

# Redford Ousted In Quarter-Finals This Time

Redford Township didn't get as far this time as it did a year ago in the All America Amateur baseball championships at Johnston, Pa. In 1968, the Townshipers made it to the finals before losing to New Orleans.

This time Redford reached the quarterfinals before Baltimore knocked out the Michiganers, 14-6.

In a sense, it was too much Baltimore as far as Manager Bob Atkins and his Redford team was concerned.

When the two teams clashed at Johnston Saturday, it marked their fourth meeting in just

over a week.

Redford had won the initial struggle in the AAAA regionals at Altoona, Pa. Then when the teams reached the regional finals, Baltimore won two straight.

**THE DEFEAT** at Johnston came after Redford had won three times and lost in the second round to Detroit Adray.

"All in all, we did very well," said Atkins as he came home from Johnston to make the quick transition from a baseball pilot to coaching Redford Union in football.

"We played at better than a

game a day pace and we just ran a little short on pitching," Atkins said.

But there was no way anybody could knock the Redford accomplishments.

Or what Atkins did.

He had brought the team back from a slow start in the greater Livonia - Free Press League ... a start in which Northville beat out Redford for the first - half season title.

In the second half, it was pretty much all-Redford and then Redford bounced Northville for the overall league crown.

**NEXT STOP** for Redford was the outstate Free Press competition and Redford was that for the fourth year in a row.

At Altoona, Redford was the only team to win its first three starts and thus qualify for the nationals.

Redford won its opener at Johnston, bowed to Adray, then won two straight ... and finally fell by the wayside when downed by Baltimore.

Against Zanesville, Redford needed a run in the bottom of the ninth inning to squeeze out a 2-1 victory.

Against Baltimore, Redford jumped off to a 2-0 lead, but subsequently was blasted out by the 14-6 score.

**DENO SYRLOS** pitched until the eighth when Dale Bjerke took over to work out of a jam and eventually became the winner against Zanesville when Denals Primeau tripled and came home with the deciding run on a single by Al Smith.

Between them Syrios and Bjerke allowed five hits.

Syrios was touched for a run on a hit batsman and two singles in the top of the sixth before Redford quickly tied mat-

ters when Smith singled, Joe Himmelspach sacrificed him to second and Lee Bjerke drilled a run-producing single.

Bjerke had to work out of a three - on, one - out situation in the eighth.

Redford had a great chance when Al Smith singled, Himmelspach walked and Fabeys was safe on a bunt with none out. But when Lee Bjerke fled to short left-center, Smith tried to score and was doubled at the plate.

Then Bill Holmes made the final out ... but that only set up the ninth-inning dramatics when

Smith's third hit of the game won it.

**SMITH AND** Primeau both were additions to the Redford team for journey play. Smith had played for Nankin Township and Primeau for Livonia-Cardinal Decorating during the regular season.

Redford started on a high note against Baltimore in what was to be the final appearance of the Townshipers in the tourney.

Smith doubled and Himmelspach followed with a homer.

Redford was on top, 2-0.

But the lead didn't last long... only until Baltimore's batted Denny Carol for four runs in the bottom of the first inning on three hits, a walk and an error.

**BALTIMORE SCORED** twice more in the third and two more in the fourth to take an 8-3 lead before Redford made a mild threat to bounce back into contention.

After Fred Holdsworth singled and Himmelspach walked, Fabeys lashed a 35-foot homer to bring in three runs.

Lee Bjerke was hit by a pitch and Primeau and Howe followed with singles for a fourth run in the inning.

But, that ended the run-production for Redford and Baltimore picked up six more in the final innings to put matters out of reach while sending Redford back to Michigan.

Defeated Redford was...but Atkins and Co. had every reason to hold their heads high.

Any team that can rank sixth best in the country rates a flock of orchids!

## Kennedy Q-Ts Take Slo-Pitch Crown

The Kennedy Q-Ts, comprised of girls between the ages of 9 and 13, are the new champions of the Class F Girls Slo-Pitch League sponsored by the Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation.

Guided by Coach - Manager Patricia Schilke, the Kennedys clinched the crown last week with a 12-1 victory over the Roadrunners.

The teams entered the contest with Kennedys needing the

## Name Norm Cash '69 'King Tiger'

In a poll of the more than 3,000 members of the Tigers' 45 registered fan clubs, Norm Cash has been selected as "King Tiger" of 1969. Jim Norburn was the runnerup in the teenager fan club election.

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By W.W. EDGAR

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This new machine, one of the marvels of the electronic age, not only registers the scores of individuals as they bowl, but keeps a current total for the entire team of five men. What's more, one machine does the scoring for four lanes - or two league matches.

Like its sister machine - the automatic pinsetter - the scorer had a great obstacle to overcome. This was the task of differentiating between strikes and spares. But it has been accomplished through the ingenuity of man and soon the machine will be taken for granted.

The automatic pinsetter had the major problem of resetting the pins on the spots to which they had been nudged on the first ball of a series.

Now comes the scorer to eliminate the chance for argument over scoring. In the past many an argument developed when the scorer didn't detect all the pins that were left up on a spare or who, in haste, didn't differentiate between a strike and a spare. This is an easy mistake to make for a scorer could forget to cross the angle line for a spare to make an X to denote a strike.

ON ANOTHER occasion Lucille Quamby's Schaefer Bread team met Marlon Ladevick's Grand Rapids for the state championship at the Spartan Lanes in Lansing. At the time Marlon's team was rated the best in the state.

When the final ball was thrown, the score sheets showed that the Schaefer team had won by nine pins.

The late Bill Morrison, sponsor of the Grand Rapids team, demanded a re-check of the score and each captain was asked to check the opponent's sheets. In the check a 10-pin error was found in the Schaefer score with the result that Marlon's team kept the title by the margin of a single pin.

A great howl was raised before the final result was accepted. It all could have been eliminated had the automatic scorer been available then.

## Aluminum Bat Makes Big Hit With Sluggers

A new kind of bat has made the softball scene and it's all ready slamming home runs in the popularity league.

The bat is made of aluminum and has been approved for official league play by the American Softball Association and the International Softball Federation.

The aluminum bat is the first bat made of a material other than wood ever to be approved for official league play.

The bats are of the same weight and size as wooden models of identical classes but are much more durable. They will not break, chip, split, or crack. The smooth surface is electrochemically treated for maximum durability and performance.

**New PR Duties For Russ King**

Russell B. King, new bureau director of Hillsdale College, has assumed additional duties as college sports information director.

King, news director since January, 1967, was previously editor of the Grove City (Ohio) Record, a weekly newspaper and prior to this was associated for four years in public relations and personnel work at the Western Electric Company, Columbus, Ohio.

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A futuristic car recently exhibited has no rear window. Rear vision is provided by clear, circular, protruding, with a viewing screen mounted on the console.

Tires should be checked for air once a month. Do it while they're cool - after the car has been parked for three hours, or driven less than a mile.

The first sedan model was the 1913 Hudson. It was remarkable in that it carried all accessories as standard equipment.

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