



Farmington shortstop Jeff Herman completes a double play in the fourth inning at Rochester Friday night, firing the ball

above Rochester's sliding Dave Maxwell (Photographed by Lona Askins)

# Legion splits pair

By ANITA CRONE

Two innings—that's all it took for Rochester's American Legion baseball team to demolish Manager Wally Christensen's Farmington sandloters Friday, and give them their first loss this season.

Dan Perry started pitching for Farmington, showing much the same style as he did against Birmingham-Troy June 15.

Perry yielded seven walks, Friday before being relieved in the bottom of the fifth inning by Tim Hamner.

On June 16 Perry walked 10 but had much happier results.

Farmington took an early 1-0 lead in the second inning when Sam Pink singled. Mitch Thomas doubled Pink home with a strong blast to right center after faking a bunt.

Farmington's lead was increased in the third inning when Jeff Herman was hit by a pitched ball, then doubled home by Celine.

Celine went to third on a fly-out by second baseman Bob Holton, and scored on a wild pitch.

But then it was Rochester's turn to score. And Coach Dick Dieter's players more than compensated for the shutout in the first three innings.

Ron Farmer doubled, and advanced to third on a single by Greg Kirby. Farmer scored on Dave Maxwell's single.

But that was just the beginning. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Rochester scored three runs.

When Perry walked his seventh batter of the night, Tim Hamner came on in relief. Hamner was saddled with the loss for Farmington as Marty Smith, pinch hitting for Kirby, hit a two-run single to score baserunners Hayward and Dieters.

Rochester's seventh run in the sixth inning was just icing on the cake.

Wednesday, Farmington experienced happier times as it beat the same Rochester team, 2-1.

Hammer picked up the win for Farmington, pitching the entire game.

Jim Seitz scored both of Farmington's runs on singles by Sam Pink and Tim Assemomy.

Farmington's first run came in the bottom of the first inning.

Seitz singled against Rochester starter Ron Irwin, and moved to second on an error charged against catcher John Peters.

Seitz scored when Pink's single got by Rochester shortstop Jim Dieters.

Seitz scored his second run in the bottom of the sixth, as he singled, moved to second on an error, and was singled home by Assemomy.

The error was charged against Dieters who was playing third base, after a pitching change.

Rochester's only run in the game came when Somers sacrifice scored Cischke, who had reached second base on a single by Dieters.

Both teams now show 3-1 records in legion play.

# Southfield men win amateur auto races

By ANITA CRONE

After a hard week at the office, two Southfield men pack it up and head for the track. But the track is for cars, and the two men are amateur race drivers.

Ron Weaver finished third in the road America June Sprints Competition, in the B Production class.

The sprints, held in Elkhart Lake, Wis., June 15-16 is one of 59 Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) national championship races counting toward an invitation to the year-end Champions Spark Plug (CSP) Road Racing Classic.

Weaver, who finished second in the CSP race in 1971 wants a shot at the national title again.

Weaver's interest in racing began 13 years ago, when he bought his first racing car. Since that time he has progressed to racing as part of a team with the Sprint A Production wifber, Tim Startup of Madison, Wis.

ALTHOUGH Weaver has raced professionally at Daytona, he doesn't have the time to make it a full-time job, and he enjoys racing his B Production Corvette.

Weaver with one win so far this season, is on the way to gaining a spot in the national competition held in Atlanta.

Finish points are given to the top six finishers in each of the SCCA sponsored races.

At the end of the racing season, points are totaled, and the top four finishers in each class are invited to Atlanta.

Harold MacDonald also has his sights set on the Atlanta race.

MacDONALD has come in seventh twice in the national race for Formula Vee cars and is leading the central division for his classification.

The central division includes Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Minnesota.

Although MacDonald originally worked on his own car, he now has a mechanic to prepare his car.

After every four or five races, the car should have a valve job and have its cylinders replaced, he said.

MacDONALD is constantly checking the brakes, suspension and bearings himself to make sure the car is ready.

A typical race weekend involves two practice runs — one timed and one untimed.

The untimed run gives the driver an opportunity to reacquaint himself with the track, while the timed practice is for starting position.

The race usually is run on Sunday and takes 30-45 minutes.

MacDONALD races an average of 15 weeks each year, and although he thinks he has the expertise to turn professional, he has no desire to do so.

"You can't make money racing," MacDonald said.

"A professional race costs a minimum of \$50,000, and the purses just don't cover that cost."

Although MacDonald sees racing as increasing in interest, it is now the smaller, less expensive classes that attract the most participants.

"WHERE ONCE you saw one \$50,000 race car, now there might be five people with \$10,000 cars."

