

Farmington Legion Finishes 5th In 18th District

Farmington's American Legion baseball club, concluded its '72 season on a winning note for a fifth place finish in the 18th District standings with a 12-14 record.

The Farmington squad didn't qualify for any post season tournaments but Coach Wally Christensen had to smile after the Walled Lake doubleheader wrap-up.

His baseballers ran into the twin-bill jinx, dropping four and manging only one sweep, but it was a different story Sunday.

Walled Lake took the first end of the doubleheader, 3-0, but Farmington bounced back to take the second end, 3-2.

Farmington hovered around the .500 mark earlier in the week with a 7-0 victory over seventh place Auburn Heights.

It was the first start for Randy Stringer and the Farmington hurler chucked a three hitter, struck out 11 and walked one.

Marvin Park took the loss for Auburn.

ROB HOLTON started Farmington off in the first with a two bagger and scampered home on a sacrifice by Rich Stringer after Holton had moved to third on a ground out.

It was another Holton double that got Farmington going in the third with the Farmington batsman scoring on a single by Rich Stringer. A double by Ken DiRocco and single by Mike Flynn made it 3-0 in the fourth with Farmington scoring four times in the top of the seventh to tuck away the victory.

Holton drew a walk, Flynn and Rich Stringer singled, Mitch Thomas doubled and Dennis Hagen singled.

The final doubleheader caught Farmington with an opportunity to finish at the .500 mark. But Larry Sines hurled a five hitter and the Farmington bats remained silent to the tune of a 3-0 defeat.

JEFF HERMAN went the distance for Farmington, allowed seven hits and suffered the loss.

Walled Lake scored one in the first on a walk and two singles, and added two in the third on two singles and two walks.

Dennis Hagen went to work for Farmington in the second contest and the doubleheader jinx went by the wayside.

HAGEN MASTERED a three-hitter, struck out five and walked one, and picked up his fifth win.

Walled Lake jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first when Bob Heszko walked and scored on a ground out and single. Farmington broke out of its scoreless shell in the top of the second when Bill Platko singled and Hagen blasted a four-bagger down the right field line to put Farmington up, 2-1.

Walled Lake came back in the last of the inning to tie it two all. Bob Hayes singled, moved to third on a double error and scored on a sacrifice by Tom Rapp.

FARMINGTON spurred to a 3-2 advantage in the top of the third and the margin held with Walled Lake slipping one notch behind the up and down Farmington team.

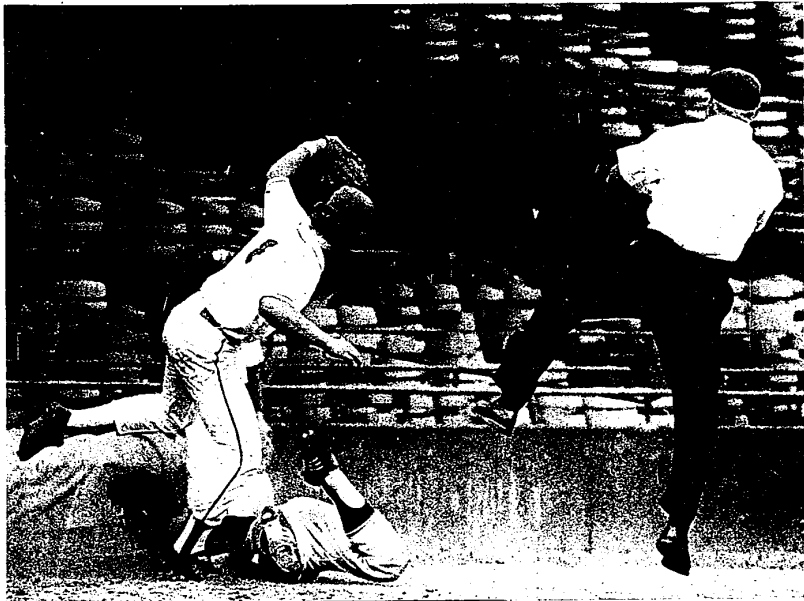
Ron Holton singled and dashed to third on a sacrifice by Mike Flynn. Mitch Thomas delivered a key double and Holton scored.

Waterford captured first place in the 18th District with a 23-3 mark over Troy at 8 p.m. at the Pontiac Knights of Columbus Field.

Coach Christensen will be right out there with his four as he was selected as one of the coaches. The 18th District will be going up against the best of the 7th District.

Starting at first base will be Farmington's Dennis Hagen with a .369 batting mark. Rob Holton is the starting second baseman at .343 with the Stringer brothers capturing two outfield berths.

RANDY STRINGER is hitting at a .310 clip with brother Rich at .318.



