

Two Pitchers, Like Niekro, Just Miss

Add two more sandlot pitchers who now know how Joe Niekro of the Tigers felt when he came so close, but yet missed out on a no-hitter.

One is Mike Gee of Hubert Realty, the other Steve Pummill of Garden City West in the Greater Livonia Connie Mack League.

BOTH "LOST" their bids for

no-bitters Saturday in the sixth inning.

Gee, working against Farmington's Coleman and Moss, finished up a 6-0 inning, but it was a single by Bob Delling that spoiled his "dream game" in the sixth.

Pummill reached the sixth with a no-run, no-hit effort working against Ratigan. Then John Grills connected for a single and Pummill had to be

satisfied with winning by the tight margin of 1-0.

The Ratigan-West game was one of the best on the day's card.

Tony Kaseta, hurling for Ratigan (Franklin High), gave up a run in the first inning when Al Poland doubled and came around on an infield out and a sacrifice fly by Craig Sylvestor.

Kaseta was airtight the rest of the way. He allowed only three hits.

Each side came up with brilliant defensive plays. West had three double plays, Ratigan two.

Gee fanned eight and walked one while Steve Kuhlman led the Hubert attack with two singles and a triple.

inning settled the game. Jim Cron was hit by a pitch. Then Dave Gregor, Gee and Jerry Boehm singled, Kuhlman tripled and Bob Ficano delivered a sacrifice fly.

Thurston took advantage of five walks in the first inning to score five times and down Gates Realty, 8-2.

John Munson, the winning pitcher, helped his own cause with two hits. Doug McKnight knocked in both the Gates runs with a single.

The Livonia Optimists and Cletsey Industries of Farmington staged a 1-1 standoff with darkness halting the proceedings after seven innings.

It was a case of thievery which saved Chesley. Dan McGrath stole home with his team's only run. John Spreitzer drove in Dan Boehm with the Optimists' run.

Kirk Ramsey and Brian Dinmore hurried for the Optimists while Tony Himmel-spach went the distance for Chesley.

Garden City East turned back American Sentry, 4-1, as Ken Shaw fanned seven and allowed five hits. Brian Smith's single drove in two of the East runs.

Tom Cee singled after Frank Gilous tripled for the Sentry run.

The Livonia Royals rallied to score three times in the seventh inning to nip the Plymouth Elks, 4-3. Joe Berg drove in the run that made Tom Cook the winning pitcher. Bill Rice had two hits to lead the Royals' attack.

Redford's Warholak Unroyal Tire ganged up to blast Franklin, 11-0, as Denny Blazo hurled the distance. He fanned five.

Dave Martin had a homer and two singles. Kirk Taylor two singles and a double, Randy Taylor, a double and homer and Tom Wysocki two singles for the winners.

Issue Call For RU Gridders, Harriers

A football and cross country call in the heat of mid-July?

That was the question asked Football Coach Bob Atkins, of Redford Union, when he called and told of the first meeting of candidates for the two squads.

But it isn't for the start of practice. Atkins announced that physical examinations for all candidates for the RU football and harrier squads will take place Friday afternoon (July 10) at 1 p.m. in the team locker rooms.

"It is imperative that all boys show up for the examination," he said, "Taking the physicals this early in the summer will avoid a lot of headaches and heartaches for footballers and cross country runners later."

"All boys must be there Friday. We have made arrangements for the team doctors to be on hand and we expect they'll have a busy afternoon."

Husband-Wife Each Get Ace

Who Says Lightning Can't Strike Twice?

Lightning can strike twice at the same spot.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Barnes, who reside in Independence Green in Farmington and play the golf course here daily, are thoroughly convinced of that fact.

Two weeks ago Mrs. Barnes fired her first ace in 10 years of competition on the No. 6 hole.

On July 4, Mr. Barnes took out a five-iron on the 140-yard, No. 6 hole, fired a perfect shot

and the ball landed a few yards from the hole and rolled in for a hole-in-one.

He has been playing for 45 years and this was his first ace.

"Just shows," he smiled, "When the ladies put on the pressure...well you have to equal them."

Imagine a husband and wife getting their first aces on the same hole within a period of two weeks.



DUST FLIES HIGH as Redford's Bob Holmes slides into third base to beat the relay to Garden City's Ed Ryan. Holmes roced around from first on a single to right and just did make it safely. (Observer photo by Vince Witk.)

