

Hubert, Redford Square Off Sunday For A Laurels

From the start of the Greater Livonia Class A League's baseball race is May, it has been Hubert vs. Redford. Really in the race for top honors.

They ran 1-2 all season—Hubert taking the first half crown, while Redford handled the second-half flag.

Now comes the showdown between the two teams.

They start a best-of-three series for the overall "A" crown and the right to represent the league in the state districts

By George Maskin

observing sports

All's not happy in the Greater Livonia Class A baseball league.

The word is circulating around Ford Field that there may not be any circuit for the young adults next season.

If that happens, it would be a tragedy.

It seems that the Hubert Realty team has been charged by Manager Bill Mikel of Redford Township with violating the "residence rule" which prescribes that eight hometown boys must appear on a team's roster.

That means Hubert must carry eight Livonians, there must be eight from Redford Township on Mikel's team... eight on the Plymouth K.C. team from Plymouth, etc.

These aren't just the local rules, but are the regulations of the American Baseball Congress tournament to which the Livonia League champs aspire to advance in the forthcoming weeks. Two years ago Redford was the national runner-in the ABC world series at Battle Creek.

"If there's an eligibility rule, let's abide by it," says Mikel.

SINCE THE LEAGUE is sponsored by the Livonia Recreation department, Mikel claims he's been "shoved around" to the point he probably won't field a team next season, and a couple of other managers are feeling the same way.

What Mikel claims is that when teams had to solidify their rosters back on May 12, Hubert had only six bonafide Livonians.

Two others were listed as Livonians... in the extended rule which permits one to work for somebody in the city of question, or merely arrange a working agreement.

"That part would have been okay," claims Mikel, "except one of the boys was attending college in Florida as late as May 27 and another was attending college in Kalamazoo and playing on the Western Michigan team, and he wasn't through there until early in June."

"So, something has to smell wrong. It's creating a situation whereby next year somebody could 'sign up' six or seven such outsiders."

"We don't need that. I think our taxpayers, who help foot the program, have a reason to complain. We certainly have enough great players around here... and we can take pride in them... without having to get men from other communities."

Mikel says that his protests have fallen on deaf ears.

"They tell me to get out on the field and win," he says. "Well, we have done pretty well despite the fact we have been hit by a flock of injuries and two losses to the army."

"Not too long ago one team in the league (Village Rambler) had to forfeit a game for using an ineligible player. Well, if that holds true for one team, why not for all teams?"

MANAGER RON HELLIER of Hubert insists there's nothing wrong with his roster... that Hubert hasn't violated any rules.

He has the support of the recreation department.

But Mikel, a pillar in amateur baseball in these parts for many years, isn't happy.

Hopefully, whatever the problem, it'll be worked out before another year rolls around.

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Redford suffered four setbacks in the first half and finished the second half in rapid fashion last Wednesday when they downed the Plymouth K.C. team, 9-1. The victory gave Redford a 13-1, second-half mark.

"It was remarkable the way this team played in the second half," said Redford Manager Bill Mikel.

"Between injuries and losses to the army, we at times had only nine or 10 available for a game

Redford Union Captures Class E Crown

Long a stronghold in teenage baseball, the future should continue to be a bright one for Redford Union and Redford Township.

A team comprised of Redford Union 15-year-olds, for the most part, combined to beat



FIRING FAST ONE past a Rockford (Ill.) batter in the opening round of the regional Pony League tournament, is Garden City West's Sam Tjalsma. Red advanced into the third round with victories over Rockford and Downers Grove, both from Illinois.

(Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

Yankee 600 Race Draws Benny Parsons, Grana

Benny Parsons of Detroit will be among several ARCA (Automobile Racing Club of America) drivers invited to compete in the Aug. 17 Yankee 600 at Michigan International Speedway.

John Marquand, president of the Toledo based sanctioning body has given permission to a number of his top new car division drivers to compete in the

Garden City Wins 1st Two In Pony

Garden City's State Pony League baseball champs swept into the regionals at St. Clair Shores this past week in blazing fashion.

First, Garden City downed Rockford, Ill., 5-4; then it was 4-1 over Downers Grove, Ill.

The twin triumphs sent Garden City against St. Clair Shores in the third round of the competition as the teams battle to move a step closer to the national Pony League finals.

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RICK KRUMM and Mark Carow shared the pitching for Redford against Plymouth in what amounted to a pivotal clash for Redford.