OUT AT THIRD - JUMP FOR THE UMP - Livonia's Pat Perino was tagged out by Big Bill's Doug Carrier at third in the Adray All-Star game in Tiger Stadium with the umpire getting in a little dance routine on the call. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Redford Hoping For Sweep In Adray Title Conquest

First round Adray champions Redford are making a run at the second round title. Redford swept by Birmingham Varsity Shop, Garden City and North Farmington to stand at 6-1 with the round championship on Friday (July 28) against Livonia Griffin which stands identical at 6-1.

Dan O'Brien went the distance against Varsity Shop and scored a two - hit, 6-2 victory for win No. 3 against no losses.

The stocky righthander struck out eight and walked two and was never in any serious trouble.

Redford gave O'Brien a five run lead to work with in the third inning. Gordie Exzes tripped and scored on an error by the Birmingham shortstop. Jeff Washington connected for another three - bagger and O'Brien singled him in. Bill Herbert delivered the third triple of the inning and scampered in on a sacrifice by Doug Burke.

Denny Poppenger followed with a double and scored on a hit by Tom Ford.

Varsity Shop got on the board in the last of the inning. Fremuth doubled, Dunkel walked and Kazanski singled both in.

A single by Washington, a stolen base and single by O'Brien made it a 6-2 game in the sixth.

LACONIA GRAHAM hurled a two - hitter against Garden City for victory No. 3 and Redford scored a 4-1 triumph, with Graham striking out 13 and walking two.

Jerry Volas slipped to defeat for Garden City, allowing five hits, striking out two and walking three.

A double by Graham, a stolen base and single by Bob Gantz put Redford up by one in the third. O'Brien walked in the fourth, stole second and scored on a hit by Herbert.

Garden City broke into the scoring column with one in the top of the fifth when Fisher walked and Darren McHugh doubled him in.

REDFORD ADDED two in the last inning when Ford walked, R. J. LeRoux singled, both runners moved up on a steal, and Gantz drove in both with a single.

Sheridan called on Doug Burke in the North Farmington Koebel game and the righthander came through with three innings of one hit ball, struck out one and walked none.

Tommy Ford worked in relief and picked up his seventh win behind no defeats. The lefthander worked the final four innings, struck out seven, allowed no hits, and walked five.

JOHN COMBES pitched well for Koebel but didn't have much support from his team. The North righthander gave up only five hits, struck out nine and walked six.

Combes walked Gordie Exzes to open the first and the Redford outfielder turned on his white running shoes to steal second. Exzes moved to third when the ball skipped into center field and O'Brien walked to put runners on first and third. Then with two out, O'Brien broke for second and the Koebel catcher rifled a throw into center field to allow Exzes to score with O'Brien scoring on a passed ball.

Redford made it 6-0 in the fourth with four runs on three hits.

O'BRIEN WALKED. Herbert singled and a wild pitch advanced runners to second and third. Burke drew a walk to fill the bases and O'Brien dashed home on a passed ball. Dan Malone was hit by a pitch to load the bases again with LeRoux delivering a two run single. Washington followed with a single to score two and the margin was up to six.

Koebel got one back in the sixth when Ford had trouble finding home plate and walked four consecutive batsmen.

Pitching Fails Livonia All-Stars Fall

The Livonia Adray pitching staff wasn't up to par and the Detroit Adray All-Stars clobbered Livonia at Tiger Stadium, 7-2.

Livonia All-Star Coach Pat Sheridan utilized five hurlers in an unsuccessful attempt to stop Detroit with his ace Tommy Ford getting opening game honors.

It just wasn't Ford's day and Detroit jumped on the erratic lefthander for two runs in the first and two in the second.

"Tommy was very tight and had no speed," said Coach Sheridan. "Take away the first two innings and it is a 3-2 game."

ARTMACH, Tony Kaseta, Steve Kreager and Jerry Jarvela joined Ford on the mound with starter Ford taking the loss. Ford lasted only an inning and third, giving up four runs on three hits, striking out one and walking two.

Westland's Mach and Redford's Kreager were most impressive.

Detroit went with Bob Perkins, of Adray Appliance, Craig Schalk and Tom Jones with Livonia pounding out only five hits.

A walk to Dean Mitton and singles by Bill Schmidt and Bob Szmanco gave Detroit a 2-0 first inning lead. Detroit knocked Ford out of the box in the second. Paul Janas walked and Bill Reichel was safe on an error by Ford.

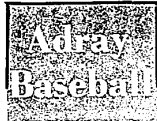
Perkins singled to score Janas and Mitton sacrificed Reichel to third where he scored on a single by Schmidt to make it a 4-0 game.

