

NFWB nips South Farmington

By TOM BAER

Last week's oppressive heat must have affected all the baseball players in the Pony League state tournament at Hamtramck's Playfair Field.

The mercury climbed above 90 degrees last Thursday afternoon when North Farmington-West Bloomfield played South Farmington in the tournament opener. But North Farmington found some relief—at least in the pitching department—and came from behind to defeat South Farmington.

The victory advanced North into a clash with host Hamtramck. The loss, coupled with another later that afternoon, eliminated South Farmington from the tourney.

NFWB managed just three hits of South starter Craig Herberholz, but two of those salutes came in the seventh inning when the winners scored both runs. North's Mike Miller led off the final inning with a long triple. Dan Gasser hit an infield grounder, and South Farmington tried to nail Miller at the plate. Miller was safe at home on a close play and Gasser was safe at first.

Mike Scanlon, NFWB's starting pitcher, then rapped a double, scoring Gasser with the winning run.

NFWB had a pitching hero in Jim Kassab, a stocky right-hander who relieved Scanlon after the first three innings. He allowed just one hit, a single, while striking out nine, walking one and hitting a batter. Scanlon gave up five hits and allowed South's lone run in the third inning.

SOUTH FARMINGTON scored when Joe Brown singled, Herberholz followed with a single, and Bob Micunek delivered an RBI base hit.

North Farmington's come-from-behind victory overshadowed a fine pitching performance by Herberholz, a right-hander who played a big part in his squad's District championship July 25-27. Against NFWB, he worked the whole game, striking out 12, walking none and allowing just the three hits.

South Farmington had to play again

that afternoon. Mt. Pleasant eliminated South by winning, 7-4.

Mt. Pleasant scored five runs in the second inning after South had grabbed a 1-0 lead in the first. Felix Rusberg singled, moved to second on Al Shay's single and scored on Dave Elwell's single. It looked like a bit inning, but South left the bases loaded.

South pitcher Joe Malateska had his problems in the second inning. He pitched to seven batters before being yanked in favor of Greg Kuhnlein. Malateska struck out the first batter and retired the second on a fly to right. But then he walked the next two batters, and an error loaded the bases. A Mt. Pleasant batter singled to right, scoring three runs. Malateska's wild pitch accounted for another

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er run Kuhnlein was tagged for a triple, which scored yet another run

Mt. Pleasant scored two more runs off South pitcher Craig Misch in the fifth inning.

South Farmington came back with three runs in the sixth inning. Brad

Bache made second base on an error and then went to third on Joe Brown's single. Wynn Dahm singled, scoring Bache. Brown and Dahm came home on Micunek's single.

South Farmington outhit Mt. Pleasant, 9-4.



Craig Herberholz pitched a strong game in a losing cause



South Farmington's Joe Brown slides under Matt Fuller's tag

Staff photos by Harry Mauthe

Team takes 1 trophy

By TOM BAER

Southfield turned in its usual fine performance in the 10th annual Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet held last Thursday at Metro Beach near Mount Clemens.

Farmington and Lathrup Village are new to the event, but spokesmen for the parks and recreation departments in both cities said they were pleased with their participation in this year's Metro Meet and hoped it would become a regular part of their summer programs.

That was the story last week as youngsters from Southfield, Farmington and Lathrup Village joined more than 2,500 athletes from 60 communities in the metropolitan area for the Fitness Meet, which tests playground skills of boys and girls from 10-15 years of age.

The youngsters competed in the 50-yard dash, running hop, step and jump, standing broad jump and shuttle relay. There was a chinning competition for boys only.

Competition was divided into three classifications—Class A, ages 14-15; Class B, 12-13; and Class C, 10-11. The top three finishers in each class were given trophies.

Southfield's team of about 50 athletes qualified for the Metro Meet by winning a first place in the Rotary Olympics held recently at Southfield High School. Southfield's best performance in the Metro Meet came in the boys' Class C 50-yard dash. Damon Jones finished first in .06.9.

SOUTHFIELD'S DINA Noorily won a trophy for her second-place finish in the girls' Class B standing broad jump, a 7-1 effort. Pete Roberts completed 14 chinups to take fourth place in Class A chinning.

Farmington, participating in the Metro Meet for the first time, won one trophy. Its 40-member team had a good time, according to Jeff Farland, of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

"It was a hot day, but the kids had a great time," Farland said. "We had a real enthusiastic group of about 40 kids. For the first time, I think that's pretty good."

Farmington's David Stenson took a third-place trophy for his showing in the boys' Class C standing hop, step and jump.

"Our Class A chinner, Brian Longline, did very well, but he didn't finish

in the top three or good enough to win a trophy," Farland said. "In the Class A 50-yard dash, Bob Hedler won a neat, but didn't finish in the top three."

Lathrup Village, which completed its second year in the Metro Meet,

took no trophies. The Lathrup Village team consisted of 30 boys and girls.

"That's a little smaller than last year, but some of our kids were away on vacation," said Dave Lume of the Lathrup Village Recreation Department.

"BUT OUR KIDS" thoroughly enjoyed it. They looked real fine and they had a great time with it. They enjoyed being there.

Lathrup Village's Drew Nelson finished fourth in Class C chinning. Robert Bobbit took a fifth in the finals of the boys' Class C 50-yard dash. Lathrup's Class C shuttle relay (Matt Nagy, Mike Macdonald, Laura Davis and Robin Flory) finished third in their heat.

The Youth Fitness program deals

with more important things than winning. The teams were competing for the John J. Conzidine Award emblematic of good conduct, sportsmanship and appearance during the meet. Shelby Township won this year's award.

Southfield won the award in 1970 and 1973. Ed Krass, director of Southfield's playgrounds, said he thought his team had a good chance to win it again this year.

"Our kids were beautiful," Krass said. "We didn't win the Conzidine

Award, but I thought we should have. It was a very hot day, but you couldn't have asked for a better effort from the Southfield team."

Krass was also pleased with the group of Southfield Parks and Recreation Department employees who operated the Class B shuttle relay at the Metro Meet.

"Our group did a great job running the event," Krass said. "We were through running 40 cities in about 35 minutes. We had a lot of compliments from other cities on that."



Richard Miller of Farmington limbers up before participating in the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness Meet

Farmington kids enjoy Youth Fitness Meet

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