

Livonians Battle Northville For Free Press Flag

The spotlight—or will it be the sunlight?—will focus on Northville Sunday afternoon. What amounts to the big showdown of the season thus far in the Greater Livonia-Free Press Baseball League is scheduled.

Northville, winners of seven straight, will host Livonia Cardinal-Decorating, which has lost only once.

"The first ball title will ride on the outcome," declared Lucky Birkett, the Cardinal coach.

Northville bounced along Wednesday with a 6-2 verdict over defending champion Redford. Meantime, Birkett's Cardinal team dropped Garden City, 8-1.

THE PITCHING of Dave

Paden, the hitting of John Schroeder, and Jerry Deiter, and the fielding of Dave Rice made possible the easy evening of work for Cardinal.

Paden, an ex-Franklin High star and more recently of Schoolcraft College, allowed only three hits and lost his shutout as two singles, one by Don Gulekson, in the sixth inning.

Meantime, Schroeder went two for four and had a pair of RBIs. So did Deiter.

Dave Rice, who's 16 and the brother of Bill Rice, the Livonia team's catcher, made a sensational catch to deprive a Garden City batter of a home run as he reached over the fence to snare the ball.

THE FIRST Livonia run came in the second inning when

scored when Dave Fisher was hit by a pitch and two more who Schroeder lashed a hit.

Jeff Taylor scooted along with five-hit pitching to stop Redford, which has lost three of its first five starts in the Free Press League in which the team has dominated both on the local and state levels for the last five years.

HE WAS HELPED along

By George Maskin observing sports

LONDON, England—Twenty-six years, a few weeks and a few days later, you set foot on British soil again.

This time you breeze in from Detroit Metro to London in something under seven hours. It's no stop in a 600-mile-plus jet accommodating more than 200 eager tourists.

The last time you were among 15,000 GIs. You had crossed the Atlantic in five days in the then swankiest of all ships—the Queen Elizabeth.

You had spent your nights in a hammock somewhere deep down in the middle of something. Only the officers rated cabins—cabins in which six to eight were jammed in space that normally would be crowded for a twosome.

You remember being told to "hide" so that those watching the Queen leaving her pier around 50th St. in New York wouldn't be able to see that she was loaded with troops.

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THE QUEEN crossed twice a month and sometimes more often, with no escort. She did it alone because as the personnel assigned to staffing her, related:

"We zig-zag all the way and we're too fast for a sub to line up her sights on us."

And as she spanned the ocean, you noticed how the Queen every few miles would change her course. The captain maneuvered one way, then another.

Nonetheless, rumors spread through the ship on her third day out of New York.

"The Germans are saying that a sub hit us. The Queen has gone down and 15,000 are dead."

Of course, you aboard the ship knew better. You knew that you were still kicking . . . you still had to line up for what was hard to get—her pier around 50th St. in New York wouldn't be able to see that she was loaded with troops.

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IT WAS 11 P.M. . . but the sun was shining. They have short nights and long days during the summer in Scotland . . . long nights and short days in the U.S.

The next day they took us down into England on a train to a staging area from where all of us were assigned to regular destinations.

We went back up north . . . near Blackpool, the Coney Island of England, and then four or five months later we were reassigned to the famed army newspaper, Stars and Stripes.

That brought us to London . . . to our first ducking of German bombs from planes . . . to watching the V-2 missiles sail in and kill and tear up the place . . . to wondering when and where the V-2 bombs would hit . . . because they came and hit with no warning.

JUST A BIG BANG.

Those two years in London produced some interesting moments on the Stars and Stripes . . . you met some brilliant newspapermen and you worked with them.

The one who meant the most to us was the late Bob Wood of Redford Township, who worked with us on The Times before the Good Lord took him to his final rest.

AS WE ARRIVED BACK in London we thought of the nights mothers packed up their kids and headed into the deep subway stations so they could be assured they'd be living the next morning.

We remember standing on Fleet St. and looking into a car one day and recognizing the then King and Queen of England and their two daughters. The eldest of the daughters is today's Queen.

We remember adjusting to the cars driving on the other side of the street . . . trying to get the peaches that cost 75 cents each.

Unquestionably this fascination had something to do with our decision to come back to London—town and see what the old place looks like more than a quarter of a century later.

The bombs are gone . . . the lights are on . . . and most of the holes and gutted areas caused by the bombs of the early 40's . . . they're gone, too.

Tigers Sign Sandlot Ace

The Tigers, who have shown more interest in the culture of sandlot baseball play in Observant, have plucked another standout.

This time he's Rick Krumm, who has pitched for the Class A Hubert Realty team this season and a year ago was a member of the Redford Township "A" team.

Krumm, who was drafted by the Tigers earlier in the month, thus became the second area player in two weeks to ink a

Successive 1-0 battles!

It happened this week to Redford Township's Class A baseball team.

After the team lost to Livonia Hubert Sunday with only one marker coming in the entire game, Redford rebounded to squeeze past Livonia's Village Rambler by the lowest possible score, 1-0.

Dan Prebenda of Redford locked up Art Wendt of Village in the tight duel.

Prebenda fanned 10 and

allowed four hits. Wendt was

touched for a run in the first inning and thereafter scattered four safeties and fanned seven.

The night's lone tally resulted from walks to Bob Holmes and Bryce Johnson, a single by Gary Schaefer and an infield roller.

REDFORD PUT two on with none out in the third and then in the fourth Village jammed the sacks on three walks with none out. But Prebenda fanned the next batter and then served



OUT AT SECOND in the start of a double play is Brian Gills of Plymouth K of C in a game on Haggerty field in Hines Park. Hubert Realty Shortstop Chip Rose steps on the bag after taking

ing a hot grounder and has the ball on the way to first to complete the double play.

(Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

One Run In 3 Stars!

When it comes to "stingy" pitchers most often than not, the Conne Mack baseball league, Munson of Thurston High has gone to the mound three times in Mack play this summer.

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stretching their record to 4-0 by clipping past Chesley of Farmington, 3-1.

Rob Sievert hurled for the victors and allowed two hits—a double and single by losing pitcher Joe Himmelreich, Sievert struck out six.

The Spartans scored twice in the first when Gary Flewelling singled for the first of three hits. Rick Horstman doubled and Jim Cron singled.

In the fourth, Jerry Deiter singled, Sievert sacrificed and Bud Daniels singled better in the fifth.

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MEANTIME, Tim Carr, who during the prep season won All-Observant honors as a pitcher at Thurston, showed he could also powder the ball by lashing out two singles and a double to figure in both the Big Boys runs.

He doubled over John Volpin in the first inning. In the fourth after Munson singled and was sacrificed to second, Carr singled and then Tim Roy singled to drive in the run.

The Plymouth Elks also made it 3-0 by scoring in the last of the seventh inning to nip McKay's Partville of Garden City, 5-4.

Dennis Becker singled, went to second on Craig Riblett's sacrifice and scored the winning run on Bruce Bauman's single.

The Elks had halved their four runs in the fourth inning to take the lead. Jon Cederberg singled, Becker was safe on an error and Pat Cunningham singled to lead the bases.

Then Bauman singled in one run, Walter Lee drilled in two with a single and Bauman scored on an error giving Howard Shryver life at first.

Cederberg strided for the winners while Kevin Campbell finished and received credit for the triumph.

STU ROSE had four-for-four on two doubles and two singles for Hubert. He's the brother of Chip Rose, slugging star of the Hubert Class A team.

Rain washed out a possible victory for DiPonio, which led

THE LIVONIA Spartans with players from Stevenson High

ing a hot grounder and has the ball on the way to first to complete the double play.

(Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Livonia Nips Plymouth Redford Breaks Even In 1-0 Class A Duels

Makes.

Three runs in the third inning on a double by Schaefer and singles by Mark Carrow, Johnson and Dave Woloch locked up the game. Schaefer had two other singles and scored each time—once on Johnson's double and the second time on Carrow's hit.

Tim Fisher's single drove in Jerry Lockwood with Plymouth's first run. Kishbeth's hit sent over Fisher with the final K.C. marker.

REDFORD HAD downed Plymouth in a makeup game, 5-2, as Tom Fleasz bested De-



By W.W. EDGAR

Thanks to the unseasonable weather during May and the early part of June summer bowling has hit an all time high in Observant.

Most area establishments have reported an increase in the number of summer leagues with the added revelation that the mixed leagues are showing more enthusiasm than in past years.

These are the "fun" leagues where there is no pressure on averages and high scores. In most cases they are neighborhood circuits and bowling night is a weekly reminder of the couples down the street.

Bel-Aire Lanes in Farmington is one of the top centers with a league each evening, while Garden Lanes hosts the All-Star doubles on Tuesday nights as a means of helping the area's top bowlers to keep in shape.

THE HIGHEST SCORES, thus far have been reported from Merri-Bowl where Al Jay, of the Aldersgate League, fashioned a 279 in 678 and Al Blanchard, who does his pin spilling in the Father & Son circuit, boasts a 264 in 656.

One of the best performances of the summer has been turned in by Mary Wask, who is leading the Merri-Bowl Ladies single with 90 points—12 more than her nearest competitor.

On her way to the top Mary has high single of 231 and high series of 584.

Not had for a young lady with a 176 average.

THE DETROIT AREA lost one of its all-time greats in the death of Al Dingwell, who passed away just as the season closed.

A member of the Detroit Bowling Hall of Fame, "Ding" bowled in the era of Joe Scruton, Harry Gerlock, Johnny Crimmins and Joe Norris.

PAT AND MORRIS HIRSCH, who teamed for victory in the Woodward Mixed Doubles with a 1271 count, will head the parade in collecting the prize money in another week. In keeping with custom, the scores and averages are being checked and the prize money will be paid within the next two weeks.

MARY MOHACSI and Dorothy Aldred, teammates on the Thim-

Sandlot Schedule

CLASS A
Sunday—Northville vs. Village Rambler, Cass-Benton, 6 p.m.; Hubert vs. Plymouth K.C., 8:30 p.m.; Hubert vs. Redford, 6 p.m.
Monday—Northville vs. Hubert, 6 p.m.; Redford vs. Plymouth K.C., 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday—Northville vs. Plymouth K.C., 8:30 p.m.; Hubert vs. Village, 6 p.m.
Wednesday—Northville vs. Plymouth K.C., 8:30 p.m.; Hubert vs. Village, 6 p.m.
Thursday—Plymouth K.C. vs. Northville, Redford vs. Hubert, 6 p.m.; Phillips vs. Garden City, 8:30 p.m.; Coleman-Moss vs. Cheley, 8:30 p.m.; Farmington vs. Bel-Aire, 8:30 p.m.; Warholak vs. Thurston, 8:30 p.m.; Hubert vs. Tenen, 8:30 p.m.; Bryant Walker vs. V. vs. Benton, 8:30 p.m.; DiPonio, 8:30 p.m.; alternate, 8:30 p.m.
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Chief Pick—Song Dove, Hayaleng, Hines, D.R.
2nd—\$2000, 4 furlongs
Chief Pick—Hurry A Lot, Hines, D.R.
3rd—\$2000, 4 furlongs
Chief Pick—Hurry A Lot, Hines, D.R.
4th—\$2000, 4 furlongs
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5th—\$2000, 4 furlongs
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6th—\$2000, 4 furlongs
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7th—\$2000, 4 furlongs
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