LIVONIA WOKE up in the top of the fourth. Jeff Washington came up with the first hit on a two-bagger and scored on a single by Dan O'Brien. Pat Perino hit one up the alley with O'Brien scoring. Perino was thrown out at third and that was the extent of Livonia's rally.

Livonia picked up only two other hits by Redford's Bill Herbert and Dearborn's Joe Antonazzo.

Detroit rallied for another score in the last of the fourth when Kaseta walked Schmidt and Mitton and gave up a single to Szmanco to make it a 5-2 contest.

Jarvela allowed three singles in the sixth to put Detroit up by five and Livonia gain failed in its bid to topple Detroit in an All-Star clash.



SECOND HALF STANDINGS				
	W	L	Pct	
*LIVONIA GRIFFIN	6	1	.13	
*REDFORD ADRAY	6	1	.13	
ADRAY DEARBORN	5	2	.10	
MARIO SINACOLA	5	3	.10	
NORTHVILLE REEF	4	3	.8	
Varsity Shop	3	2	.6	
BURGER KING	3	5	.4	
PLYMOUTH RIDGELL	2	5	.2	
GARDEN CITY	2	6	.4	
KOEBEL DIAMOND	1	6	.2	

SCORES				
Griffin 13, Varsity Shop 3				
Redford 6, Varsity Shop 2				
Redford 4, Garden City 1				
Northville 3, Sinacola 2				
Dearborn 2, Burger King 0				
Koebel 15, Plymouth 5				
Varsity Shop 8, Sinacola 2				
Griffin Sport 5, Garden City 4				
Dearborn 9, Northville 2				
Burger King 6, Plymouth 1				
Redford 6, Koebel Diamond 1				
Griffin 7, Plymouth 2				

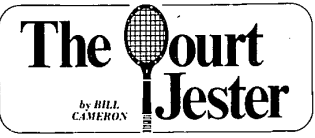
* WEDNESDAY'S GAMES				
AT GARDEN CITY PARK				
Dearborn vs. Sinacola, 6 p.m.				
Garden City vs. Varsity Shop, 6 p.m.				
AT THURSTON HIGH				
Redford vs. Burger King, 6 p.m.				
AT NORTH FARMINGTON HIGH				
Koebel Diamond vs. Griffin Sport, 6 p.m.				
AT NORTHVILLE AF				
Northville vs. Plymouth, 8 p.m.				
FRIDAY'S GAMES				
(League wrap-up night)				
AT HENRY FORD FIELD				
Griffin Sport vs. Redford, 8:30 p.m.				
(second round championship game)				

Tartar Cagers

Wayne State University's 1972 baseball team set eight major team offensive records and six major individual offensive marks while equaling one other individual record.

WSU Football

When Wayne State University's 1971 football team held its eight opponents to just 84 yards, 2.4 per carry, it marked the third straight year the team's rushing yard showed improvement.



Let's see if I can take your mind off this hot weather. Sit back in your chair, close your eyes, and think of mountains. Great jagged mountains, covered with snow. Sparkling white crystals that crunch with every step. The imposing Matterhorn sitting proudly in the sky overlooking the picturesque village of Zermatt, which to me, is the paradise of Switzerland.

Pollution - they never heard of it! The only way to get to Zermatt is by train. You can drive within 10 miles and leave your car. Just think, no exhaust fumes, just horse and sleigh. There is even a special crew that follows the horses, picking up the droppings.

You have your choice of three major areas, all with runs ranging from beginner level to expert, ranging from 4 mile to seven miles in length. The great experience is the 12 mile run from Zermatt to Cervinia, Italy.

It's an all-day trip but one which any intermediate skier can make. The scenery is magnificent. I'm leaving Feb. 10 for eight days. You're welcome to come along. If that date doesn't suit you

how about March 9 for 10 days at the new French area, LaPlagne? (the last night in Paris). My most vivid recollection of the area was an opening day pool part that I attended. Someone forgot to open the valve that heats the water! But the skiing is excellent and again, the scenery is unforgettable.

Now that I've got you cooled off, don't stop thinking snow. Skiers condone summer, it's winter that's worth waiting for. Join us this year.

Northville Open				
SOFTBALL STANDINGS				
	W	L	Pct	
LIVONIA	5	1	.83	
PLYMOUTH	5	1	.83	
FARMINGTON LIONS	4	2	.67	
NORTHVILLE	1	4	.20	
SOUTH LYONS	1	4	.20	
WALLED LAKE	1	5	.17	

SCORES

Farmington 10, South Lyons 3

Plymouth 8, Walled Lake 7

Lions 2, Northville 1

SUNDAY'S GAMES

South Lyons vs. Plymouth, 5:30 p.m.

Livonia vs. Walled Lake, 6:45 p.m.

Northville vs. Farmington, 8 p.m.

(Games at Six Mile & Beck Road)

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