

Chargers pass pre-district test

Southfield-Lathrup has suffered through a mediocre baseball season, but at least coach Don Shonta's Chargers will have a chance in the Southfield High School district tournament next Saturday. Lathrup earned a place in the tourney by beating Walled Lake Western 3-2, in a pre-district qualifying game last Saturday. Earlier last week, Southfield High won't be playing in their own district because of a pre-district loss—defeated Lathrup 6-2 in the annual intra-district game on the "Blue Jays" field.

The Lathrup-Walled Lake Western game was scoreless until the top of the seventh inning, when Lathrup scored three runs. Cort Osterheim singled and went to second when Bob Pyles walked. Both runners advanced on Mike Moroney's sacrifice.

Lathrup's Joe Wissing then struck out, but the Western catcher dropped the ball and threw to first for the out. Osterheim doubled on the play. Brian Desmond then scored, scoring Pyles. Desmond stole third base and came home when the catch-



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er tossed the ball into left field on the play.

Moroney, Lathrup's senior pitching ace, went all the way, giving up just five hits, striking out seven and walking two. Western's two runs, both unearned, came in the bottom of the seventh.

"Moroney's been tough all year," Shonta said. "He's pitched something like 38 innings and given up only six earned runs. His earned-run average is 0.76, which is pretty good with a 6-4 win-loss record."

Moroney pitched the first two innings against Southfield. He gave up three hits, against Southfield. He gave up three hits, fanning five and walking four.

Southfield, who lifted their overall record to 11-4 with the victory, scored three runs in the first inning. Rick Wieland, the winning pitcher, walked and stole second. He scored when Jeff Schubert singled and a Lathrup infielder threw away the relay.

Then Bruce Sher reached first on another Lathrup miscue. Moroney tried a pick-off play and threw the ball away, allowing both Sher and Schubert to score.

The Blue Jays added another run in the second. Jay Clark singled and Stu Morris drew a walk. Clark advanced to third on a sacrifice and scored on a wild pitch. A wild pitch by Wissing led to another



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Farmington rallies

Farmington High rapped out five-straight singles and produced four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to pave the way to a 5-4 victory over Highland Park in a non-league game last week.

Farmington, which had eight hits in the game, was trailing 4-1 with two out and Randy Meier on second in the bottom of the sixth. Then Mark Murray singled to score Meier. Dick Raatz singled, scoring Murray. Andy Ponke, the winning pitcher, singled to put two men on base.

Sherman Stenson singled, sending Raatz home. Curtis Pauline then singled, driving in Stenson.

Ponke, a senior right-hander who is com-

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Softball clash set

Southfield-Lathrup will play Farmington's Lady of Mercy in a Class A girls' softball district game at 10 a.m. on Saturday (June 5) at the Southfield Civic Center, 28800 Evergreen Road.

Lathrup earned a place in the district by defeating Southfield High 14-3, in a pre-district game played last Monday at the Civic Center.

Lathrup pitchers Ruth Fraser and Pam Rendine combined to hold Southfield to just four hits. Fraser worked five innings, striking out two and walking one. Rendine



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