

Wayne, Churchill Nines Win Tournament Openers

The champs from Wayne got off to a fast start in their title defense while Churchill, playing in its first tourney, surprised.

These were the highlights of the first two nights of action in the fifth annual Les Anderson Memorial Invitational baseball tournament at Livonia's Ford Field.

Play continued with four games Saturday and the first round will end Monday.

Barring weather troubles,

the finals are scheduled for next Saturday evening in the meet sponsored by the Livonia Optimist Club, the Livonia Recreation Department and the Observer Newspapers.

Here's how the games went:

FARMINGTON 3
A last-inning rally by North Farmington just left short with two men on base as Mike Hart

hurled for the winners and John Combs for the losers.

Hart himself tripled for the

Sorrows' first run. Two walks, a hit by Don Blouin, an error and sacrifice added two runs in the second and in the sixth Blouin doubled over Nat Hurst.

North Farmington scored in the third when Dave McCoy

doubled after Pat Hickey

walked. Then in the exciting

seventh and final inning, Mike

Collins homered, Hickey

added, Amie Kalkonen walked

and Doug Valassis doubled

before Hart got the final out.

Sorrows 101-0, 4-0

CHURCHILL 5, RIVERSIDE 3
It was truly a smashing tourney debut for Churchill as Mike Keller sparked in relief from the second inning on and Chilenko lashed a three-run homer to put Churchill in front for keeps in the first inning.

A double by Welch led to another Churchill run in the fourth, then Hickey singled

and came home on three

straight errors. Brian Sher-

man's hit, Hatchigan's double

and a squeeze put the game

out of reach in the fifth.

Riverside 22-0, 3-1

Churchill 101-2, 5-6

Cyril Lahti, Coach, Sorrows

Wayne 3

Plymouth 0

The defending champs from Wayne received some sparkling pitching from Jim Green

to start the title defense on a

happy note against Plymouth.

Green fanned six and walked

three while Dale Rumberger

hurlled until the sixth for the

losers. Rumberger fanned six

and walked three.

Plymouth had several fine

chances. In the second the

Rocks failed with runners on

second and third. Then they

had men on first and third and

missed out. Another time they

loaded the bases but came

away empty-handed.

Wayne scored in the third

inning on singles by Rich Fich,

Mike Plagens and Dean Minto.

Then in the sixth, a double by

Chris Favor and single by

Roger Housley, along with a

squeeze bunt and double steal

picked up 11 final two runs.

Plymouth 000-0, 0-3, 5-0

Wayne 001-0, 1-3, 5-0

Rumberger, Spencer, Fich and Plagens

Green and Favor

REDFORD UNION 1,

GC EAST 0

Another sparkler with Red-

ford Union's Kirk Taylor best-

ing East's Rick Orlandini.

The game went scoreless

until the seventh inning when

Kirk Taylor doubled, went to

third on Tim Fox' single and

scored the game's only run

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SOUTHPAW ED McNAMARA, better known as Mayor of Livonia, officially opens the fifth annual Les Anderson Memorial baseball tournament with this pitch to Norm Stolzer, chairman of the Recreation Commission. Ed did quite well -- hit the backstop with a wild first pitch and then whipped one over the plate. (Observer photo by Vince Witek)

RU Nips Belleville For Loop Crown

You might call it a near monopoly that Redford Union holds in track in the Suburban Six League.

For the fourth time in six years coach John MacKenzie's squad roared off with the league title on Wednesday and they had to beat a one-man gang in Belleville's Garade Pettis to get the job done.

Pettis, one of the greats in prep track in Michigan in the high hurdles, low hurdles, long jump and the high jump.

But his efforts weren't enough to offset the balance Redford Union enjoyed in repeating as league champs after

taking the state title a year ago, then posting a 121 dual record this year and placing second in a tough regional.

Redford Union had 56 points. Belleville 61 at the end. Roger Blanchard, a junior who has overcome some personal physical difficulties, perhaps provided the big spark for Redford Union.

THIS YOUNG MAN, who has had spinal difficulties, soared to a school and league record of 14 feet 11 inch to win the pole vault and emerge among the top three or four in the entire state.

His was one of five marks to fall in the meet.

Bentley's Dan Koch stepped off a league and school mark in winning the 44-yard run in 19.8 seconds.

Steve Hatton, of RU set a mark in the two mile with a 9:34.2 performance. Then came Bob Reckinger of Allen Park with a toss of 58 feet, 7 inches in the shot put.

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Second-place Redford Union slipped past Trenton, 42-2, as Kirk Taylor homered with one aboard and Randy Ferguson came with the bases loaded in the fourth inning and put out the fire for the rest of the way.

Plymouth won over Allen Park, 24-0, in another league battle.

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Farmington Speeds Past Track Rivals

What a season it has been for Farmington High in track. Unbeaten in dual and triangular meets ... regional champs ... and now the kings of the Inter-Lakes Conference.

It wasn't even close at Jerry Young's Farmington

Falcons walked away with the conference pennant.

Farmington posted a record total of 120 points to top Pontiac Northern, which had 85, and third-place Waterford with 69.

The came season with 57:2. Southfield Latrub with 39, and Walled Lake Central with 16.

Farmington 120-0, 4-0

Pontiac Northern 85-0, 3-1

Waterford 69-0, 2-2

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