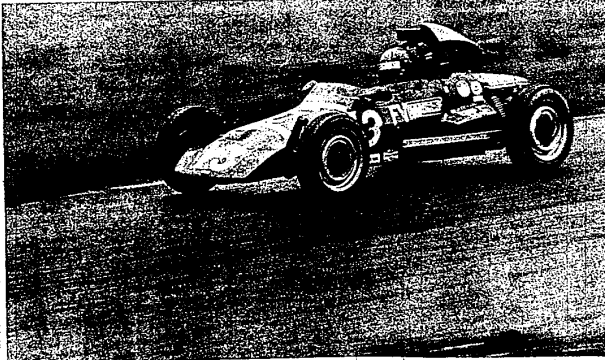
Although MacDonald would like to win the Road Racing Classic in Atlanta, he doesn't know if that will be the end of his racing career.

Last year, two of his friends were severely injured in the Classic, and MacDonald thought a lot before he raced this year.

"Although it's not like a disease," MacDonald said, "once racing is in your blood, it's hard to let go."



RONALD WEAVER



Harold MacDonald is, on his way to gaining a place in the Champion Spark Plug Road Racing Classic

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Farmington catcher Sam Pink puts a tag on fifth inning; but not before Smith's pinch-hit Rochester's Marty Smith for the last out of the single tied the game Friday.

# Royals invite Rocky Davis

Overlooked in the major league draft of high school player last week, Southfield's Harold (Rocky) Davis will get his chance Sunday.

Davis has been invited to the American League Kansas City Royals tryouts in Lansing.

Sharing Southfield High School's Most Valuable Player honor with Ron Dunkel, Davis compiled a 5-4 pitching record with one save to his credit.

One of Davis' losses was a 2-1 late inning run against Hazel Park.

At the plate, Davis compiled a .234 average, coming to bat 47 times. He had a 1.8 era, with 61 strikeouts for the season.

Southfield coach Greg Siwka called the tryout "a heck of an opportunity for Rocky."

Davis plans to attend Central Michigan University in the fall, although he is keeping an open mind on schooling.

Kansas City operates a school along with their baseball training program where the selected players play baseball nine months a year while getting a college education.

# Farmington Open

TUESDAY DIVISION					THURSDAY DIVISION				
	W	L	T	TP		W	L	T	TP
DURBIN INSURANCE	7	1	0	14	STEINHAUS	7	1	0	14
MICHIGAN TRUCK	7	1	0	14	R of C	7	1	0	14
DELUX COFFEE	5	3	0	10	BERRY'S	4	3	1	9
CONSTRUCTION	4	4	0	8	WAYNE POLICE	4	3	1	9
PLYMOUTH STREET	3	4	1	7	ASSEMANY	3	5	0	6
DIX COLLISION	2	5	1	5	VASU-LYNCH	3	5	0	6
SUBURBAN SPORTS	2	6	0	4	COUNTRY LANES	2	5	1	5
MILLER AUTO	1	7	0	2	LIVONIA AUTO	0	7	1	1

SCORES					SCORES				
Construction	vs	Dix	10-1		K of C	vs	Berry's	9-8	
Delux	vs	Wayne	10-1		Country Lanes	vs	Assemany	5-3	
Michigan Truck	vs	Steinhause	10-1		Wayne Police	vs	Livonia Auto	5-3	
Suburban Sports	vs	Miller	10-1		Delux	vs	Vasulynch	5-3	

TUESDAY'S GAMES					THURSDAY'S GAMES				
1:30 p.m.	Wayne	vs	Delux	Offense	1:30 p.m.	Livonia Auto	vs	Steinhause	
2:30 p.m.	Mich.	vs	Wayne	Offense	2:30 p.m.	Wayne Police	vs	Vasulynch	
3:30 p.m.	Delux	vs	Dix	Offense	3:30 p.m.	Country Lanes	vs	K of C	
5:30 p.m.	Miller	vs	Auto	Offense	5:30 p.m.	Assemany	vs	Berry's	

# 2 Chambers to take on golf links

It will be a holiday for duffers and hackers on Friday, July 12, when the Farmington and Southfield chambers of commerce take to the fairways.

The annual joint golf outing for both organizations will begin at 10 a.m. at the Glen Oaks Golf and Country Club near Orchard Lake on 13 Mile Road.

Both men and women golfers are invited. Prizes will be given to the best golfers, with a trophy going to the top woman golfer.

Other awards will be given out through drawings at an evening dinner-dance.

Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m. Music will be provided by the Frankie Paul band and will continue until 1 p.m.

The \$10 golf charge includes greens for any locker room facilities. The evening dinner will be \$12 per person.