

# Tight Contests Mark Action In Connie Mack Play

It's a dogfight that the Livonia Royals and Warholak Unifront Tires are staging for the lead in the National Division of the Greater Livonia Connie Mack League.

Warholak after 10 games boasted a record of nine wins and one tie.

Royals was right behind—eight victories and two ties.

Ties are not made up in the league because of the congested schedule. They count as a half victory and half defeat.

IT'S HARDLY a surprise

that Warholak and the Royals should be so closely bunched. Actually, what one has here is a repeat of what happened in the recent Suburban Six League baseball season in high school action.

The Royals are made up pretty much of Livonia's elite players who stormed to the prep title. Warholak is comprised of players from Redford Union, which chased Bentley down to the final wire.

By coincidence, both won by the same score of 7-3 Tuesday. Warholak downed Garden City

East, while the Royals topped Franklin.

Warholak rebounded from a 3-2 deficit to down East. The Townshipers had taken a 3-0 lead when R. J. LeRoux, Randy Taylor and Dave Martin all doubled in the first inning.

East came back with three runs in the second to chase Martin from the mound and bring in Randy Ferguson who hurled scoreless ball the rest of the way.

MEANTIME, REDFORD

counted the equalizer in the fifth when Neal Schott doubled and Rob Campbell singled. Two errors led to two more runs for the winners in the inning and Warholak added to its margin in the sixth.

Gary Battle hurled a four-hitter and helped his own cause with a two-run homer as the Royals disposed of Franklin.

Bob Walden socked in two more runs with a double during a four-run, third inning in which Jim Erwin and Dave

Rice unloaded singles for the winners.

Bob Biely recorded a three-hit shutout as Livonia Hubert (Stevenson High) stormed past Gates Realty, 12-0.

Stu Rose, the All-Observer second baseman, knocked in four runs with three hits, while Gary Crosby collected two hits and two RBI and Biely himself also drilled in a pair of runs.

Hubert scored three in the first and five in the third en route to its easy victory.

THE LIVONIA OPTIMISTS

supported the fine pitching of Joe Kearney with some solid hitting by Dan Behm and Jeff Cowall to best Churchill, 6-3.

Behm had a single and double and Cowall a pair of hits. Four runs in the second gave the Optimists a cozy lead. Johnson and Lertstein each had two hits for the losers.

With All-Observer pitcher John Munson helping his own cause with a homer, Thurston clubbed Farmington Chesley Industries, 10-2.

Dennis Poppener chipped in with a homer and single and three RBI, while Scott Stacey had a triple and single and knocked in two runs. Thurston scored four times in the first inning to get off to a flying start.

Tom's Service received one-hit pitching from Gordon Miller to down American Sentry, 6-1.

Steve Chienko had two hits and knocked in one run, while Jack Hatching had a homer and double to chase in three runs.

Tom's scored twice in the second, three in the third and once in the fourth.

GARDEN CITY WEST outslugged DiPonio, 10-0, with a six-run outburst in the fifth inning. Steve Pummil emerged as the winning pitcher.

In contrast, Novi B and V won a 2-1 mound thriller from the Plymouth Elks, as Lee Snow worked out of a bases

loaded, none-out situation in the ninth to preserve the victory.

Snow allowed only one run in the final inning after Rich Dale and Phil McMillian had knocked in singled runs for its team.

LIVONIA'S B. J. Ratigan (Franklin High) ripped Farmington's Coleman-Moss, 12-4, as Rob Hollandsworth sparked on the mound and with the bat.

He supported his own cause with three singles and two runs batted in.

Randy Lee had three hits and also drilled in two runs for the winners.

Jim Cipponeri had three hits for the losers and two RBI. Coleman Moss scored twice in the sixth and two more in the seventh.

## Youthful Farmington Bowlers Dominate All-State Choices

By W.W. EDGAR

With Farmington Lanes showing the way, junior bowlers from Observerland dominate the Michigan YBA all-state teams as no other area

has done in the 10-year history of the selections.

