

Titan baseball team stocked with area talent

By KEN VOYLES

The University of Detroit has become famous in the past few years for its fine basketball teams. But who would think that the same school has a baseball team of equal excellence?

The U-D baseball team recently finished its season. The Titans were not invited to the NCAA baseball tournament but they still ended the year on a high note.

The Titans chalked up the second best baseball record in the 102-year history of the club, compiling a 35-16 overall mark.

The squad set school records for most runs scored, 330; most RBIs, 292; and most double plays, 58.

WHAT WAS the key behind the success of the young squad which fielded just five seniors?

A major factor on the team was a number of former prep baseball play-

ers, nine. They played an important role. Some were infielders, others controlled the mound, but all of them were important to the squad.

Two former Livonia Bentley players, Mike Robbins and Kevin Schultz, were important cogs in the Titan machine.

Robbins, a sophomore outfielder, had an excellent year for the Titans at the plate. He batted .311 and drove in 31 runs. Robbins was the full-time center fielder.

"Mike had a great year for us," said U-D coach Bob Miller, who completed his 14th year.

SCHULTZ was basically a relief pitcher. The right-handed freshman also had a solid year for U-D, according to Miller. Schultz finished the year with a 3-0 record.

Another Titan, Tim Murphy, was a jack-of-all-trades for the Titans. He

played in the outfield and the infield and was even used sometimes as a pitcher. He compiled a .200 batting average and a 1-0 pitching record.

Murphy, a sophomore, had to fight a sore shoulder all year which hampered both his hitting and pitching.

Chris Curtis was moved around the infield but did his best work at short-stop and third base. The right hander had a .210 batting clip for the Titans and like Murphy was plagued with injuries that slowed him down. Curtis graduated from Clarenceville and is a junior at U-D.

Out of Plymouth Canton came Mark Perkins, another relief pitcher. Even though he only won one game, Miller said Perkins had a fine year and should be very important next year when he'll be a sophomore. He finished with a 1-4 record.

MILLER HIMSELF is from Red-

ford. A member of the 1960 Philadelphia Phillies "Whiz Kids," Miller pitched in the City of Brotherly Love for eight seasons.

Miller's son Bob also plays for the U-D squad.

A junior, he started as a left fielder and collected 12 RBIs on the year. His batting average ended up at .205.

Thurs Westlanders were on the team during the season. Roland Morency led the trio.

Morency was the Titans' right-handed pitching ace. He won seven games and lost just one. His earned run average was 3.53. Morency, a senior, will not be back in a Titan uniform to anchor the rotation.

Bill Redwood was also a pitcher. He completed the year with two wins and three defeats. Redwood is left-handed and, like Morency, a senior.

Larry Clark was the other Westlander to play for U-D. He was the team's designated hitter. He batted at

a .308 clip and will be back next year as a junior.

"Overall we did a lot better than I thought we would. We started a lot of freshmen and sophomores," said Miller. "I was very pleased with the club this year."

"This is the best, absolutely the best area for potential baseball players. It's a hotbed. The Big Ten schools all draw from this area," continued Miller, adding that the former suburban high school players in his squad did a solid job all year and with seven of the nine returning, he has no worries about next year.

After the fine year and outstanding record, not getting the NCAA bid was a heartbreaker for Miller and the team.

Southfield grad letters at Wayne

Former Southfield High School athlete Stephanie Stone has lettered for the second time during her freshman season at Wayne State University.

Stone, who led the women's basketball team while appearing in every game last winter, has now added her second varsity letter of the season for her play on the WSU softball team.

An outfielder, Stone was the second leading hitter on the Tarter softball team with a .388 mark. She followed

third baseman Mary Ann Messing, who led the club with a .422 average. Stone appeared in all 24 games, as the Tarter women compiled a 15-9 record and finished fifth in the State of Michigan's AIAW Tournament, which was held last month at Grand Valley State in Grand Rapids.

Stone finished the season with 26 hits and 17 runs batted in. She finished second to Messing in both categories. Stone also tied for the team lead in home runs with three for the season.

In The Pocket

A new use has been found for the bowling establishments in the area—and a surprising one at that.

LIT sets golf outing

Golfing for scholarship will give members of the Michigan architectural community, industry participants in the Masonry Institute of Michigan, Inc., and the interested public an opportunity to compete on a championship course on Friday.

Beneficiary of the outing at Milford's Dunham Hills Golf and Country Club will be the architectural scholarship fund at Lawrence Institute of Technology in Southfield.

The Masonry Institute, sponsors of the event, annually gives a \$750 award to an outstanding LIT architectural

student, preferably one whose family is affiliated with the masonry or bricklaying trades. Winner of this year's J.R. Snyder Scholarship is expected to be announced at a luncheon prior to the golf match.

The sholgan start on the Milford course is scheduled for 1 p.m. Gross and net winners will receive trophies at the day's end.

Advanced registration at \$50 per person must be received by today at the Masonry Institute of Michigan, 2700 Farmington Road, Suite 208, Farmington Hills. The scholarship

2 tankers pace Stingrays

Scott Christie and Cathy Rudel combined for 13 first-place swims to pace the Michigan Stingrays in the Michigan Junior Olympic Swim Meet held recently at two Detroit-area locations.

Christie, swimming in the boys' 9- and 10- age group, finished first in nine individual events: 100-yard backstroke (1:09.8), 100 butterfly (1:09.1), 100 freestyle (.59.9), 100 individual medley (1:08.8), 200 freestyle (2:11.0), 50 backstroke (32.9), 50 butterfly (1:32.4), 200 IM (2:23.4), and 50 freestyle (1:28.1).

Rudel, swimming in the 15-17 age group for girls, won four events: the 200 freestyle (2:04.0), 500 freestyle (5:32.3), 200 butterfly (2:23.1), and 100 butterfly (1:19.5). She also captured two second places and a third.

Two Stingray relays in the 9-and-10

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bowling, but the other attractions make the bowling sites ideal.

There is bowling to provide the fun and competition. There is dancing on the approaches. The lunch rooms and restaurants provide the food during the night.

This idea was started by the late Tim Halligan in Flint several years ago when the graduates couldn't find—or couldn't afford—a place. He offered Dart Bowl, and it provided just what was needed. Since then, several establishments in Wayne County have followed suit.

Cherry Hill Lanes, for instance, has hosted a high school graduation party for several years. If the trend continues, bowling will be playing another important part in the life of a community.

ONE OF the most unusual leagues for the summer season is a group of 170 ladies who call themselves The Ladies of the Evening. They bowl on Tuesday nights at Westland Bowl.

Because the league is so large, it bowls in two divisions. And the competition between the two reaches a high peak before the last pin falls.

Last week Lori Dukodich outrolled her rivals in Class A with a 973 series. High game honors went to Georgia Cheek with a 208 in 527.

In Class B, Jerry Kilgore took both high single and high series with a 218 in 534.

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