

Walker Carpet Retains American Division Lead

It took a bit of doing but Walker Carpet retained its grip on first place in the American Division of the Cansie Mack League with a wild 9-7 victory over Holman Industries.

In other games, Randy Ferguson pitched a three-hitter and whiffed 12 to lead Redford Warholak Tires to a 9-1 triumph over Livonia Tom's Service; Robert Realty blanked Allen Fence, 2-0, behind the can-hit performance of Bob Hood who struck out seven to boost his season total to 42 in 28 innings.

For a time it appeared Holman would enter the winner's column for the first time in four starts, scoring seven times in the second inning to take a commanding lead.

Holman had only one hit in the big frame but Walker Carpet batters had eyes for everything but the plate, hitting two batters and handing out free passes to four others. The wildness didn't end with the one inning. The Carpet pitchers yielded only three hits but issued 10 more free tickets.

Walker Carpet never gave up and came back with three runs in the fifth and four in the sixth to move ahead to stay. Al Pollin accounted for two of the three runs with a long single. Greg Sylvester capped the sixth inning spree with a bases-clearing double that sent three runners across.

Pat McHugh, who took over in the second, received credit for the win.

TWO BIG INNINGS gave Warholak the triumph. The Tiresmen scored three times in the second and fifth.

Mokey Robinson drove in two of the three scores in the second and Bob Munsy climaxed the fifth with a run-scoring single. Neil Flynn had an outstanding day for Warholak, getting three hits in four times at bat, stealing three bases and scoring three of his team's nine runs.

HOOD WAS THE main reason for the Hubert victory, continuing the sensational pitching that has found him giving up no earned run in three starts and yielding only 10 hits.

The Realtors scored both runs in the fourth. An error, a single by Dennis Mayo followed by a stalling line to left by Randy Hickerson and a sacrifice by Dave Gregor did the trick.

Hood lost a possible no-hitter in the fifth when a Parker beat out a slow roller in an infielder.

The win gave Hubert a record of 2-1 along with two ties.

Nancy Patch of Farmington led local squads of 64-81-85 for 250 to place third in the annual Women's District Golf Association three-day medal tournament.

The winner was Bonnie Lauer of Edgewood with a 235.

Farmington Golfer Third In Tourney

LANDSLIDE No Tiger pitcher had ever received as much as a single vote for the Cy Young Award until 1968, when Denny Neenan was the American League's unanimous winner.

They also play a lot of rugby around here, a sport which has made some inroads in the U.S., especially at eastern colleges. But there's a sport we've never seen.

The British, of course, have their horse racing and it's different from what you see at the DRC track on Middle Belt Road.

For one thing, the horses run clockwise or the other way. If they start in front of you, they go left . . . not right.

Then, too, there are bookmakers all around the place. You bet with them, instead of with the official track sellers.

And you collect the same way.

HERE, TOO, AND NOT FAR from the heart of London stands Wimbledon, next to Forest Hills in New York, the most famed tennis center in the world.

It's at Wimbledon this week that the greatest players are engaged in the annual Wimbledon Open, which we know is receiving good play in the Free Press and News.

It's to Wimbledon, too, we will go and maybe sneak a spot in one of the NBC cameras which will be telecasting the matches back to Channel 4 in Detroit over the weekend.

Sure thing, we'll have so the kids can see us. Who says there's no "ham" in Maskin?

The sports pages cover events here differently than they do at home.

Most items rate "expert" analysis. Very little is said about how somebody won or lost. The writer injects what he thinks.

Just about every sports writer presents his effort like a columnist—like Pete Waldmeir in the News or Joe Falls in the Free Press.

BUT THERE'S NO KNOCKING the British way of sports.

It may be different than ours . . . but it's big business here, just as it is anywhere you go in the U.S.

They make no secrets here that fans are involved in betting a couple bob (about 12 cents each) on who'll win a soccer match or horse race.

It's been known—and reported in the states—how a poor gent with five kids became rich overnight just because he called correctly the outcome of a few soccer games.

Sports here carry the same excitement to the fans as we enjoy in our neck of the woods back home.

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Sports truly are wonderful . . . and it makes no difference where you are on this globe.

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VERSITY "M" letter winner in golf is Rocky Pozza, a junior from Livonia, who was one of the standouts on this year's squad. Pozza was one of seven receiving awards.

Sandlot Schedule

CLASS A Wednesday—Northville vs. Plymouth K.C. Ford, 6 p.m.; Livonia-Hubert, Village Hammer, Ford, 8:30 p.m.

CONNE MACK Thursday—Farmington-Cheley vs. Northville; Northville-Hubert vs. Redford Big Boy; Thurston; Plymouth Elks vs. Farmington; Cleton-Moss, Plymouth; D'Onofrio vs. Livonia's Tom's Service; Garden City; Livonia-Allen Fence vs. Garden City; Bryant Walker, Ford; Redford Warholak vs. Livonia-Hubert; Northville; Hubert vs. BA's North Farmington; All games at 6 p.m.; Livonia-Phillips vs. Livonia Spartans, Ford, 8:30.

Saturday—Coleman-Moss vs. Mokey's Parkville; Garden City; Big Boy vs. Plymouth Elks; Cass Baker; Spayton vs. Redford; Northville; Raitanen vs. Phillips; D'Onofrio vs. Hubert; Ford; Warholak vs. BA's; Thurston; Bryant Walker vs. Tom's; Ford; 8:30 Allen vs. Holman Haggerty; Games at 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

FRIDAY LEAGUE Wednesday—Northville vs. Davin; Garden City; Farmington-Cheley vs. Redford; Thurston; Livonia-Cardinal vs. Nankin; Haggerty; Games at 6 p.m.

Friday—Redford vs. Cardinal; Thurston; Northville vs. Farmington; Northville; Davin vs. Nankin; Garden City; Games at 6 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE Wednesday—Troy at Farmington, 6 p.m.; Friday—Farmington at Southfield, 6 p.m.

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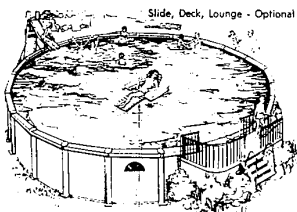
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