

Stars' Game Rained Out

Olympics Back In Lead Slot In Lacrosse

The dream of most sandlot baseball players -- a chance to play in Tiger Stadium -- was washed out Thursday for members of the Greater Livonia-Free Press League All Stars. Because of wet grounds, the Stars' game against a comparable unit from Oakland County had to be called off. It may be rescheduled at a later date.

The regular-season chase for honors in the Livonia League has ended with the playoffs slated to begin this week.

Regular Season Curtain To Fall In Connie Mack

The regular-season curtain falls this week in the Greater Livonia Connie Mack baseball league.

Earl Morrall of Redford Township appears to have the American League lead wrapped up while the Livonia Spartans hold a slight edge in the National.

The Morrall team, comprised of Redford Union High players who won the Suburban Six League title last spring, moved closer to the crown by downing Garden City West, 7-0.

Meanwhile, the Spartans also captured a shutout, but in much more thrilling fashion, 1-0, from cross-town Allen Fence of Livonia.

Paul Tommemecher, the star pitcher at Stevenson High, had to go out to meet Ken Gawkowski of Allen.

Blue Lewis Lions Slash Winner On Ron Kramer

Fast TKO

The youth movement on the Detroit Lions caught up to veteran light end Ron Kramer, one-time All American at the University of Michigan.

Kramer received his outright release, thus temporarily, at least, ending an 11-year career in the National Football League.

The 33-year-old Kramer started with Green Bay in 1957 and came to the Lions in 1966 for a No. 1 draft choice. During his NFL career he caught 229 passes for 3,272 yards and 16 touchdowns.

In his first two seasons with the Lions he grabbed 55 passes for 648 yards, injuries curbed his play last season and he wound up nailing only four passes for 40 yards.

Coach Joe Schmidt declared that he cut Kramer because the Lions can carry only two tight ends. The team has another veteran in Jim Gibbons, 31, and is counting heavily on rookie Charles Sanders, currently a standout for the College All Stars who meet Green Bay next Friday night in Chicago.

Kramer, bitter at being dropped by the Lions, was a three-sport star at Michigan. He said he felt he could still play football and would try and find another job.

Sanders is one of several promising newcomers on the Lions' roster.

Greg Landry, a quarterback, is with the College Stars and electrifying all observers. So is Earl McCulloch, the speedster from Southern California who passed up a chance to run for the U.S. in the Olympics to play pro football.

Farmington Pony Teams Win, Lose

South Farmington was a winner, but North Farmington lost in the first round of the District Four Pony League playoffs in Birmingham.

South squeezed past Garden City, 2-1, while Birmingham beat North, 8-5.

Dennis Watson hurled a three hitter and fanned nine for the winning South team, which scored all of its runs in the third inning.

Watson himself started the payoff inning with a walk, Tom Rowley singled and Mike Flynn walked to fill the bases. Dan Starns singled to two runs and the third scored on an error.

Birmingham used three pitchers to beat North Farmington, which counted once in the first, three in the sixth and one in the seventh.

Bill Stacy's homer was the big blow for the winners.

The meet is being conducted on a two-defeat-out-of-basis.

NF Colts Battle For State Crown

Champ of District 4 for the second straight year, North Farmington-West Bloomfield's Colt League baseball team battled for the state crown at Mt. Pleasant this weekend.

Birmingham, Mt. Pleasant and St. Clair Shores also were involved in the two-defeat-and-out state tourney for boys, 15 and 16 years old.

The North Farmington team is managed by Tom Hart and coached by Stan Kouris.

Members of the team are Harvey Sell, Jim MacLeod, Greg Brooks, Pat Hickey, Mike Ellis, John McBeth, Mike Gow, Stan Kouris, Mike Collar, John Combes, Rick Herpich, Jim Welton, Jim Dunigan, Drew Mahalle, Jim White, Kevin Collins and Mike Hart.

State Champion Hot On Links

Joyce Kazmerski, the former Livonia Stevenson school teacher and the new state champ, won the weekly women's district tournament by shooting a blazing 71 at Bloomfield Hills.

Nancy Patch of Farmington was second with 78.

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TUESDAY - New York at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. (WJR).

WEDNESDAY - Washington at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. (WJR).

THURSDAY - Washington at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. (WJR).

FRIDAY - At Minnesota, 9 p.m. (Channel 2 and WJR).

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