

Redford FP Finishes Second Best In Nationals

JOHNSTOWN, Pa. — Second best in the country.

That was the story of the Redford Township-Free Press League baseball team in the All-American Boys tournament.

Rated among the "also-rans" when the meet began with 16 of the finest teenage teams in the country in action, Red-

ford rolled off three straight victories before finally stumbling in a battle of unbeaten against New Orleans.

Then with elimination starting them in the face, the Tigers' prowess arose to beat arch-rival Adray from Detroit, in whopping fashion, 10-0.

But the Redford bats, ever

so potent in the tourney's five previous games, came to a standstill in the championship game Monday night as for the second time in 48 hours, New Orleans proved too much for the Michiganans.

NEW ORLEANS copped the deciding game, 2-0, despite

some fine pitching for the losers by Vito Pilar of Michigan State University and Tom Flezzar of the U. of M.

Pilar pitched the first six innings and was nicked for six hits and two tainted runs in the sixth inning which led to Redford's defeat.

Billy Mores led off with a

single and Glenn Balsamo popped a grounder to short, which Rod Ferguson misplayed for an error.

Catcher Bob Disney scribbled both managers along, and Vic Curlock bopped a flyball into short right field which fell for a double and the issue was settled.

Flezzar hurled scoreless ball in the final frames, but Redford fell at each time it had the opportunity.

Bob Barnett, added the sixth with a double but couldn't be brought past third base.

BILL HOWE, singled and Ferguson walked, gave the Town-

ships hope with two out in the seventh, but Marty Inezoulina rapped a hard grounder right back to the pitcher and school was out.

Pitcher Dan Camp, who paced Redford throughout the tourney with two wins and one save in three games, was honored as the AAABA's Most Valuable

Player for 1968.

The Flint Junior College sophomore from Plymouth hurled 19 innings and fanned 31, leading New Orleans to the first game and a lopsided Detroit Adray one while saving another against the Detroiters.

Redford was also awarded the tournament sportsmanship trophy in reaching the finals in only its third year in the meet.

MacAuliffe Out; Tigers Slump

Who's the most valuable Detroit Tiger?

"Tony McLain?"

"Bill Freehan?"

"Al Kaline?"

Guess again!

The answer has to be Dick McAuliffe. This was proved over the weekend when the Tigers dropped four straight to the New York Yankees.

Fact of the matter, you can make it six games or 55 innings without a victory.

That's something that hadn't happened all season for the Tigers. Their previous longest losing streak stood at three in a row.

Pair Finish 1-2 In Auto Racing

Joe Barnham and Dennis Pate, both of Plymouth, ran one-two in the featured Friday 8 race at the Flat Rock Speedway last Saturday night.

Bon Grana, of Farmington, carried off top qualifying honors in the late model division but his run in the 10-minute race was a 1-2 with Dick Mitchell, of Trenton.

BUT HERE they were stumbling against the once-proved Yankees and in none of the action was McAuliffe on the scene able to perform.

He was under a five-day suspension for "attacking" Chicago pitcher Tom John when the two became involved over an inside pitch in the finale of the Tiger-White Sox series at Tiger Stadium last Thursday night.

To a man the Tigers received McAuliffe had received a raw deal, that the penalty against McAuliffe was too severe.

Manager Mayor Smith knew that the loss of McAuliffe would hurt. But Smith didn't realize how much.

Taking "Mac" out of the already weak Tiger attack left the Tigers almost punchless as they dropped four one-run verdicts to the Yankees.



DEFENSE IS TOPIC as Coach Dan Boisture, of Eastern Michigan University, meets with veteran linebackers Gary Grady (left) of Plymouth and Joe Clinton of Redford. The two are among the holdovers EMU is figuring on for a winning team this year.

By George Maskin observing sports

PUTTING ONE WORD AFTER ANOTHER—

And was American League president Joe Cronin off in slapping a five-day suspension, which actually amounted to seven games, on Tiger second baseman Dick McAuliffe?

Grant McAuliffe might have been a slight underdog, granted that Tommy John of the White Sox wouldn't be throwing at a rival batter with a 2-0 count on him... granted what the umpires might have felt.

But precedent dictated that Cronin reprimand McAuliffe... maybe a \$500 fine and let it go at that.

There have been other minor flare-ups in the field in the American League... and the National's this season. Yet nobody was barred.

So why should Cronin have picked this particular infence involving the team bouncing toward the pennant?

Of course, Cronin might have said to himself: "If I can slow down the Tigers, we'll have a better race in September and that'll mean some bigger crowds!"

WITH FOOTBALL in our midst—the colleges and high schools joining the professionals—pardon us for "stalling" from Roger Stanton, publisher and editor of the very fine Football News now on sale.

As Stanton sees it, Texas will reign as the No. 1 team in the land with Notre Dame a close second. Southern California with O. J. Simpson jumping merrily figures to rate No. 3, followed by Florida, Purdue, Oklahoma, Ohio State, Alabama, Penn State and Texas A.

In the second 10 come Tennessee, Oregon State, LSU, Arizona State, Nebraska, Houston, Clemson, UCLA and dear ol' Michigan State.

FUNNY THING: While Stanton rates Purdue No. 5 and Ohio State No. 7, a few pages back in the same paper staff writer Harry DeVold disagrees with his boss.

DeVold favors Ohio State for the crown with Purdue second.

It's DeVold's opinion that the Buckeyes face the easiest schedule of the Big Ten contenders... their seven conference games, the Bucks encounter only Purdue and Michigan State, who are rated first-division threats.

