

Twin win for Farmington Legion '9'



Don Seitz at third during a recent game

By TOM BAER
Manager Wally Christensen was more than happy to talk about his Farmington American Legion baseball team last Sunday night. Farmington, now 8-2 and in second place in the American Legion's 18th District, had just finished taking a double header from Royal Oak No. 1. Christensen's team has a shot at first-place Waterford in a position game this week at Troy's Boulan Park.

All things considered, things are looking up for Farmington, which has won four straight since losing to Berkley on June 23.

"It's like I said at the beginning of the season—everyone else was talking about being a contender, but we've got to be right in there with them," Christensen said.

Farmington blasted Royal Oak,

8-1, in the opening game, and then came back to edge the Oaks, 4-2, in eight innings in the nightcap. Farmington batters pounded out 18 hits in the doubleheader.

STEVE KOINIS rapped a two-out double in the top of the eighth, scoring two runs and creating the victory for reliever Dan Perry, who is 4-0 this season. Perry took over for starter John Jajich, who worked six innings, giving up two runs on five hits, striking out nine, walking three and hitting two batters.

Farmington scored a run in the second. Mitch Thomas led off with a single, moved to second on Tim Assemany single and scored on Randy Meier's single. The winners added another run in the fourth when Rob Holton's leadoff triple

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and Sam Pink's RBI single.

Royal Oak scored a run in the third when Tony Bert singled and scored on Greg Facca's double. The losers added another run in the fifth on two hit batters and a fielder's choice.

Farmington pounded out 10 hits in the opener, overshadowing a fine three-hit pitching effort by Tim Hammer, who picked up his fourth victory against one loss. He struck out 10, walked three and

gave all three hits in a shaky first inning.

Farmington scored four runs in the second as Hammer and Tim Celini each knocked in two runs. The winners added three more in the fifth when Celini doubled and scored on Pink's single. Thomas then singled before Meier's single drove in two runs.

Farmington plays next on Sunday (July 7) at Drake Park against Lake Orion. Game time is 6 p.m.

SL blanks Berkley, 6-0

Raminick sharp in Ruth win

Sherwin Raminick fired a one-hit shutout to lead the Southfield-Lathrup Babe Ruth team to a 6-0 victory over Berkley No. 2 last Saturday in an Oakland Senior Babe Ruth game.

Raminick, a lefthander, struck out 12 and walked four. Berkley's lone hit was a scratch single in the fifth inning.

Southfield-Lathrup, managed by Don Shonta, had eight hits. The winners scored twice in the first inning. Mike Kemper walked and went to second on Ted Fox's single. Both runners scored on a long double by first baseman Ron Silberstein.

Tom Hart's hit drove in two more runs in the third inning, and Keith Otterbein knocked in another with a fifth-inning single. The victory left Southfield-Lathrup with a 6-4 record.

Southfield-Lathrup plays next at Birmingham on Friday (July 5). The site, either Birmingham Seaholm High or Derby Junior High, has yet to be determined.

Southfield Adray

Garden City scored a run in the sixth inning to break a tie and defeat Southfield Adray, 3-2, in the second game of a double header last Sunday. Garden City won the opener, 5-4.

Garden City scored the winner when Mike Reed doubled and scored on Mike Tatro's double. Southfield's Ron Silberstein pitched the whole game, striking out six and walking two. The loss evened his Adray record at 1-1.

Southfield scored its runs in the first inning. Artie Mezigan singled, made second on Jeff Watkins' sacrifice, went to third on Barry Brodsky's hit, and scored on Ron Dunkel's sacrifice. Brodsky scored on a passed ball.

In the first game, Garden City scored one run in the first inning and added four more in the second off lower Watkins, who fanned two, walked two and allowed six hits.

Southfield, which had eight hits, scored four runs in the third inning to make it close. Jeff Goldberger's single drove in Watkins, who had doubled and moved to third when Brodsky reached on an

error. Jack Booth then singled in two runs, and Don Fisher's safety produced another.

Southfield, now 5-6 in Livonia

Adray League play, meets Royal Oak on Friday (July 5) at the Southfield Civic Center. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

Girls stars to clash

When the umpire calls "play ball" Saturday at the Civic Center Diamond 2, he may have to look twice.

The "men" on base will be girls, and will be playing in the first girls All-Star baseball game in the United States.

Southfield Girls Little League will host representatives of Port Huron's girls All-Star team in a 3 p.m. regulation game.

All-Stars for Southfield will include the Goldiggers' Lisa Valenti and Maureen Betts; Liz Fuller and Tammy Kay from the Spitfires; Karen Blumenstein and Gloria Sooa, Braves; Kelly Walsh and Carol Somerville, Pawnees.

Playing for Southfield from the Barracudas will be Beth Wolfe and

Debbie Stein, while Heather Bannon and Shelly Stokes will represent the Swingers.

Karen Mooney and Pawnee Pam Schpansky will be the alternates on Manager Fred Abele's team.

The Port Huron team learned of the Southfield team's existence from a Detroit television station's newscast, and contacted Southfield Girls Little League officials with the offer of a game.

Until that time, both teams thought that they were unique in allowing girls to play baseball, rather than softball.

Although the Port Huron league has over 200 girls in its program, they will be sending 13 girls to the Southfield game.

Drives '68 Corvette

Racer 5th in Nationals

Ron Weaver, of Southfield, drove a 1968 Corvette to second place in the National Sports Car Races last Sunday at Indianapolis Raceway Park in Clermont, Ind.

Weaver placed fifth overall in the race, which included 26 cars in three classes. His car, a 350-cubic inch Class B Production model, was owned and sponsored by Corvettes Unlimited of Oglesby, Ill.

Tim Startup, a Madison, Wis. native, drove the A Production half of the Illinois-based Corvette team. He finished first in the A production (454-cubic inches) and third in overall competition.

Both cars developed mechanical problems. After leading the field for almost half the race, Startup's fuel pump problems, and he lost ground to the field.

WEAVER WAS involved in a slight mishap in the first turn of the second lap—a 90-degree right-hand turn at the end of a 0.48-mile straightaway. The mishap forced Weaver off the track. He removed his front spoiler (an airfoil designed to improve a car's aerodynamics and provide better cooling and traction) and most of the car's left front fender.

"We lost about 12 seconds by leaving the track and we never could get it back," Weaver said. "I'm not certain that we could have won even if we had run the whole race with a whole car, and I won't make any excuses."

"But I'm certain that if we had not lost that time at the beginning, we would have worried those first three guys a little," he added.

The races were sponsored by the Indiana Northwest Region of the Sports Car Club of America. The Weaver-Startup team a Sports Car Club of America race at Grattan, Mich. on July 21.



Weaver's wife, Mary, rewards her husband with a kiss after the Indianapolis race

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