

Hubert Beats Redford For Class A Title

Hats off to Hubert Realty of Livonia -- the Greater Livonia's Class A baseball champs for 1969.

In a ding-dong battle with Redford Township that went right down to the last possible pitch, the third in a best-of-three showdown, Hubert triumphed, 6-2, Wednesday night to qualify for the state district tourney at Pontiac Thursday night.

If successful at Pontiac, Hubert will go on to the state meet at Battle Creek, and from there...there's the American Baseball Congress regional and World Series which follow at Battle Creek.

"I take my hat off to Hubert," said touring manager Bill Mikel, who all season had seen his team battle the Livonians, both physically on the field and verbally off the diamond.

"They're a good team and they deserve the title. Their record proves it."

THE HUBERT record was a brilliant one -- 22 victories, four defeats and a single tie.

Rich Heller, manager of the winners, was equally proud of the Hubert team.

"We had to come back in this playoff," he said, "They beat us in the first game.

"Then with our backs to the wall, our team showed that it was a real champ."

Few could ignore flippant remarks of Redford's pitcher, Tom Fleszar, who was injured in the first game.

Throughout the season, the Townshipers were plagued by injuries and even the loss of key performers to the military.

In the title game, the injury bug prevailed again. Starting pitcher Tom Fleszar was hurt while covering first base and had to leave the game in the sixth inning when Hubert broke matters open.

GARY SCHAEFER, considered Redford's best pitcher, suffered a hamstring muscle injury while running to first.

He not only had to leave the game, but he also had to stop short of first on what appeared a hit and it cost his team a run.

"But we're not quitting," said Mikel. "It was something that we had to fight over, and we did right down to the last game. For that reason, my boys de-

serve a real salute."

The bats of Chip Rose and Bo Ardell were too much for Redford.

Rose, the former University of Michigan star, had four hits, two doubles and two singles. He drove in one run and scored two.

Ardell had two singles, a double and four RBIs.

JAY SCHWALL needed relief help from Bill Ziegler for the winners. After Fleszar left, Rick Krumm came on for Redford.

Each side had nine hits.

Redford scored in the second when Terry Rothwell tripled and Reg Barringer singled. In the third, Rose and Ardell doubled to tie it 1-1.

A walk to Paul Portney, a single by Rose and another by Ardell put Hubert ahead, 2-1, in the fifth. Back came Redford to knot the count. Woloch singled as did Bruce Johnson.

Rothwell's hit moved them.

Then Woloch was retired. Rick Krumm came on for Redford.

Hubert beat out a hit to score the second.

THE SIXTH inning decided matters.

With two out Gary Krupinski and Ziegler walked. Portney was safe at first when he and Fleszar collided.

One run came in and Fleszar had to leave. Rose greeted Krumm with a one-run double and Ardell knocked in Portney and Rose with the final runs.

Hubert had won the first-half season title. Redford took the second.

By George Maskin observing sports

Tennis, anybody?

Now, here's a sport for everybody...the gals and the gentlemen...and, really, age doesn't make a difference.

Over in Hamtramck, the greatest coach we know, Mrs. Jean Hoxie, has kids who are 4 and 5 parading around with rackets in their hands.

The one major drawback in these parts, when it comes to tennis, is the number of courts available. There's an acute shortage.

Another problem is that when winter comes, most tennis minded must go into hibernation.

Well, at least that's what they've had to do. But no more.

The tennis-minded in Observerland should be happy to learn that a new all-year, indoor building is going up for the racket-swingers in our area.

To be known as the Franklin Racquet Club, the building is rising on Northwestern Highway and 13 Mile Road, which actually is just minutes away from Livonia, Farmington or Redford Township.

THE SCHEDULE CALLS for the building being ready for operation around Oct. 1 and it should be quite a place, says Pontiac dealer Bob Barnett, who is one of the gent's behind the project.

For example, Bob tells us that they'll have eight regulation-size courts with each court costing something like \$40,000.