DeVold calls Michigan State's secondary the "second best" and figures the Spartans have the defense to make them powerful again.

Michigan could be the biggest sleeper, according to DeVold, and if there's a spoiler—well, he likes Illinois.

THE SHOWING OF Redford team this past week in the All American Boys baseball tournament in Pennsylvania prompts a salute not only to the Township's but to all the teams which make up the Free Press League baseball program hereabouts.

It makes us chuckle, because some folks were trying to tell us that the Free Press League in Greater Livonia wasn't as strong this past season when compared to other years.

Well, our critics.

What do you say now?

HOW ARE YOUR EYES—your television football eyes?

On the weekend of Sept. 6-9, no less than five National and American League games will be on your tubes, including the Lions vs. the New York Jets in the first half of the annual Cleveland Stadium Doubleheader.

Won't that be something—Bill Munson vs. Joe Namath?

THINGS ARE BEGINNING to squirm in the homes of a couple of Farmington Townshipships who rest... only a couple miles apart.

There's Sid Abel of the Red Wings and Ed Coll of the Pistons, both fully aware that the summer has gone and the fall and winter are roaring toward us.

Perhaps, apropos that they reside near one another, Sid and Abel will have their two teams training within a few miles, too.

The Pistons will be at Marysville High School, the Wings a few miles up the road at the Poplarhurst arena.

For Abel, the new season will carry an adjustment in his operations—a big one.

Here, Sid, he's served both as manager-coach of the Wings. He's now turned the coaching over to Billy Gadsby.

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Youngsters Get Chance To Seek Puck Berths

Although it's still a bit early to think about hockey and the cold winter days and nights, the Farmington Amateur Hockey Association has announced plans for tryouts in all divisions.

Managing Director Russell Ellis has announced the following schedule for tryouts: Juvenile, 17-18 age group, 6 p.m., Sept. 6 at Detroit Skating Club; Midgets, 15-16 years, 3 p.m., Sept. 7 at Winter Wonderland; Bantam, 13-14, 9 p.m., Sept. 7, Winter Wonderland; Pee Wee, 11-12, 8 p.m., Sept. 2, Winter Wonderland; Squirts, 9-10, 7 p.m., Sept. 2, Winter Wonderland; and Mighty Mites, 4-8, 4 p.m., Sept. 7, Detroit Skating Club.

All boys seeking tryouts must bring their own equipment.

Champs Two Area Gridders Carry Huron Hopes

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ner kept the shutout parade going by subduing Pontiac, 5-0, in a battle of undefeated teams.

Tanner allowed four hits, fanned four and walked one. He never was in serious trouble.

Redford broke the scoreless tie in the third when Terry Rothwell slugged a double. Mike Schaefer and Tanner followed with a single and Mason was out on an error. All this was good for only one run. But Woloch followed with a single to make it 3-0.

In the sixth, Woloch led in the sixth. Tim Fisher singled and Rothwell produced again and the Redford team had what proved all the runs it was to score in the game.

Two Eastern Michigan University lettermen from the Observer circulation area are returning to bolster the Hurons defensive backfield for what Head Coach Dan Boisture predicts will be the toughest schedule the team ever faced.

Gary Grady, a senior from Plymouth, and Joe Clinton, a junior from Redford, will be starting their third season as teammates in the defensive secondary.

Boisture said Grady, defensive halfback, and Clinton, a

3 Area Drivers Share Honors At Lansing

Three drivers from Plymouth and Livonia dominated the Michigan stock car figure-eight state championships Sunday at the Spartan Speedway, Lansing.

Dick Simmons of Plymouth completed 37 laps in last season. Fontes completed 13 of 19 passes for 167 yards and two touchdowns.

"The key to our success will be the quarterback. We must have a quarterback who can run and throw. We think Fontes can do the job," Boisture said.

Boisture said that the 1968 schedule is "tough and one that should prove his ball club can do a winning job."

"We have to mature fast," he said. "The club, its young and untested, but they will be our biggest obstacle."

Beginning Sept. 14, the Hurons open at home against Morningside from Iowa Sept. 21 then follows at home against Southern Connecticut, Sept. 28 at Arkansas State, Oct. 5 at Akron, Oct. 12 at Ball State of Indiana, Oct. 19 at Tampa, Oct. 26 at home against Kentucky State.

The homecoming game is against Northeastern on Nov. 2, then Northern Iowa on Nov. 9, and the final game at Wittenberg from Ohio on Nov. 16.

"Our schedule presents problems. We have not played most of the teams before nor have we met our common opponents. We know the schedule is one of the toughest small college cards in the country but we can't gauge accurately relative strength."

Right now, Boisture is not making bold predictions.

With the fact that he is revamping the offense and bolstering the passing game he said he would like to fool a lot of sports writers.

CAME SUNDAY NIGHT, Redford was involved in its fourth consecutive shutout, but this time Redford was on the short end of the score against Wyandotte, which won, 4-0.

Art Wendt fired the goose eggs for Wyandotte which advanced into the semifinals against Muskegon, a 6-5 victor over Pontiac.

Chuck Viane worked seven innings and Tom Fisher the final two for Redford.

The Tiger Schedule

- WEDNESDAY—California at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. (WJR)
- THURSDAY—California at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)
- FRIDAY—Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m. (WJR)
- SATURDAY—Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 2:15 p.m. (Channel 2 and WJR)
- SUNDAY—Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 1:30 p.m. (WJR)
- MONDAY—At Oakland, 2 games, 4 p.m. (WJR)
- TUESDAY—At Oakland, 11 p.m. (WJR)

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