

Ford Hurts 2nd No-Hitter; Redford Wins, 5-0

Redford captured the first half Adray baseball championship with a 5-0 win over Dearborn on position night with Tom Ford hurling his second no-hitter and his fifth consecutive victory.

Redford remained undefeated with a tie and a 9-0 record.

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Ford walked four and hit one Dearborn batsman in the first half finale with 12 strikeouts. The first no-hitter

was also against Dearborn with Redford winning that one by a 2-0 score.

"Ford just overpowers the batters," said Redford Coach Coach Pat Sheridan. "He has excellent control and just plain outsmarts the opponents."

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Ford opened with a two-hitter against Northville. Terry Mills and Dave Coe collected the hits and Ford came back with his first no-hitter against Dearborn.

Then came a one-hit performance against Livonia. Griffin and Howard Schryer getting the lone hit.

FORD threw his second two-hitter against Westland Burger King. Bob McSpadden and Art Mach banged out the fourth and fifth hits off Ford

with the Dearborn second no-hitter climaxing the first half finale.

The Eastern Michigan hurler has struck out 52 in 32 innings worked and has given up only two earned runs.

Gordie Ezess opened the Dearborn contest with his third home run over the left center fence some 350 feet

away and Redford led 1-0. Ford was safe on an error in the third and scampared in on a double by Ezess to push the margin to two. Bob Ghanam was safe on an error in the fourth and scored on another double by Doug Burke to make it 3-0.

Two walks and three hits made it 5-0 in the third. Charlie Wolfe and Marty Raymond drew walks and Dan Dreyer singled to lead the bases. Combes delivered a triple and scored on another hit by DeSilvo.

Koebel scored one in the fifth on the Combes-DeSilvo combination again and concluded with one in the sixth on a single by Bill Mattison and two-bagger by Wolfe.

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A single by Bill Turkington, two wild pitches and a single by Roy Henriksson gave Livonia a 1-0 first inning margin.

LIVONIA TALLIED in the seventh on an error and single by Terry Dobbs.

Livonia's Griffin Sport concluded first half action with a 6-1 victory over Burger King with the two teams holding a share of third place.

Randy Ferguson started for Livonia but developed arm trouble in the second inning and Coach Ron Heller put in Steve Chlenko.

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Sichta walked to open the third, Ferguson walked and Turkington singled in Sichta to make it 5-0.

Westland got on the board in the bottom of the inning when Karney Derderian singled and moved around to third on two wild pitches. J.P. McBride and Bob McSpadden also drew walks to fill the sacks. Bob

Diem connected with a two-bagger with Derderian scoring but McBride was cut down at the plate to halt the only threat Burger King could get together.

Back-to-back home runs in the fifth gave Livonia a 5-1 margin. Gar Frantz connected for his second four-bagger on a 380 foot shot over the right field fence and Steve Crowe cleared the left field fence for his first round-tripper.

GRIFFIN SPORT added a run in the sixth when Waterstone walked, Howard Schryer singled and Coach Heller called for a double steal with Waterstone scoring the sixth run.

Farmington Nips Walled Lake, 3-1

Farmington's answer to a winning American Legion baseball team is on the verge of erasing some question marks.

The Legionnaires toppled Walled Lake, 3-1, for their fourth victory and stand one game below the .500 mark

with an overall record of 7-8.

Rich Stringer and Dennis Hagen shared the mound chores for Farmington against Walled Lake with starter Stringer being replaced in the top of the sixth with arm trouble.

Stringer allowed two hits, struck out five and walked two in the five innings worked and left the game with the score 0-0.

HAGEN PICKED up the win relief striking out three, walking two and allowing one hit in two innings.

Greg Holek and Mike Simmes worked for Walled Lake with starter Holek getting pined with loss.

Walled Lake slipped to a 5-7 mark.

An error, walk and single put Walled Lake on the board

in the top of the sixth. Gary Peeling reached first on an error and Bob Watson drew a walk off Hagen. Bill Outanen delivered a single and Peeling scampared in with the opening tally.

Farmington came back in the bottom of the inning to score three times for the victory.

ROB HOLTON SINGLED and was sacrificed to second by Mike Flynn. Hagen followed with a run scoring single and moved to second on the late throw to the plate.

Jim Hartle then blasted his second four-bagger in as many games with Hagen scoring in front of him and Farmington had come up with the punch that had been lacking the first half of the season.

