

# RU Baseballers 'Enjoy' Week Of Firsts

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Redford Union baseball Coach Bob Atkins is still looking for an ace to take over mound duties but is meanwhile enjoying a pretty exciting season.

The word exciting should be clarified with the meaning of excitement from both sides of the fence.

It was a week of firsts for the Panther nine. In the 9-4

loss to Belleville, Kevin Bava did something against Atkins' crew that nobody has done in his 12 years of coaching over 600 ball games.

Bava blasted a 320 foot grand slam off RU hurler Pat Burgess, marking the first time in Atkins' 12 year reign at RU that an opponent has hit a bases loaded round tripper. "That blast was the ball game," said Atkins. "I guess it was bound to happen after 12 years."

The other first came later in the week with Northville's Jeff Moon throwing a no-hitter against RU but RU still managing to win, 2-1.

"First time we have ever had a no-hitter thrown against us and won," exclaimed Atkins.

So after a week Coach Atkins will long remember his Panthers stand 3-4 in Suburban Eight play and 12-4 overall.

BELLEVILLE jumped off to a 2-0 lead in the second inning. Bava singled and Mike Damsard was safe on a fielder's choice. Ed Brannan was safe on an error and a double error followed with Damsard scoring. Tim Vance singled to bring in Brannan.

RU came back with one in the third on a single by Ron Gowan and a double by Ben Campbell. A missed squeeze play halted the rally.

Then came the third inning

where Atkins finally saw it. After walks to Larry Farr and Bill McCoy and a single by Mike Kothke and walk to Vern Gowan, Bava uncorked his four bagger over the right field fence, some 320 feet away and RU found itself down 7-1.

A walk to McCoy, an error and single by Gowan scored another in the fourth to increase it to 8-2.

THE PANTHERS hadn't packed their bags yet. Mike

Kalil walked and was forced at second. Rob Campbell singled and was forced at second. Mike Johnston singled and an error resulted in two Panthers scoring to make it 8-3.

Belleville added a run in the bottom of the fifth with Damsard singling, stealing second and scampering home on a one base hit by Vance.

RU tallied in the seventh to conclude the scoring with Burgess and Mark Durand collecting singles and an outfield error allowing Burgess to score.

Gowan held RU to seven hits, struck out five and walked two in scoring the win.

Burgess went all the way for the Panthers, allowing 10 hits, striking out two and walking four.

THE RU BATS were silent in the non-league Northville battle but the Panthers didn't need any hits to win.

Moon handcuffed RU with no one Panther collecting a hit, striking out eight and walking two.

Sophomore Tom Miller didn't do all so bad on the RU mound with a three hitter to his credit.

Northville struck in the second inning to take a 1-0 lead. Steve Serkaina singled and Doug Griffith followed suit. Todd Marzonic walked and

Moon sacrificed in Serkaina.

MOON HAD RETIRED the first 11 RU batters before facing Mike Johnston in the fourth. Johnston drew a base on balls and Glenn Richmond

was safe on an error by the first baseman with runners advancing to second and third.

Kurt Fritz broke his streak of five consecutive strikeouts with a grounder to third.

The third baseman threw the ball away and Johnston and Richmond scored with the help of a double steal and the 2-1 lead

was all Miller needed to set down Northville and score his fourth win against two defeats.

## Bulldogs Nabbed, 8-4

# Edsel Ford Crushes Bentley

Bentley fell below the .500 mark in Suburban Eight baseball action with a 5-4 defeat at the hands of Dearborn Edsel Ford. The Bulldogs stand at 3-4 in league play and 5-6 overall.

Edsel Ford didn't waste any time picking on Bentley starting Bob Couch. The Dearborn team pounded out four hits to score four runs, in the opening stanza.

Gary Dorosh singled and Greg Gomolok walked. Randy Owens moved the runners up on a sacrifice with James Cameron singling the two home. Robert Berce and Dave Ruta followed with back to back doubles and Edsel Ford

jumped to a commanding 4-0 lead.

Bentley got two back in the top of the third on a walk to Jeff Monson, a double by Bob Wasilewski and a one base hit by Bob Deacon.

Edsel Ford came back in the bottom of the inning to score

three times and lead, 7-2. Berce bounced one off home plate for a single and Ruta and Craig Woley followed with walks.

Two sacrifices resulted in three runs scoring with the Bulldogs taking a nap on defense.

THE BULLDOGS tallied in the fifth to slice the difference to three runs. Deacon singled, Brent Boegler walked and John Gentz doubled to score both.

Edsel Ford scored its final run in the bottom of the fifth with Ted Chase drawing a

walk and scoring on a double by Dorosh.

Roger Wiedemann went the distance for Edsel Ford in capturing the win.

Couch and sophomore Dan Bezina worked for Bentley with Couch taking his second loss against four wins.

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That makes it two straight for Franklin High.

The Patriot trackmen sprinted to top honors in the ninth Western Wayne relays for the second consecutive year.

Franklin placed first with 45 points, with Wayne second at 28 and Taylor Center third with 22. A total of 12 schools rousoupied out the day's card with Observersland schools John Glenn finishing sixth with 18 points and Bentley seventh with 17.

Franklin's pole vault relay led a meet record with the total height of 33'. Making up the

winning trio were twin brothers Paul and Pete DeNapoli and Mike Fleister. Paul captured top individual honors with 126'.

The results of the 13th Annual Western Wayne Relays are:

SHOT PUT RELAY  
1. Wayne Memorial - (Steve Homan, Mike Vega, Bill Garabrant) - 139'5"; 2. John Glenn - 129'7"; 3. Bentley - 127'7"; 4. Livonia Bentley - 123'2"; 5. Taylor Center - 123'1"; Individual winner - Darrell Gooden (Homan) - 48'11".

LONG JUMP RELAY  
1. Rollichaud - (Lusk Ealey, Willie Jones, Warren Woodall) - 58'7"; 2. Taylor Center - 54'3"; 3. Livonia Franklin - 52'11"; 4. Inkster - 52'9"; 5. Garden City East - 51'2"; Individual winner - Willie Jones (Rollichaud) - 19'3".

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