

Area Free Press Stars Play In Tiger Stadium

It'll be a big moment Tuesday for the cream of the players in the Greater Livonia-Free Press Baseball League.

An all-star squad, representing the loop, has been selected to play a band of Oakland County standouts in Tiger Stadium at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday in the first half of a special doubleheader staged by the Free Press.

Detroit standouts will engage in the second contest.

Scouts from all the major league teams will be present to watch the eye of talent.

BOB ATKINS of Redford Union, who man-

ages the Redford team in the Free Press League, will guide the Greater Livonia stars.

Atkins won the honor by virtue of managing last year's Livonia and state Free Press champs and the runnersup for the national title at Altoona, Pa.

Players from Northville's first half champs and Redford and Livonia Cardinal Decorating, the second half leaders, will dominate the team Atkins takes into Tiger Stadium.

He'll have a strong pitching staff, headed by the Northville combine of Jeff Taylor and Fred Holdsworth, plus Dale Bjerk and Dave Paden from Redford.



WHAT TO DO? That's the question Manager Mayo Smith, of the Tigers, is trying to find the answer to as his team drops farther and farther back of the first place Baltimore Orioles (left)



Mayo wonders if the time has come to make a change in pitchers (right) as he discovers that his relief hurler isn't supplying much relief these days (Observer photos by Vince White)

Good hitters and fielders round out the rest of the team.

THE LIVONIA roster lists one higher act—Dale and Leland Bjerk. Leland, who attends and plays for Eastern Michigan University, was picked at first base on the star team.

THE GREATER LIVONIA stars and the teams from which they were selected.

REDFORD: Bill Fahey, catcher; Leland Bjerk, first baseman; Bill Howe, second base; Joe Himmelspach, outfield; Dale Bjerk, pitcher.

CARDINAL DECORATING: Dave Paden, pitcher; Mike Perino, outfielder; Tom Webster, third base; Dennis Primeau, shortstop; Jerry Deter, third base.

FARMINGTON-KEATING: Bob Henke, outfield.

NORTHVILLE-REEF: Doug Anklin, third base; Stan Niarodon, outfield; Jeff Taylor, pitcher; Fred Holdsworth, pitcher.

NANKIN: Al Smith, outfield.

GARDEN CITY: Don Gullekson, first base.

Should it rain, the game will be played Wednesday. If it rains again, the teams will try on Thursday.

2-Out Single In Last Inning Crushes Bid For No-Hitter

For Bob Jares, pitching for Tom's Service, it was a waste of a way to post his first victory of the season in the Greater Livonia - Connie Mack League.

Jares had lost three in a row when he took the mound against Holman.

When the game was over, Jares not only boasted his initial triumph, he also had a shutout by a 3-0 score and came within one man of turning in a no-hit masterpiece.

Jares had worked 6 2/3 innings of hitless ball against Holman. Only two men had reached base—both on errors.

Then Ed Slasson slapped a single and Jares' try for a hitless gem had vanished.

Although Jares attends Divine Child High, most of his teammates are students at Churchill High where they played on the school's first baseball team last past spring.

TOM'S, now 3-7 for the season, took a 2-0 lead in the fourth when Dave Farrell was safe on an error and Pat Welch, Randy Gagliardi and Tom Johnston followed with singles.

In the seventh, Welch doubled over Gary Johnston, who had singled.

The Livonia Spartans (Stevenston High) tied along to their eighth when Dave Paden, who was leading 3-0, doubled by crashing K. J. Partyville (Garden City High), 13-1.

Rob Sieve, who had no trouble gaining his fourth win against one loss, combined three and scattered five hits.

TIM DEWITT poked out a single and doubled for the Spartans who scored seven times in the second inning to put the game out of reach.

Gary Flegel, who singled, Matt Staburki, who doubled on an error and Bud Dancy doubled for the first run in the second, Steve Kuhlman followed with a single.

DeWitt singled, Rick Horstman walked, Jim Cron singled and Jerry Deter walked to wrap up the inning.

Doubles by DeWitt and Kuhlman marked a three-run up-rising in the fourth for the Spartans. They added two in the fifth and one more in the sixth.

John Chute singled home McVenson High's third run.

Kay's only run, following an error.

DARKNESS STOPPED the Big Boy-Coleman Moss game with the teams deadlocked at 3-3.

Tom Roy singled over Mike Bradley with the equalizer for Big Boy. Dave Thomas had two hits for Coleman while Dan Emmitt knocked in all three of the Coleman runs with a pair of singles.

Northville - Reef received four-hit pitching from Bill Holdsworth in blanking Farmington's Chesley Industries, 5-0. Joe Himmelspach was tagged with the loss.