A loss would have dropped the twelfth-graders into a tie with Hubert for the second-half crown and forced a playoff between the teams for the flag.

"We had our backs to the wall, right along," said Mikel. "We did to win... and we did." Undejected manager declared.

Plymouth High, starting Monday, and will meet Ann Arbor. Monday's winner will face Plymouth Tuesday on the same field for the district crown and the right to advance to Wayne for the regionals on Thursday.

1-0 Loss Ends Hubert's Hopes In Mack Meet

It was a heart-breaking way for Livonia's Hubert Realty team to bow out of the district Connel Mack' baseball tournament.

Going against Fort Dearborn in the semifinals, the Livonians suffered a 1-0 loss as Bill

Livonian Swims In U.S. Meet

A Livonia lad is one of two Michigan swimmers who have won the right to attend the National Junior Olympics Aug. 21 at San Diego State College in California.

Jerry Lacy, 12, of 30615 Parkview, qualified for the team when he won the 100 meter freestyle in a time of 1:04.7 during Region Six eliminations held in Toledo, July 31.

Jerry will join other swimmers from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky—the states comprising Region Six—who also won places on the team.

Jerry, a member of the Bulldog Aquatic Club of Bentley High School, will also swim in the four-man 400 meter medley relay.

Junior Olympics involves only American athletes in two age groups—11 and 12, 13 and 14 year olds—and is an annual event. The kick-off-offlighting ceremony and the completion of athletic events are a near duplicate of the Olympics.

Spartans, Plymouth Bid For Honors

The Livonia Spartans, winners of the Greater Livonia Class D title, will start their bid for State Recreation honors Tuesday playing Ann Arbor at Veterans Field in Ann Arbor at 8 p.m.

If the Spartans win, they'll return to the Ann Arbor field two nights later.

The Plymouth Hawks, which bowed to the Spartans for the Livonia title, will engage in the Inter-City tournament starting Tuesday at Leavitt field in Dearborn.

Katona has more than 200 feature wins in his career and has driven more racing miles in competition than any driver in the country.

Meantime, Jerry Herbst collected two stingles and drove in three for Garden City.

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HUBERT ALSO will present a potent-hitting attack with a team batting average of .268.

Gary Kruttschnitt tops the Hubert attack with .382, while Jeff Peck has a .359 mark, followed by Roger Frater, .354, Chip Rose .340, Paul Forney .315, Bo Ardell .310, Jack Westcott .304 and Schwalim .288. Schwalim has led the team in runs-batted-in with 22.

Redford ADDED three runs in the sixth when Carow tripled and then Dave Woloch walked before Barringer was safe on an error.

Levandowski and Fleszar drew walks and Bryce Johnson singled.

A single by Barringer, an error putting Terry Rothwell on, drilled in two with a hit and Krumm followed with another run-producing blow.

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The Pirates will play Inkster in the first game.

In the best-of-three tie series, Redford won by scores of 6-3 and 11-5.

Keith Everett allowed only two hits in the first victory, but it wasn't until the third inning that Redford broke a 1-1 tie and gained its winning margin.

Everett along with R.J. LaRoux and Curt Fritz each had three hits in the victory. Both of LaRoux's hits were doubles.

The losing pitcher was Rick Frayer, whose brother Roger will be coaching at Franklin High this fall.

LaRoux knocked in Don Burroughs with the first run for Redford before Butch Majewski squeezed in Jim Cron, who singled, with the equalizer for the Pirates.

IN THE SIXTH LaRoux doubled, Fritz singled and Dean Naudi was hit by a pitch before an error made it 4-1. Then in the seventh a double by LaRoux and singles by Fritz and Rob Campbell finished the winners' scoring.

Majewski accounted for the other Pirates' hit in the game.

Naudi worked in the second game and his job was simplified by a heavy-hitting Redford attack in which both Naudi and Fritz wound up with four hits apiece, while Neal Scott, Burroughs, LaRoux and Campbell had two each.

Redford scored once in the first inning, three in the third and six more in the fourth to put the game out of reach.

Slight Edge

Except for a split in two meetings with Missouri, Michigan leads an edge over all its 1969 football opponents.

Joins LA Stars

Dennis Stewart, who averaged 15.6 points a game last season for Michigan's Wolverines, has signed with the Los Angeles Stars of the American Basketball Association.

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