There'll be such "extras" as sauna baths, closed-circuit television to aid players during instruction sessions, and even a children's playground where parents can park their youngsters.

Oh, yes, there'll be swank dressing facilities, both for men and women.

There's another great feature. If you're a member, you can reserve the time you want to play.

In other words, suppose you have noon to 1 p.m. available every Thursday. Well, you can be assured that it's YOUR time, week after week -- just like the gals set their beauty-shop appointments long in advance.

One of the dynamic figures at the new club will be Ray Senkowski, one of the biggest names in Michigan tennis for the last decade.

We might add that an annual membership for men will cost \$75, for women \$55, for junior players, \$25. They'll even have family memberships available at \$150.

Interested in further details? Just call 352-5533 or write the Franklin Racquet Club, Franklin, Mich.

MY, SUCH EXCITEMENT around the household. It's not enough that we are speeding toward the day when son Richard middle-ages it with his beautiful Chevy.

But suddenly the lady of the establishment has gone golf wacky and has found in Gary Whittener of the Whispering Willows golf course a "pro of pros."

"He's terrific," says Mrs. M., and the reference is to Gary and not the guy who punches on this typewriter.

"Why, he's so patient and understanding." Aren't we?

"And he knows a few things about swinging a golf club."

Which is something we don't.

We're sure that Gary will help Mrs. M. cut her nine-hole scores from 70 to maybe 60. But, seriously, if you are a golfer, we're told that a lesson or two from a pro -- the likes of a Gary Whittener -- will help you in the long run.

"There's no question that a pro can spot flaws in your play," Gary was telling us the other morning. "Why, you take the big-name golfers.

"When things aren't going the way they should, they not only practice more and more, but they ask their fellow pros to stand there and watch what they're doing wrong."

In golf, or in any other branch of sports...or for that matter anything else...if you don't accept advice graciously, you're not much of a person.

What's more, you'll suffer in the long run.



THREE OF KIND — These three brothers are making themselves known at the Hazel Park Raceway. Elwood McClumravy (left) is the starter. Wally (center) and Don have been drivers and trainers at area harness racing tracks for several years. Wally resides in Novi and Don in Plymouth Township.

Bill's Market Beaten, 8-2, In Regional Play

Opportunity struck... but Bill's Market of Plymouth team wasn't equal to the occasion.

As a result Bill's bowed out in the Class E regional baseball tournament after taking district honors earlier in the week by beating Redford Union.

The Bill's downfall came, 8-2, in a game with Wayne Recreation.

While Bill's missed several good chances to score, Wayne took advantage of six walks and five errors.

PLYMOUTH SCORED in the first inning on singles by Wayne Williams, Pete Jenner and losing pitcher Lou Hurtic.

In the fifth walks to Jim Gremer and Jenner, a sacrifice fly and an infield out forced the final Bill's run.

The Plymouth team wound up the season with a record of 13 victories against three losses.

PLYMOUTH MOVED into the regional by downing Redford Union, 7-2, despite the fact the losers outbilled Plymouth 7-5.

Wayne Williams turned in his best pitching job of the season for Plymouth as he fanned 10 and walked four. He's a student

Wings Set 12 Early Warmups

The Red Wings will play their biggest preseason schedule since 1964, General Manager Sid Abel has announced.

The Wings have scheduled 12 games, 10 of them against NHL teams. It is the most preseason games since the 1964-65 campaign, when the Wings played 13.

One game is on the local schedule -- Oct. 2 when the Wings, face the New York Rangers in Olympia. The Wings also meet the Rangers in New York's Madison Square Garden Oct. 5.

In addition, Detroit will play three games against the Boston Bruins, including one at the Boston Garden; two against the Montreal Canadiens and Los Angeles Kings; and one each against the Minnesota North Stars, Cleveland Barons of the American Hockey League and Fort Worth Wings of the Central Hockey League.