Top Awards

Three-time NCAA wrestling champion Greg Johnson of Lansing and two-time NCAA sprint champ Herb Washington of Flint have won Michigan State's two top athletic-academic awards for 1972. Johnson was given the Chester Brewer Award and Washington the Big Ten Medal of Honor.

Pool Marks

Senior co-captain Dale Baggett set Wayne State University and Matthei Pool marks with clockings of :58.5 and 2:07.11 in the 100 and 200-yard backstroke events vs. Buffalo State during the 1972 season, breaking his own records.

REDFORD tucked away the victory and first half crown in the fifth stanza. Ezess singled and Jeff Washington cleared the trees in center field for his second round tripper and a five run advantage.

North Farmington's Koebel Diamond batted Garden City in the light to stay out of first half cellar with Koebel team crushing Garden City, 7-1.

Tom Erhart hurled his first game in a North Farmington uniform and came up with a

hardly a harness racing season passes but the pacer or trotter comes out of nowhere to attract the attention of fans who carefully watch the performances for the remainder of the year.

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Then to the amazement of most everyone except Clark, a few associates and the trainer, Sharp Note was put into the entry box as one of the starters.

Equally to the surprise of all, Sharp Note went on to win the Hambletonian championship. He didn't win many more races during his career but did have his big day in just about the biggest event of the year for three old trotters.

Then there was Vicki's Jet, a pacing colt owned by a Flint car salesman, who in first showed signs of greatness on the county fair circuit as a two and developed into one of the best in the land as a three year old.

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Why are we bringing back these memories? For the simple reason there is a five year old mare at Northville Downs who is making folks sit up and take notice.

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The mare has progressed to the point where Racing Secretary Harry Peterson moved her up to the preferred class where she battles with seven challengers Saturday.

This will be her biggest test of the season and will go far in determining where she'll be for the remainder of the season.

Pitted against her are: Culver Cadet, Peppy Relco, Esmond Hanover, Gavland, Shivassee Squire and Bedford.

Heading Saturday's all-pacing program is a \$6,500 invitational that has a slim field of five. Early favorite is Norm Mealey's Spring Pride, a four year old who sped to the fastest mile of the meeting a week ago in winning a similar event in 2:02.4.

THE COMPETITION may be short in numbers but it is long in quality. Local Time, the star of the powerful Ray Forsythe stable of Birmingham, could press Spring

Pride just as he did last Saturday.

Then there's Michigan Mack, returning to the Michigan scene after battling the boaters in Chicago, who could make things rough.

The remaining starters are: Johnny G and Perley Hanover.

Just to give one an idea of the card, Tee Cee, one of the speedsters from the Wilburn barn, was an entrant in the invitational two weeks ago... this time the aged star is in a six horse conditioned pace. He'll be going against Mike A. Breeze, Spanker, Winter Dean, Spook Time and Rusty McKillo.

NEWEST members of the U.S. Harness Writers' Living Hall of Fame are Ralph Baldwin and Johnny Simpson Sr. They were installed last Sunday and raised to 17 the outstanding harness racing figures honored by the writers' association.



Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

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AT FARMINGTON Dinos vs. Democratic, 8:45 p.m.
(All games are double headers)

FIRST HALF FINAL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	PT
Redford Adray	9	0	19
Adray Dearborn	8	2	16
Livonia Griffin	7	3	14
Burger King	7	3	14
Northville Reef	4	5	8
Plymouth Sidwell	3	6	7
Mario Sinclair	2	5	7
Varsity Shop	1	4	5
Koebel Diamond	2	4	6
Garden City	1	2	2

SCORES

Redford 5, Dearborn 0
Griffin Sport 6, Burger King 1
Northville 2, Plymouth 2
Sinclair 3, Varsity Shop 3
Koebel 7, Garden City 1

SUNDAY'S GAMES
AT HENRY FORD
Burger King vs. Garden City, 6 p.m.
Livonia Griffin vs. Northville, 8:30 p.m.
AT NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH
Varsity Shop vs. Koebel, 1:30 p.m.
AT THURSTON HIGH
Sinclair vs. Redford, 1:30 p.m.
AT DEARBORN CC
Plymouth vs. Dearborn, 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
AT GARDEN CITY PARK
Burger King vs. Koebel, 6 p.m.
Garden City vs. Northville, 8:30 p.m.
AT NORTHVILLE AF
Sinclair vs. Griffin Sport, 6 p.m.
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Plymouth vs. Varsity Shop, 6 p.m.

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