtering

Southfield Lathrup is having trouble getting it all together in track. The Charger cindermen fell to Waterford Mott, 85% to 37%, and to Walled Lake Central, 74 to 49.

The lone bright spots have been shot putter Matt Heppler and miler Tim Bell and two-cinder miler Bill Jordan.

Heppler's toss of 51'5" in the Mott meet established a

school record and Heppler became the first 50' putter in the school's history.

LATHRUP-MOTT MEET RESULTS

880 RELAY: 1-Mott (Eliopoulos, Foreberry, Aldrich, Vancosta). Time 1:38.1.

900 RUN: 1-Groves (Mc). 2-Griffin (L). 3-Kohoff (L). Time 2:04.3

100 YARD DASH: 1-Miller (M). 2-Bauer (M). 3-Bell (L). Time 18.3

200 YARD DASH: 1-Miller (M). 2-Watson (L). 3-Watson (L). Time 37.4

400 YARD DASH: 1-Simon (M). 2-Aldrich (M). 3-Warford (L). Time 1:22.4

800 YARD DASH: 1-Lawrence (M). 2-Bauer (M). 3-Germy (M). Time 3:12.2

1000 MILE RUN: 1-Jordan (L). 2-Bauer (M). 3-Feldstein (L). Time 1:04.8

220 YARD DASH: 1-Miller (M). 2-Watson (L). 3-Jensen (M). Time 22.8

1 MILE RELAY: 1-Mott (Gross, Aldrich, Steady, Simons). Time 3:42.0

440 RELAY: 1-Mott (Lawrence, Bauer, Eric, Midler). Time 1:45.1

SHOT PUT: 1-Heppler (L). 2-Sheldon (M). 3-Watson (L). Distance 51'5"

LONG JUMP: 1-Miller (M). 2-Swing (M). 3-Mastice (M). Distance 19'11"

HIGH JUMP: 1-Gormley (M). 2-Bauer (M). 3-Griffin (L). Height 6'2"

POLE VAULT: 1-Hibshman (M). 2-Wright (M). 3-Traxas (M). Height 13'0"

Falcons Edge Huskies, 64-59

The Farmington - Pontiac Northern Inter-lakes conference track meet was tied at 59 - 59 going into the final event. The Falcons won the 440 relay honors and the meet, 64 - 59.

Nat Durham and Bruce Stirling of Farmington, were double winners. Stirling won the high and low hurdles and Durham took honors in the high jump and pole vault.

FARMINGTON-NORTHERN MEET RESULTS

880 RELAY: 1-Farmington. Time 1:32.1

880 RUN: 1-Simon (M). 2-Miracle (M). 3-Aluma (M). Time 2:04.0

HIGH HURDLES: 1-Stirling (F). 2-Smith (F). 3-Durham (F). Time 1:18.0

MILE RUN: 1-Young (M). 2-Day (F). 3-Nuttall (F). Time 4:28.8

LATHRUP-WALL CENTRAL MEET RESULTS

SHOT PUT: 1-Heppler (L). 2-Warford (L). 3-Hibshman (M). Distance 48'3"

LONG JUMP: 1-Whitehead (M). 2-



By the time many of you are reading this column, I'll be boarding a BOAC 747 bound for London. If you've never been in a 747, think of three tennis courts, placed end to end, and half a court wide.

Even though this is my second 747 transatlantic flight, I'm still as excited as a kid on his first flight. You have to fly in one of these planes before you can become a believer. And you know how efficient the British are!

As Robert Morley tells it, "Cabin service is our forte." Can you imagine what happens when a meal is served? The food will be dished onto more than 1,200 plates. 750 bowls, 1,500 coffee cups, 800 saucers, and 1,100 trays. Some 3,500 pieces of silverware will be used and another 1,100 pieces of glassware to serve a variety of beverages. I'm glad I don't have to clean up afterward.

ONE OF THE main attractions for me on this trip will be a visit to Wimbledon. This marks the realization of a 16-year-old dream. Well, almost. My original dream was to play at Wimbledon in the tournament. Of course that was just a dream: I recognized my limitations a long time ago.

But Wimbledon has always been the big one. To play there compares with a fighter performing at Madison Square Garden, or a baseball player playing at Yankee Stadium, or to be timely, a driver at the Indianapolis 500. Everything else seems to pale in significance.

This is where tennis history is made. Unfortunately, the "ITF" (International Lawn Tennis Federation) has been feuding with the contract pros and the calibre of competition this year may decidedly not be up to snuff.

After a few days in London I'll be on my way to Paris to visit friends and possibly "Roland Garros," the French equivalent of Wimbledon and the second leg of the "grand slam."

I'll take my tennis gear with me, just in case. As they say, getting there is half the fun.

BORGESS HURDLER -- Mark Cesarz clears the hurdle in the second leg of the shuttle hurdle relay. Borgess won the event with a time of :58.2. (Observer photo)

WSU Swimmer

Wayne State University freshman swimmer Neil Baggett has set five records in his first six WSU meets including the 200-yard freestyle (twice), 500-yard freestyle (twice) and the 200-yard individual medley.

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Groves Hands Eagle Netters First Setback

Birmingham Groves handed Thurston its first tennis defeat, 5-2, but the Eagle netters rebounded with four lopsided victories stand at 10-1.

Thurston defeated North Farmington, 5-2 to 2; John Glenn, 6-2 to 1; Livonia Franklin, 5-2 to 2; and Garden City West, 7-0.

Groves is on top of the Northwest Suburban conference at 4-0 with Thurston second at 3-1.

Thurston is in the Trenton invitational this weekend.

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