Of the 40 choices made for teams in four divisions—major, junior, prep and peanut—for both boys and girls, Observerland was awarded 14 places

and nine went to Farmington Lanes.

Never before, in all of bowling either junior or adult, has one establishment placed nine members on the all-state squad. In other years, three

bowlers was the limit. But Fred Hamlin, who specializes in the development of junior bowlers, saw his work pay off with the nine choices.

TO ADD to the dominant

part Farmington Lanes played in the final selections, Hamlin had three members of his own family won the coveted awards.

Jim and Bill Hamlin repeated in the Peanut Boys division, and Barbara won a place on the Prep girls' squad.

This is the best showing ever made by one family and surpasses the record of Hoffman family, of Plymouth, when Wes and Jill, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Hoffman gained places before moving to Menominee.

Only three other establishments in the area, aside from Farmington Lanes, figured in the coveted all-state places.

Darcy Flynn, of Livonia Lanes, gained a place on the Prep Girls team, while Southfield Bowl placed Laura Ryckman on the Peanut Girls team, and Mike Evans on the Major Boys squad.

Melody Lanes, which now is being razed, placed two—Ricky Freeman and Michael Sloan on the Junior Boys team.

Aside from the three Hamlin children, Farmington Lanes placed Michelle Goyette, Vikki Katlein and Kim Harrington of the Peanut Girls team; Jacki Bird on the Junior Girls squad and Linda Hansen and Julie Graham on the Major Girls squad.



GAINS TOP HONOR — Little Vikki Katlein, of Farmington Lanes, who recently won the Michigan YBA singles championship in the Peanut Division (from five to nine years old) was honored again by being awarded a place on the All-State team. She is one of the youngest bowlers ever given the honor.

Redford Whips GC

Redford's Wonderland Lanes had its hitting shoes on to whip Garden City 15-6, in a Greater Livonia Class A League game.

John Horyak and Gary Schafer each drove in four runs and Terry Rothwell had three for the winners. Mike Boyne had four RBI for the losers with two singles.

Michigan's tennis team completed the 1970 dual meet season by extending its Big Ten winning streak to 29 matches.

The victory added \$10,450 to Justly Ann's earnings for the year. Her card showed only \$1,305 prior to the Derby.

A Top Duet

ANN ARBOR Michigan's Fielding H. Yost and his brother-in-law Dan McGugin of Vanderbilt each had 196 lifetime coaching victories.

### Sandlot Schedule

### Justly Ann Is Derby Surprise

CLASS A  
SUNDAY — Livonia Hubert vs. Garden City, 6 p.m.; Redford vs. ITM, 6:30 p.m.; Soper's Clark vs. Northwood, 7 p.m.; Livonia Hubert vs. ITM, 7:30 p.m.; Soper's Clark vs. Northwood, 8 p.m.; Garden City vs. ITM, 8:30 p.m.; Soper's Clark vs. Northwood, 9 p.m.; Garden City vs. ITM, 9:30 p.m.; Soper's Clark vs. Northwood, 10 p.m.; Garden City vs. ITM, 10:30 p.m.; Soper's Clark vs. Northwood, 11 p.m.; Garden City vs. ITM, 11:30 p.m.; Soper's Clark vs. Northwood, 12 p.m.

The biggest bargain of the year proved to be exactly that at Northville Downs Wednesday when Justly Ann, a four-year-old mare owned by Mrs. Beatrice Tomicic of Grosse Pointe, won the 16th renewal of the Michigan Trotting Derby before a crowd of 4,300.

The bargain came when the field of 14 forced the management to place six of the starters in the mutual betting field, including Justly Ann. The six-for-one deal paid \$18 when the mare stormed down the outside in the final sixteenth to nip the longshot Odette Adios at the wire in 2:05.3.

As a matter of fact Justly Ann, who hadn't won in seven previous starts, was the only one of the six trotters in the mutual field that didn't break gait.

HANDLED BY Joe Marsh Jr., a longtime favorite of local fans who shifted his scene

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