

# Dearborn Edges Plymouth

It's just been one of those seasons for Plymouth baseball...the potential has been there but the key hits have been lacking.

The Rocks concluded Suburban Eight play with a 5-4 loss to Dearborn to finish with a 9-9 league mark and stand 7-12 overall. Plymouth is still alive in the state tourney with district playoffs at Adrian.

"It has been a very disappointing season," said Coach Wayne Sparkman. "I really thought we would be contenders but we just couldn't put it together."

Keith MacDonald started for Plymouth against Dearborn and lasted four and three of its own in the first.

third innings before being relieved by Steve Robb. Dearborn scored all five runs off the junior left-hander with only three earned.

A combination of Most and Cravens worked on the Dearborn mound with Cravens picking up the win in relief.

PLYMOUTH OPENED the scoring in the top of the first with Dan Hees safe on a two base error and scoring on a single by Tim Quinn.

With one out, Pete Jenner drew a base on balls to force in MacDonald but the next two batters were set down to halt the threat.

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By W.W. EDGAR

Keith West, a student at Southfield Lathrup High School who does most of his bowling in the Coca Cola North Senior Classic at Hartfield Lanes in Berkley, has earned the right to bid for the All - America Youth championship in Washington, D.C. next month.

To gain the honor he paced the scratch division of the state junior singles championship sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors of America last weekend at Pine Garden Lanes in Cadillac.

He shot into the lead from the start with a 642 series in the first round with games of 214, 229 and 199. He dropped to 537 with games of 186, 189 and 182—in the second set, but won the title handily with 1179.

He will be joined in Washington by Mike Kinnell, of Howe's Lanes in Clarkston, paced the girls handicap field with a count of 1287 and qualified for the trip to the national tournament.

The area champions of the ABA will be crowned at the annual dinner Sunday afternoon in Roma Hall, starting at 1:30 p.m.

STAN OLSZENSKI got away to a great start in the summer mixed league at Garden Lanes.

## Blue Jay Trackmen Score 10 Firsts In Lathrup Romp

It was long track season for both Southfield High and Southfield Lathrup with neither squad putting it all together.

The two met in a season wrap-up to close out the '72 season and Southfield crushed Lathrup, 79-44.

The Blue Jay cindermen captured 10 firsts and shutout Lathrup in the high and long jump.

Southfield boasted two double winners in Bill Bangert and Tom Bakerman. Bangert won the 440 yard dash in :35.1 and the 880 in 2:00.6. Bakerman sprinted to honors in the low hurdles with :20.0 and won the high hurdles with :15.4.

SOUTHFIELD added injury to pain with a clean sweep of the relays.

SOUTHFIELD (79)  
LATHRUP (44)  
MEET RESULTS  
HIGH JUMP: 1 - Hibbard (S); 2 - Coocoran (S); 3 - Bakerman (S). Height 5'10".  
LONG JUMP: 1 - McNamee (S); 2 - Hibbard (S); 3 - Nemish (S). Distance 19'3".  
SHOT PUT: 1 - Happler (S); 2 - Oton (S); 3 - Weinberg (S). Distance 47'7".  
880 RELAY: 1 - Southfield (Herald, Acker, Hoyt, McNamee). Time 1:39.9.

NEIL BAGGETT, Wayne State University freshman and brother of 1971 - '72 Tartar swim captain Dale, made an impressive varsity debut by slashing more than three seconds off the school 200-yard free style record with a 1:53.8 clocking vs. Waterloo and Buffalo.

Varsity Debut



A CLOUD OF DUST surrounds Franklin's Jamie Knapp and Stevenson's John Horstman but when it cleared, the Spartan had scampered in on a wild pitch with the Patriot hurler taking the late toss from his catcher. Stevenson toppled Franklin in state tournament action, 11-10. (Observer photo)

## Pitch Hit Throw Contest Registration Ends June 4

All boys, aged 9 through 12 in the Observer newspaper area will have an opportunity to test their baseball skills in a nationwide Pitch, Hit, Throw Contest that will culminate with the National Championships at the All-Star Game in Atlanta on July 25.

The local contest on June 10 will be conducted by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation at Ford Field at Lyndon and Farmington Roads.

Time of the contest is at 9:00 a.m. for 9 and 10 years olds and at 10:00 a.m. for 11 and 12 year olds.

Registration for the competition will be open until June 4 with applications available at the Livonia Recreation Office, 32625 Seven Mile Road.

Each boy competes with boys of his own age in three events - pitching for accuracy, hitting for distance and throwing for accuracy. Winners proceed in further competition at Tiger Stadium.

## St. Agatha Places 2nd Best In Finals

Although winning only two firsts, the 440 yard relay, and the low hurdles, St. Agatha trackmen finished second in the Catholic League's second division championship.

Dearborn St. Alphonsus, led by double winner Jim Sheehan in the sprints, captured its first title with 74 points. St. Agatha wasn't far behind with 66.

It remained for Agatha to set the only record, that coming in the 440 relay which was a new event this year. The quartet of Tom Pringle, Pat Daly, Jim Nicholas and Tim McNamara was clocked in :47.7. The other first was taken by Jim Huculak in the low hurdles with a time of :21.4.

Other point winners for the Redford Township school were: Daly, fifth, and McNamara sixth in the 100-yard dash; Daly fourth in the 220; Dennis Rourke, fourth in the 440; Mike Miron second in the 880; Steve Wasilewski third, Mike Campbell fourth and Dave Cooney, fifth in the mile; Kevin Higgins, second in the two-mile; Jim Huculak, second, Tom Churches, third and Gerald Beaudet, fifth in the high hurdles; Huculak first, Churches third and Beaudet fifth in the low hurdles; 440 relay, first; Agatha second in 800 relay; Agatha third in mile relay; Churches second and Rourke fourth in high jump; Huculak third in long jump; Mike Ray tied for fourth in pole vault; Pat Brown and Jim Marshall fourth in shot put.

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## Livonians No. 1 In GC Class A With 4-0 Record

Livonia swept a doubleheader from Southgate to remain undefeated in the Garden City Class A Invitational baseball league. The Livonians stand at 4-0 with Wayne in second at 2-2.

Garden City is in third with a 2-3 mark with Southgate in the basement at 1-4.

Livonia shutout Southgate in the opener, 9-0, and exploded in the nightcap to crush Southgate, 23-1.

Rich Olsen hurled a four-hitter with seven strikeouts. George Panoff touched Olsen for half of the Southgate hits with two singles.

The big blow for Livonia was a fifth inning grand slam homer by Dave Carroll. Player manager Chip Rose came through with three hits to pace the attack.

## Franklin Grad Earns Varsity Track Letter

James A. Kosteva, a awarded a letter in track from North Central College in Naperville, Ill., for the 1971-'72 season. The 6', 160-pounder is currently a sophomore at the liberal arts institution and ran a 4:20 mile.

Kosteva earned six letters at Livonia Franklin High before his graduation in 1970. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kosteva, 7880 August.

## Wayne State University swim co-captain Dale Baggett placed sixth in the NCAA College Division's 100-yard backstroke (55:58) and eighth in the 200-yard backstroke (2:03:55), both school record efforts, to earn All-American ranking for the second year.

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