

Redford Opens With A Real Thriller, 6-5

What an opener for Redford! Redford opened state tournament competition with a step in the national title direction.

Down 4-1 in the seventh inning, Redford scored three times to notch it at four-all, scored two in the top of the ninth and hung on with the bases loaded in the last of the ninth to win a 6-5 squeaker over Port Huron.

Redford Coach Pat Sheridan went with pitchers Tommy Ford, Steve Kragger and Art Mach with Kragger chalking up the opening round victory.

It's now on to Ypsilanti for a 10 a.m. game, Saturday

against Lansing. The winner of that contest plays the winner of the Port Huron-Mt. Pleasant on Sunday at 11 a.m. Ford started on the Redford mound and held true to season form with a pile of strikeouts and a ton of walks. The lean lefthander gave up only three hits in the five innings worked, allowed four runs, struck out 10 and walked nine.

KREAGER WORKED the sixth, seventh, eighth and part of the ninth, giving up one hit, walking two and recording seven strikeouts.

Mach proved to be the real stopper in the Redford pitching staff. With the bases loaded in the last of the ninth,

no outs, and up by two runs, Ford's righthander was called to the mound. He struck out the first batter he faced with the next sacrifice in a runner to cut the margin to one. With two outs and runners on second and third, Mach did his thing and struck out Mike Manchester to sew up victory.

IAN FARCHUHAR went the full nine innings for Port Huron. The lanky righthander allotted 10 hits, struck out 12 and walked six.

Redford struck first in the third inning. Ford singled and was sacrificed to second by Bill Turkington. Gordie Essex

delivered a single to score Ford. Everything was against Ford in the fourth stanza. The Redford hurler hit his count-terpist, Farchuhar, and walked Mike Manchester and Gerry Napoleon to fill the bases. Doug Papineau singled

to score one and Ford proceeded to walk Ed Rolling and Mike Hayman to force in Papineau to make it a 4-1 contest.

Redford got back in the game in the top of the seventh

when Denny Poppenger and Essex singled and moved along on a passed ball. Jeff Washington singled to left to make it a 4-3 score and stole second and third to score on Bill Herbert's single down the third base line to notch it at four-all.

Redford spurred ahead in the ninth to stay. BILL TURKINGTON walked and stole second. Washington drew a base on balls and Dan O'Brien laced a single into center field. The ball shot by the center fielder, and Turkington and Washington scored to give Redford a 6-4 lead.

Port Huron rallied in the ninth off Kragger with Ed Rowley singling, Hayman drawing a walk and Don Kirknessall being hit by a pitch.

With no outs, Coach Sheridan called on Mach, and the righthander struck out two and got one out on a sacrifice with one scoring to preserve the win for Redford and Kragger.

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Plymouth Crushes Pride For Title

Plymouth captured the Livonia Connie Mack championship over Churchill's National Pride, 5-1, in a game at Lincoln Park.

Plymouth represented the National League against National Pride, the American League champion. It was also a tuneup for National Pride before state action at Flint Southwestern with Plymouth taking a bite in a winning season.

Steve Robb and Larry Graves worked the Plymouth mound with starter Robb chalking up win No. 5 with no defeats. Robb hurled four innings, allowed two hits, walked one and struck out three. Graves scored the save with two innings of one-hit pitching, walking one and striking out three.

National Pride Coach Roger Frayer went with three hurlers in getting his staff ready for state competition. Ken Wood opened the first two frames, giving up two runs, two hits and striking out two.

Dave Panoff and Gary Sobkowiak worked in relief with Panoff giving up three runs in the two innings worked.

PLYMOUTH SCORED once in each of the first five innings

to spurt ahead of the National Pride club with Frayer's basebalers coming up with one in the bottom of the sixth.

Dave Hees started Plymouth off in the top of the first when the third baseman bobbled his grounder. Hees state second and with two outs,

scampered home on a hit by Rob Willette.

The other side of the Hees attack, Dan, started Plymouth off in the second with a single. He promptly stole second and bled in Don Bidwell singled.

STEVE ROBB opened the Elk third with a triple to deep center and when Graves sent center fielder Rick Dreher back 30 feet deeper to right center for a long sacrifice.

With two outs in the fourth, Dave Hees singled, stole Willette.

National Pride finally broke the scoring barrier in the last of the sixth. Roy Henriksson walked and Brian Kelly was safe on an infield bunt single. Plymouth catcher Jim Grimmer attempted to pick Henriksson off second but the ball slipped into center field. The Elk second baseman went after the ball and then proceeded to rife it over the third baseman's head and when calm finally restored... Henriksson had scored and Kelly was on third base.

Graves bore down on the Plymouth mound and struck out Steve Chilenko and Dreher and got Ron Hawraney to pop out to secure victory and give Plymouth its first Livonia Mack title.

Then came the last of the seventh. Tom Ogan and Mark Stantz singled off Keller for only the second and third hits. Keller bore down and got Mark Delcampo to pop out and Tom Fredent to fly out. Next was the lone strikeout for Keller and the win.

