

Ferndale stays atop Legion with one week still left to go

With one week left in the regular season, Ferndale clings to a narrow game-and-a-half lead over second place Royal Oak in the 18th District American Legion Baseball League.

Bloomfield Hills, with two games remaining, is two games back.

Don Hughes and John Unthank combined to hurl a no-hitter against Auburn Heights in the second game of a weekend double-header. Ferndale won the game 7-0. Auburn Heights forfeited the first game.

Hughes went the first four innings to earn the win. He retired every batter he faced. Unthank pitched the last three, striking out four and walking two.

Chris Lau, Glenn Campbell, Ryan Irwin and Mike Hammerle each had two hits to pace Ferndale.

Ferndale will finish its season with games against second-place Royal Oak and third place Bloomfield Hills this week.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS

The Hills rallied from a six-run deficit and overtook Auburn Heights, 14-7. The game was Bloomfield's season in microcosm, according to coach Norm Kaplan.

"We were just our typical inconsistent selves. We were down 6-0 in the first inning, making just a ton of errors, and then we came back and win," he said.

The comeback was triggered by the hitting of Jim Jordan (three hits, a home run, and two RBIs), and the excellent relief pitching of Bob Graham. He went 4 1/2 innings, allowed two hits and fanned five to earn his second win of the season.

Graham, Kevin Granader, Denis Pecar, and Greg Toucher each had two hits for the Hills.

The Hills are still without the services of their leading hitter and moundsman Craig Mathews. As of last week, he was still on crutches after being struck by a ball before the knee. He is not expected back before the end of the season.

In a non-league double-header against East Detroit, winners of the July 4 Firecracker Tourney, Bloom-

field earned a split. They dropped the opener 8-5, and won the nightcap 14-2. Bloomfield committed six errors in the first game. Leading pitcher Matt Glenn gave up eight runs, though only one was earned. Rich Goldberg went three for three and knocked in two runs for the losers.

In the second game, Mike Baughman and Jordan each had three hits to pace a 14-hit assault for the Hills. Graham, Steve Sontag, and Granader chipped in with two hits apiece. Rob Alvin was the winning pitcher.

FARMINGTON

Farmington lost a heartbreaking 5-3 contest to Troy-Birmingham last Friday. Losing pitcher Ron Raymond (4-2) was the victim of two unearned runs in the bottom of the sixth inning which gave Troy the win.

Neil Davis and John Miller paced the Farmington hitting attack with two hits apiece. Sam Butlla knocked in a pair of runs with a clutch single.

Farmington bounced back against Milford, sweeping a pair, 13-5 and 2-1.

Butlla, who is hitting .423 with 14 RBIs, knocked in five runs with a pair of doubles and a single to lead the assault

in game one. Miller and Davis also had three hits. Mark Green and Mike Turnquist each had two hits and a homer. Mike Hackett (3-0) was the winning pitcher.

Hackett won his fourth game of the year in the second game relieving Bob Waczinski. After going 5 1/2 in the opener, Hackett came back to pitch four innings of shutout ball in the nightcap.

Fittingly, it was Hackett's base hit in the second inning that knocked in what proved to be the winning run.

Farmington and Waterford Chief Pontiac, both 11-7, are in a battle for fourth place.

TROY-BIRMINGHAM

After beating Farmington 5-3, Troy split a pair with Waterford. They lost the opener 15-10, and rescued the nightcap 6-1.

The first game, marred by walks and errors, went to Waterford's ace pitcher Scott Lane. There was a combined total of 20 walks in the ballgame.

In the second game, Scott Watson scattered four hits and struck out nine to pick up the win. John Draper had two hits for Troy and John Merana extended his hitting streak to 14 straight games.

Legion stars picked

The team has been selected for the fifth annual American Legion All-Star game pitting the best from the 18th District (Oakland County) against the stars from the 16th District (downriver).

The game will be played 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Memorial Park in Wyandotte.

The 18th District team comprises the following players: pitchers, Craig Mathews, Bloomfield Hills; Scott Lane, Waterford; Randy McMin and Chris Siesel, Royal Oak; Scott Watson, Troy-Birmingham; and Dave Wuerth, Berkley.

Catchers: Kevin Granader, Bloomfield Hills; Brian Elyas, Ferndale; and Doug Cottogin, Berkley.

Infielders: Denis Pecar, Bloomfield Hills; Sam Butlla, Farmington; Jim Kosnik, Rochester; Steve Sontag, Bloomfield Hills; Ken Keaser, Berkley; Scott Goodpaster, Milford; Vince Helton, Waterford; Ernie Coley, Troy-Birmingham; Joe Perry, Oxford; Dave Bishop, Royal Oak; John Merana, Troy-Birmingham; Neil Davis, Farmington.

Outfielders: Bob Graham and Jim Jordan, Bloomfield Hills; Dave Penny, Auburn Heights; John Brounahan, Rochester; John Miller, Farmington; Ron Ladziak and John Draper, Troy-Birmingham; Mike Turnquist, Farmington; and Gary Peters, Royal Oak.

The team will be coached by Norm and Joe Kaplan from Bloomfield Hills.



Farmington first baseman Sam Butlla just can't find the handle on the ball as Troy-Birmingham's

Jon Draper slides safely back into first base on an attempted pick-off.

Coaches pick 'state' netters

Southfield-Lathrup tennis coach Ed Watts and West Bloomfield's Kevin Donase have been named to the Boys' Class A All-State Tennis Team for 1983.

Others named to the team by the

Michigan High School Tennis Coaches Association were: Jed Hakken and Jonathan Morris from Ann Arbor Huron; Kurt Thomas from Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher; Greg Stickie and Scott Lyke from Kalamazoo Loyal

Norrix; Alex Palladino from Kalamazoo Central; John Carras and Paul Mesaros from Midland Dow; and Chris Caldwell from Traverse City.

The All-State selections were made July 9-10 at the coaches association's semiannual meeting in Prudenville. Class B and Class C All-State teams also were chosen. There were no local representatives on either team.

Donase, a senior, compiled a 22-3 record in singles last year. He has been a three-year standout for West Bloomfield.

Watts, longtime Southfield-Lathrup head tennis coach, compiled a 10-3 record last year. The team also took first place in a tournament in Monroe.

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