Detroit owns the working agreement with Cleveland.

Two dates are set for the Wings' training base in Port Huron -- against Los Angeles on Sept. 21 and Boston on Sept. 27.

Last year in 11 preseason games the Detroiters had a record of eight victories, two losses and one tie. The Wings open training camp in Port Huron on Sept. 12.

Redford cashed its first run in the third when Greg Wassman walked, was sacrificed to second by Dave Hees and came home on Jim Grimmer's hit. In the fifth, Wassman's single and an error tied the game at 2-2.

THEN CAME the sixth for Plymouth and most of the three-works.

Pete Jenner walked and forced by Gary Colson. Lou Hurtic singled and Dan Hees walked to fill the bases.

Randy Gladstone delivered a pinch single to score one run and when Wassman rallied to short, all hands were safe and a run scored when Hurtic beat the throw to the plate.

On a wild throw by the Redford catcher, then Dave Hees scored and then Dan Hees dropped a perfect squeeze bunt on which both Gladstone and Wassman both came home.

Churchill Coach Makes Plans

Prepared for its first season of varsity competition, Livonia Churchill High will hold its first meeting of footballers Thursday when Coach Kenneth Kaestner and his staff issue issue equipment.

Kaestner plans to hand out equipment on the following schedule: Juniors - 9 a.m. to noon, sophomore - 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 21.

The practice sessions start Monday, Aug. 25 with twice a day workouts during the first week. The morning program will start at 7:30 and continue for two hours with a lecture at 2 p.m., and then afternoon drills from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Kaestner urges all candidates to report for equipment during the hours listed and then be

prepared for rigid conditioning drills during the first week.

Churchill, in its second year of competition, played a junior varsity schedule last fall and wound up with a 3-2 mark. This season will be its first for varsity play against schools with seniors and Kaestner anticipates rugged going.

ANYONE FOR TENNIS? — This is the architect's conception of the new tennis club building currently under construction in Southfield. It is expected to be ready for use within three months.

Elks Roll Into Finals For Inter-Cities Flag

The Plymouth Elks squared off for the Class D Inter-Cities baseball tournament's championship against Dearborn.

A 10-7 romp over Wyandotte put the Elks into the title game.

Some neat relief pitching by Nick Valent, who worked the final two innings without allowing a run, helped the Elks win over the Wyandotte team.

Wyandotte had jumped off to a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but the Elks struck back for six runs in the second inning and then added three in the third and a final mark in the seventh.

IN THE SECOND INNING, singles by Bruce Bauman and Dale Rumberger, plus a fielder's choice on which Dave Shantz was safe, and will receive a tryout with the Detroit Pistons next month, general manager Edwin E. Coll announced Tuesday.

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berger singled over two runs and Dave Schantz a third.

Nick Valent was safe on an error in the third. Then Becker walked, Schryer singled, Kellman was safe on a fielder's choice, Walter Lee singled and Wayne made an error to give the Elks four more runs.

Becker, tripled, following a walk to Valent, and an error produced the two runs in the fourth and Lee doubled and came home eventually. Rose greeted Krumm with a one-run double and Ardell knocked in Portney and Rose with the final runs.

Valent went the route for the winners. He allowed only three hits.

Pistons To Try Ex-Spartan Star

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scoring average and also averaged 10.5 rebounds despite his size. He was named All Big Ten as a senior.

Coll also said that 6-5 Vaughn Harper from Syracuse University, who was drafted by the Pistons last year and then was dropped after a trial in training camp, would receive a second opportunity to make the team.

Harper played one year at Syracuse with Pistons star Dave Bing.

Playoff Set For 'D' Flag

The battle between Hubert Realty of Livonia and Northville for the overall Class D baseball title in Livonia has been rescheduled for Wednesday night at Ford Field at 6 p.m.

Hubert and Northville each won divisional titles during the regular season to qualify for district Coanite Mack League action.

They didn't oppose during the regular season.

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