FLINT JUMPED to a 1-0 lead in the second round, but Priede did it in the last of the first on walks to Bob Blaes and Hawreney, a single by Steve Chilenko and an error. Flint exploded for five runs in the second and four in the sixth to coast to an easy nine-run victory with Coach Frayer taking a long look at his pitching staff.

Frayer started his ace, Ken Wood, who lasted only one full inning. Wood faced four batters in the second but couldn't chalk up an out. Wood allowed six runs before being replaced by Gary Sobkowiak. Sobkowiak went the final six innings, giving up one earned run.

Dan Weber worked the distance for Flint, allowing promptly three the runner out and striking out six.

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hitter Mike Hill for his only strikeout.

JIM GREEN chucked for New Baltimore, allowed six hits, walked three, and struck out seven.

National Pride got on the scoreboard in the top of the second stanza. Rick Dreher and Rod Hawraney singled, and an error moved the runners second and third with no outs.

Bruce Van Wagener came through with a suicide squeeze scoring Dreher, and it was a 1-0 game.

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BY W.W. EDGAR

Junior bowling in Michigan got another good shot in the arm this week when Mike Kinnell, a 19-year-old lad who bows out of Satellite Lanes

was the national champion in the boys handicap division of the All-American Youth tournament in Washington, D.C.

In winning the title as a member of the Michigan Youth Association team, he became the second state representative ever to land on top in the event.

Preceding him was Kit Kunkle, the slender blond from Grand Rapids, who won the girls championships when the national tournament had its inception 10 years ago.

Joining this pair was George Semple, of Detroit, who set a qualifying record five years, but faltered in the finals.

From the start this year Kinnell was looked upon as the favorite. A 154 average bowler in the YBA at Satellite, he rolled a 1229 to lead the qualifying field.

Then, in the final, he bettered that figure with 1352 that included a 252 game—the best single game ever rolled in the national tournament.

His nearest rival for the title was Richard Schneider, of Spring Lake, Minn., who finished with 1289.

Michigan's two other entries didn't fare too well. Christie Harrison, of Clarkston, finished 22nd in the girls division with 1025 and Keith West, of Berkeley, landed in 27th place in the boys scratch section with 1030.

activity than ever in Observerland.

From all sources comes the word that the early evening (7 p.m.) spots are filled and that there soon will be a scarcity of the late evening hours.

There also is word of a carry-over from the summer season which will add to the interest in competition. This is the four-game doubles in which many of the top average bowlers competed during the warm weather.

And there will be increased leagues in ever increasing numbers. So, all in all, it should be a banner year.

LEN REZZOLA is a firm believer in the old adage that the best should be kept for last.

So, on the closing night of the summer league at Country Laoes he rolled a 246 game in a 640 series, both were high marks for the league.

In the Thursday Mixed League on the same lanes Dick Stone contended a 247 in 652, for his top showing of the summer.

THERE WAS a good reason for the broad smile on Janet Michaels' face at Westland Bowl during the past week. A 145 average bowler, she came through with a 226, 190 and 192 for a 618 series—her high water mark.

MORT FRIEDMAN made a strong bid to take over top scoring honors in the four game doubles classic at Bel-Aire Lanes.

With Al Messacer's 901 as the target Mort opened with a 226 and followed with a 217 and was well on his way when he posted a 227 in the third. Then, with the pressure on, he stumbled to a 206 in the final and had to be content with an 886 series.

walked away with scoring honors for the night with an 843 that was marked by some unusual firing. He opened with games of 246 and 245 only to get tangled up and finish with games of 161 and 191.

Messacer continued in double century figures when he linked games of 233, 222, 184 and 202 for an 841.

HERE ARE the high scores for the week in the Parks and Recreation leagues at Cloverlanes:

LIVONIA BANTAMS—Glenn Lindeman 178 and Nancy Hamill 201.

LIVONIA TEENS—Joyce Turberville 179 and Andy Montes 198.

LIVONIA PEANUTS—Chris Nelson 140 and Andrea Kropf 107.

REDFORD BANTAMS—Mary Beth Wolke 112 and Dave Dammon 150.

REDFORD PEANUTS—Don Holmes 98 and Kevin Byon 85.

CYO BANTAMS—Mark Leonard 169 and Denise Rays 136.

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GENDRON BROKE for second and was safe on a close call with Brethmer who was on third, scoring easily with what proved to be the deciding run.

Plymouth broke its scoreless ice in the top of the seventh.

With one out, Jeff Stringham singled and was forced at second with Dan Hees on first. Ron Egloff delivered a two-bagger to score Hees, but Owen grounded out to halt the rally and end the game.

Plymouth had rallied on three occasions in the first, second and fourth innings but the lack of a good bunt proved the Elk downfall, with seven runners being left on base.

U-M Athletes

Five athletic directors in the Big Ten are former University of Michigan athletes. Don Canham (track) at Michigan, Burt Smith (hockey and baseball) at Michigan State, Elroy Hirsch (track, baseball, football, basketball) at Wisconsin, Bump Elliott (football, baseball) at Iowa and Bill Orwig (football, basketball) at Indiana.

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