

Ties for Legion lead

Farmington stings Waterford

Farmington's American Legion team exploded for nine hits and defeated first-place Waterford, 9-5, last Thursday in an 18th District position game held at Troy's Boulan Park.

The loss was the first of the season against nine wins for Waterford. Farmington hiked its record to 9-2, good for second place.

The winners got a fine relief per-

formance from Tim Hammer, who took over for Jim Grace after 3 1/2 innings and allowed Waterford just one hit the rest of the way. The game was called after six innings because of a local curfew.

Waterford scored twice in the first inning, but Farmington came back with two runs in the bottom of the inning. The winners were ahead to stay with three runs in the third.

Jeff Herman walked, stole second and third, then came home on Tim Celine's base hit. Celine stole second and came home on Rob Holton's safety. Catcher Sam Pink made base on an error, but Holton was thrown out at third, with Pink going to second on the throw. He scored on Randy Meier's ground-rule double.

PINK, WHO went two for four and knocked in three runs, provided Farmington with two more runs in the fourth with a bases-loaded single. Farmington added two more in the sixth. Celine walked, went to second on a passed 4 ball, Holton then walked. Pink's single drove in Celine before Mitch Thomas' hit drove in Holton.

Hammer struck out three and walked one after taking over for Grace, who started and won his first game. Waterford used four pitchers with Ed Bates taking the loss.

The game was unusually sloppy for both teams. Farmington made seven errors, Waterford four. All Waterford runs were unearned.

Coach Wally Christensen's Farmington team plays next on Wednesday (July 10) at Royal Oak No. 2. Site and time have yet to be determined.

RO's Flynn foils Southfield Adray

Royal Oak's Adray team was in like Flynn against Southfield last Friday night.

In like Jamie Flynn, that is. Flynn, a lefthander who pitched for Albion College this spring, had an easy time with Southfield in Royal Oak's 7-1 victory in a Livonia Adray League game. The loss left Southfield with a 5-8 mark this season.

Flynn fanned six, walked one and allowed just three hits—first-inning singles by Sal Rizzo and Jeff Goldberg, and a seventh-inning safety by Barry Brodsky.

Royal Oak scored a pair of runs in the first inning off starter and loser Jeff Watkins. Southfield came back with its only run in the bottom of the first. Watkins walked, Goldberg singled. Rizzo then delivered an RBI single.

Runs were no problem for Royal Oak—Southfield even helped the opposition by committing three errors. The winners scored four unearned runs in the third inning, and added another in the fifth.

Ed Watkins' Southfield team plays next on Wednesday (July 10) at Plymouth. The Livonia League game begins at 6 p.m.



Tim Hammer starred in relief for Farmington in an American Legion position game against Waterford

Cards smother Lathrup

Madison Heights Cardinals teed off on two Southfield-Lathrup pitchers in taking an 8-5 decision last Wednesday in an Oakland Senior Babe Ruth game.

Losing pitcher Mike Maroney worked the first four innings, allowing six Cardinal runs. Sherwin Raminick finished up and allowed two runs. The Cards pounded both pitchers for a total of nine hits.

Southfield-Lathrup's Ted Fox slammed a bases-loaded homer in the seventh inning. Southfield-Lathrup plays next on Tuesday (July 9) against Bloomfield at the Southfield Civic Center. Game time is 8 p.m. On July 11, Southfield-Lathrup meets Birmingham in a 6:30 p.m. game at Southfield-Lathrup High.

Troy Legion stops slump

By ROBERT A. SKLAR

Sparks flew from big Don Henderson's hot bat Friday night as Birmingham-Troy's amateur baseball team explosively broke its haunting skid.

Henderson slashed a two-run homer plus laced a single to knock out five runs and ignite Coach Tom Lakos' visiting sandloters past Walled Lake, 10-1.

'We really teed off tonight.'

—Harry Braha

"We really teed off tonight," said team statistician Harry Braha, recounting Birmingham-Troy's 11-hit assault.

Mike Briemaier went the distance on the pitching hill for the winners.

THE RIGHTHANDER scattered three hits while whiffing four and walking one. The victory proved his first decision this summer.

Backing up Henderson at the plate for Birmingham-Troy were Cliff Northey and John Davidson.

Northey tagged a triple to bring home two runs. Davidson uncorked a roundtripper with the bases empty and singled twice to drive in one run.

Helping his own cause, Briemaier posted a pair of one-baggers.

ON WEDNESDAY night, Birmingham-Troy's unreliable defense sprung all kinds of leaks. And Lakos' visiting sandloters paid dearly for it. They lost to Walled Lake, 5-2.

Despite a gutsy effort, Jim Kazanski was saddled with the defeat.

The southpaw surrendered seven hits while fanning six and walking two. He leveled his record this summer at 2-2.

The losers totaled eight hits. Big guns offensively for them were Henderson, who had a solo homer, along with Dave Jones and Northey, each of whom had two singles.

"ERRORS AGAIN killed us," Braha observed. "Again we outthrew the opposition but again our pitcher took a beating because of inconsistent fielding behind him."

The week's split changed Birmingham-Troy's mark on the legion circuit this summer to 4-4.

In the Detroit Suburban Amateur Baseball Federation race, Birmingham-Troy remained at 4-1.

On Saturday, Lakos' stickmen visited Ulica for a doubleheader in federation play.

ON SUNDAY, Lakos' stickmen returned to the legion circuit when they visited Waterford for a doubleheader. On Wednesday, they will host Rochester. Game time is 8:30 p.m.

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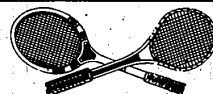
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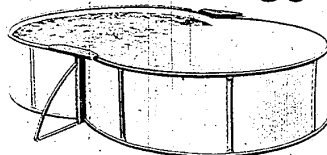
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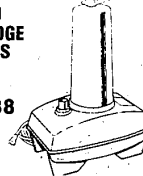
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