

Stevenson Wins Share Of Crown

Stevenson wrapped up its Inter-Lakes baseball competition with wins over Pontiac Northern and Walled Lake Central to finish with a 4-1 league mark.

The Spartans toppled Northern, 5-2, and tipped Central in the bottom of the seventh inning, 5-4.

Stevenson faces Franklin District (May 27) in a pre-district round in state tournament.

Stevenson won the first round of the tournament, 5-2, over Northern. Stevenson won the second round, 5-2, over Central. Stevenson won the third round, 5-2, over Franklin District. Stevenson won the fourth round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern. Stevenson won the fifth round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central.

Stevenson won the sixth round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern. Stevenson won the seventh round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central. Stevenson won the eighth round, 5-2, over Franklin District. Stevenson won the ninth round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern. Stevenson won the tenth round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central.

Stevenson won the eleventh round, 5-2, over Franklin District. Stevenson won the twelfth round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern. Stevenson won the thirteenth round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central. Stevenson won the fourteenth round, 5-2, over Franklin District. Stevenson won the fifteenth round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern.

Stevenson won the sixteenth round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central. Stevenson won the seventeenth round, 5-2, over Franklin District. Stevenson won the eighteenth round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern. Stevenson won the nineteenth round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central. Stevenson won the twentieth round, 5-2, over Franklin District.

Stevenson won the twenty-first round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern. Stevenson won the twenty-second round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central. Stevenson won the twenty-third round, 5-2, over Franklin District. Stevenson won the twenty-fourth round, 5-2, over Pontiac Northern. Stevenson won the twenty-fifth round, 5-2, over Walled Lake Central.

The Court Jester

My gorgeous secretary did an excellent job filling in for me during my short vacation. (A few of my readers have suggested that I should take more trips). She did state that she participated in one of my tennis classes, but she neglected to tell how she built herself up as another Billie Jean King and, being gullible, I believed her.

She even volunteered to help me in my classes. You have to realize that this "game" went on all winter and it wasn't until the spring and two minutes of observation that the "potential Wimbledon champion" was unmasked and the bubble burst.

LIKE SO MANY sweet, young things she was fine standing still. She would swing at a ball that was hit right to her, but any ball that required more than one step was out of the question. It required too much exertion or it wasn't ladylike to run.

She still brags about her serve. What a serve. It's a cross between a ballet dancer swatting flies and a lion tamer cracking a whip. I'm beginning to think she practices throwing olives into waste baskets.

She does agree with me on two points:

1. tennis is a game of movement.
2. you must continually practice if you ever expect to improve.

There are three things a tennis pro cannot teach you: judgment, timing and coordination. They improve with practice.

Now that I have returned safely from my travels to London and Paris I highly recommend either city for a good time. Both cities suffer from the same problems we find in Observeland - not enough tennis courts.

My hosts in Paris took me to their tennis club, Faesandier, located in St. Cloud, a suburb of Paris. Situated in a beautiful park it reminded me somewhat of our own Belle Isle - fountains, play fields, walking trails, and 15 well-maintained red clay tennis courts.

If you've never played on clay you don't know what you're missing. It's considered the slowest surface compared to grass, cement, asphalt and wood. In other words the ball holds up longer after the bounce. You can slide on it and your legs never get tired.

If anyone was primed to play it was me. But it was not to be. As we walked to the clubhouse to reserve a court, the heavens opened and the rain came, at first a sprinkle and then a deluge.

It reminded me of an earlier trip to Norway when it rained for seven days and seven nights. The story of my life. If you have been under the impression that French men are primarily interested in wine, women and song, you were wrong. Food, wine and politics, in that order. And rain is always a good excuse to repair to a restaurant for a light snack. Ten million Frenchmen can't be wrong.

RU Pushes Baseball Mark To 18-4

Redford Union crushed Cranbrook, 12-2, and nipped Dearborn, 5-4, to push its overall baseball record to 18-4.

The Panthers stand at 12-0 in non-league contests and 6-4 in Suburban Eight action had two walks and four strikeouts.

Bill Johnston took the loss for Cranbrook.

Tom Miller went the distance against Cranbrook with a five hitter to his credit. The sophomore righthander broke up the scoring with two walks and four strikeouts.

RU scored four in the first, five in the third and three in the fifth to round out its scoring with Cranbrook breaking the tie with two in the sixth.

With two out in the first, Mike Johnston was safe on an error and Glenn Richmond walked. Kurt Fritz singled in Johnston and Steve Friedman drove in two more runs with Lupe Bravo safe on an error allowing Friedman to score.

RU INCREASED its margin to nine in the third with the help of two walks, an error and four hits.

Mark Durance and Rich-

mond walked. Fritz and Friedman followed with one base hit and Bravo was safe on another Cranbrook mishap. Mike Kall and Tom Miller followed with singles to put the Panthers up, 9-0.

Friedman singled to open the RU fifth and moved to second on a stolen base. Miller was safe on an error with Friedman scoring and Rob Campbell doubled him in.

DURANCE was safe on another Cranbrook error and Campbell scampered in with the final Panther tally. The Panthers remained in the thick of the Suburban Eight running with a 5-4 triumph over Dearborn.

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Plymouth Falls To 4-6 In Suburban 8 Action

Plymouth dropped to a 4-6 Suburban Eight baseball mark with a 4-2 loss to Edsel Ford. The Rocks stand 5-10 overall and open state tournament play Saturday (May 27) against the winner of the Inlander - Monroe game.

Larry Graves and John Owens worked for Plymouth on the mound with Owens hurling four innings in relief and taking his fifth loss against three wins.

distance for Edsel Ford, giving up seven hits, walking one and striking out three.

Edsel Ford scored one in the second on a walk to Rob Berce and back to back singles by Tom Burke and Wiedemann.

Two runs in the bottom of the third increased the margin to 3-0. Tom Dorosh and Roger Gomolak drew bases on balls and Plymouth Coach Wayne Sparkman came to his bullpen and Owens.

Tom Darwish attempted a sacrifice but Dorosh was thrown out at third and Darwish safe at first on the fielder's choice. A wild pitch advanced the runners to second and third with one out.

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Senior Scott Ramsey went the route for North allowing three hits, striking out four and walking one. It was Ramsey's first win against one setback.

Jim Hartie and Dennis Hagen worked for the Falcons with the starter Hartie taking the defeat.

North opened the scoring in the first with Mike Gasser leading off with a single. He stole second and moved to third on a single by John Cassidy. Kim Parker was safe on an infield error and Gasser scampered home.

THE RAIDERS made it 2-0 in the fifth with Ramsey lining a single to right. Dave Nauman bounced a single up the middle and Cassidy collected his second hit with Ramsey scoring.

Farmington sliced the margin to one in the sixth. Mike Flynn was safe on an error and Tony Wenson singled. Hartie grounded into a fielder's choice with Flynn out at third. Rick Pauline filed out and Jeff Herman was safe on a North miscue with Wenson scoring the Falcon lone tally. But this was all the Falcons could muster off Ramsey and

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