Record \$20,900 Draws 14 Trotters To Northville

Bob Farrington, the Richard D. O. Graver who generally ranks with the nation's leaders in victories, will try to win his complete meeting & few years back, shipped the six-year-old mare in from Chicago and she could go postward as the favorite. Odette Adios came to Michigan fresh from a 2-05-1 victory at Sportsman's Park.

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The 16th renewal attracted a field of 14, including the Richard Tripp entry from Indiana, making the purse the richest in Downs history. It is the first time a stake had gone over \$20,000.

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The other starters are: Quaker Hill, Speedway Jackie, a local favorite off two recent wins; Mystic Boy, Smokey Lee, Hassie Blate, and the six

in the mutual field of D. J.'s Annie, Oak Grove, Arbor Smoke, Justy Ann, Twinline Scot and Jiles Pride.

The Derby is hosted as the eighth event on the 10-race program.

BLAZE PICK, the six-year-old Canadian star, who sped to a 2:00.4 mile a week earlier to equal a 10-year-old track record, won his second straight Invitational Pace Saturday before a holiday crowd of 7,114.

Blaze, a son of Gene Abbe who is owned by J. Russell



BOB FARRINGTON

Miller of Dutton, Ontario, faced four challengers this time including Philip Brian, the state's premier aged pacer, and Fanny Mite, Michigan's fastest pacing mare.

But the anticipated duel between the three failed to materialize for the simple reason that Blaze Pick had too much speed for his competition.

The fleet Canadian went to the front at the first turn and churned the quarter in a quick 30.4. Once in front he slowed down the pace and when none came at him, he made the half in a rather slow 1:03.1.

Fanny Mite came storming up from the fifth position on the backstretch and was only a length behind when she fired and leded out of contention.

Blaze Pick turned into the stretch a length and a half on top but had to go all out to hold off Peppy Relec who came cooing along the rail. The Canadian had a half length at the wire in 2:03.1 with Peppy Relec second and Philip Brian closing fast to take third.

The daily double record was shattered for the fourth time of the meeting with a total of \$10,572, bettering the mark set a week earlier of \$18,778.

The handle \$500,644.

11 Receive U-M Letters In Tennis

Athletic Director Don Canham has announced the 1970 varsity "M" awards for tennis.

The 11 letterwinners are Ramon Almonte, Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico; Mark Conti, Detroit; Bruce DeBoer, Grand Rapids; Jon Hainline, Detroit; Daniel McLaughlin, San Diego, Calif.; Douglas McLaury, Wilmette, Ill.; Timothy Olt, Manhattan Beach, Calif.; Richard Ravrey, Walnut Creek, Calif.; Joel Ross, Westbury, N.Y.; Randall Toig, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Michael Ware, Grosse Pointe.

7 Get Letter In U-M Golf

Athletic Director Don Canham has announced the 1970 Golf varsity "M" awards and freshman awards.

The seven varsity letterwinners are Gary Balliet, Rochester, Mich.; Peter Clarke, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Albert Erskine, Battle Creek; Daniel Hunter, Huron, Ohio; William Lyle, Detroit; William Mohan, Grand Blanc; John Roska, Mequon, Wis.

The lone freshman award recipient is Charles Burnham, Battle Creek.

Sandlot Schedule

CLANS A

Wednesday-Soper's Club Service vs. Garden City, Ford Field, 4 p.m.; Livonia Hubert Realty vs. Redford Woodstead Lakes, Ford, 5:30 p.m.; Northwest vs. I.M. Perin Field, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY-Garden City vs. Hubert, Ford, Field, 4 p.m.; I.M. Perin Field vs. Woodstead Lakes, Ford, 8:30 p.m.; Northwest vs. Soper's Hagers, I.M. Perin Field, 4 p.m.; SUNDAY-Garden City vs. Northwest, Ford, 4 p.m.; Hubert vs. I.M.

Mann Wins High Jump In Windsor

The University of Michigan's outstanding sophomore high jumper, John Mann from Farmington, won his specialty in the Detroit-Windsor Freedom Festival track and field championships last week.

The blond Farmington high jumper cleared 6-10 to set a meet record. It was the 15th time this year that Mann has cleared 6-10 or higher.

The U-M soph has been invited to a meet in Windsor against the Czechoslovakian national team. His top effort of 6-11 makes him the favorite in that meet.

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