

Ross Patton, Dan McGrath Shine In 1-0 Victory

Sorrows Blanks Alphonsus To Win Championship

By GEORGE MASKIN
Observer Sports Editor
The Tigers might well be envious of what Our Lady of Sorrows did...

It went down to the last man and to get that out caused some anguish for st. pitcher Ross Patton of Sorrows and Coach, Bob Kelly.

FOR THE FIRST time since 1961, Sorrows had won a baseball crown. Back in '61, the game wasn't played in the Tiger ball park.

man the same way to bring his totals of pickoffs for the season to an amazing 14, which is believed to be a record for a prep pitcher in Greater Detroit.

10 innings of work this season. He finished the year with a string of 16 consecutive scoreless innings to his credits.

for a run Sorrows scored in the fifth to prove the deciding marker.

McGrath's hit was the only safety having pitcher John Stanik allowed. But what a hit it was!

land a spot in the league's title playoffs. The First Division title game which followed at Tiger Stadium was equally dramatic.

And what a victory it was for Sorrows when they nipped Dearborn St. Alphonsus, 1-0.

On the bench Kelly squirmed. There were a few foul balls. Then came a lefty fly to left. It looked for a moment like the ball might have enough range to hit the barrier...

Posting a shutout was nothing new for Patton. It marked the sixth time this season he had blanked an opponent. Overall his record for the year stood at 8-1.

To add to his brilliance, Patton finished the season with an earned run average of 0.42 in

He ran into his biggest scare in the sixth inning when St. Alphonsus put three men aboard with one out. But he pulled out, making it possible

Jim Harter and John Schiffman walked and with two out Dan McGrath lashed a clean single to center to score Harter. McGrath had shared the pitching with Patton this season.

SORROWS HAD WON THE Northwest Division title to

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Best in their league... best in their regional... best in Oakland County.

the high jump and Joe Nager-gast fifth in the mile.

third in the 440 and Drew Mahalie third in the low hurdles.

won the high and low hurdles in the excellent times of 14.9 and 20.2 seconds.

The old mark of 1:55.8, while Jim Goodfellow of Oxford took the two mile in 9:27, three seconds under the mark of 9:33 set by Larry Williams of Farmington in 1968.



BIG REASONS for Our Lady of Sorrows triumph in the Catholic League's Second Division baseball championship are shown holding the trophy. Third Baseman Dan McGrath (left) and Pitcher Ross Patton provided the big push. Dan drove in the lone run and Ross blanked St. Alphonsus on three hits.



GAME SAVER... Sorrows' Third Sacker Dan McGrath tags out Carl Kolewitz, of St. Alphonsus, when he overruns the base. Dan took a perfect throw from Catcher Dave Urbain for the putout... erasing the Saints' only scoring threat.

Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard
The 1970 opening at Northville Downs... was a far cry from that in 1944 when wagering barely hit the \$20,000 mark.

Harold Duris, general manager of Hazel Park where the state's most successful meeting in history ended Tuesday night, attended with his comely wife and former Hazel Park boss Sid Anton and wife.

Leon Slavin, president and general manager of Jackson Raceway, which is scheduled to hold a winter meeting at Northville in November and December, was on hand with his wife.

Ed Yerkes, who served as a timer from the night the track opened until he quit three years ago, was in the group watching the activities from the press box.

Pat Provenzano, president and general manager of Batavia Downs (N.Y.) located in the Buffalo area, made the trip for the clubhouse opening to

At the conclusion of Tuesday's final program, Hazel Park's nightly mutual handle averaged \$640,000, an increase of 29% over 1979, and the turnstile count averaged 8,000 nightly, a hike of 47%.

Michigan's Wolverines, buoyed by championships in football, tennis and gymnastics, captured the Big Ten's All-Sports championships for the eighth time in the last 10 years.

Michigan edged Michigan State with a 7.18 point average to the Spartans 7.12 in one of the tightest races in years for the mythical championship.

OUR TEAM IS RED HOT! And so are the rooters for Our Lady of Sorrows, who are shown rooting for their favorites in the league championship game at Tiger Stadium.

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Following in order of their placements in the All-Sports race were Wisconsin at 6.03, Illinois, 5.58; Iowa, 4.95; Purdue, 4.95; and Northwest, 3.05.

Michigan State junior pole vaulter Bob Karz of Inkster cleared 15 feet to get third in the 1970 Big Ten outdoor championships.

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