Steve Larue tripled over two runs for Reef as the Chesley record dropped to 3-4.

HUBERT REALTY of Livonia scored a 5-4 win over Bryant Walker (Garden City West) when Dave Gregor, the star high school jumper, scored the winning run when hit by a pitch, stole second and scored on an infield out.

Hubert scored twice in the first on hits by Stu Rose, Andy Hickerson, Gary Crockey and Don Gregor (Dave's brother). In the second, Jerry Boehms and Dave Gregor singled and scored on Bob Ficano's first of two hits.

Bryant Walker tied the game with three runs in the sixth as Sylvester led the way with two hits. Bob Hood emerged as the winning pitcher.

B.J. RATIGAN handed the Plymouth Elks only their second loss when Ratigan engineered a 5-1 victory by scoring four times in the fifth inning.

Phil Kupres singled, Layne Thompson singled and Mike Redouway walked to jam the bases. Then Stu Goetz was safe on an error, Jim Davies walked, Dick McAdam singled over

two runs and Randy Lee singled in another marker.

Ron Nisun picked up the victory, allowing two hits and fanning five as Ratigan gained his second straight victory with a super-pitching job. In his previous start, Ratigan blanked Philippi Service, 1-0, as Redouway bested Fred Hollingsworth.

The Elks' only run came when Bruce Hauman tripled and Don Gullekson followed with a single for the team which now stands 7-2.

WARHOLAK UNIROVAL (Redford Union) rushed by Di-Ponito of Livonia, 6-0, on the three-hit pitching of Randy Ferguson who fanned 10 and didn't allow a walk.

The Townshippers broke matters open with a five-run, first inning highlight by three homers.

After Mickey Robinson was safe on an infield roller, Randy Taylor lashed the first homer. Then Kirk Taylor singled and came home on Tim Fox's homer. Mike Johnston followed with a third homer for Warholak, which has a 7-3 record.

ALLEN FENCE (Livonia Bentley) also bared its seventh win by downing B and V from Novi, 7-2, as Ken Ockerman allowed four hits and helped his own cause with a two-run homer in the second.

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Livonia Slugger At .561 Pace

Attention, baseball scouts. There's a gent playing for Livonia Cardinal Decorating in the Greater Livonia Free Press League who has some attention.

Mike Perino of Cardinal has been socking the ball at a .561 clip and is a reason Cardinal is unbeaten in the second half of the schedule with a 4-0 record.

Redford also is 4-0 as the teams swing into the final week of the regular schedule which is slated to end Friday evening.

Both Cardinal and Redford won the "chip" game Wednesday when the respective rivals didn't field enough players. So the games had to be forfeited.

MEANTIME, first half winner Northville, went eight innings to down Nankin, 3-2, when Jeff Taylor, north batted home Doug Anklin with the winning run.

Sandlot Schedule

Sunday - CLASS A
Rambler, Thurston, 1 p.m.; Northville vs. Redford, Thurston, 3:30 p.m.; Plymouth K. of C. vs. Hubert Realty, Hagerly, 5:30 p.m.

Monday - Redford vs. Hubert, 6 p.m.; Northville vs. Village Rambler, Ford, 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Redford vs. Plymouth K. of C., 6 p.m.; Hubert vs. Northville, Ford, 8:30 p.m.

CONNIE MACK
Sunday - Bryant Walker vs. Di-Ponito, Ford, noon.
Tuesday - Plymouth Elks vs. McCa's Garden Stars, Northville-Reef vs. Glenn Moss, Northville; Philippi Service vs. Big Boy, Thurston; Di-Ponito vs. B&V, Ford; Hubert vs. Allen, Hagerly; Holman vs. Bryant Walker, North Farmington; Warholak vs. Tom's Case Brown. All games at 6 p.m. Cherry Industries vs. Spartan, Ford, 8:30 p.m.

FREE PRESS
Sunday (all doubleheaders)—Garden City vs. Northville, Ford, 8 and 8:30; Nankin vs. Livonia Cardinal Decorating, Garden City, 1 and 4 p.m.; Redford vs. Farmington Keating, Northville, 1 and 4 p.m.

Wednesday - Redford vs. Garden City, Thurston; Northville Reef vs. Keating, Case Brown; Nankin vs. Garden City, Garden City. All games at 6 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Sunday - Farmington at Walled Lake, 2 games, 1 p.m.
Monday - Pontiac at Serrano, 6 p.m.
Tuesday - Farmington at Waterford Mott, 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Berkley at Farmington, 6 p.m.
Thursday - Serrano at Pontiac, 6 p.m.
Friday - Farmington at Berkley, 6 p.m.

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