

Royals Whip Warholak In Showdown

Kings in high school . . . and still the same in sandlot baseball!

That was the story for Bentley High, champs of the Suburban Six League, and now as Crowe's Royals they're up in front in the National Division of the Greater Livonia Connie Mack League.

It was the Royals 7-1 over Redford's Warholak Thies (Redford Union), in a showdown for the top spot and in a battle of unbeaten.

THE VICTORY left the Royals with 10 wins and two ties while Warholak stands 10-1-1.

Dave Rice hurled the victory, scattering seven hits, fanning five and walking three.

His mates got three runs in the first when Joe Berg was safe on an error after striking out. Al Hernandez singled and Jim Erwin singled to clean the bases when the ball was fumbled.

Then in the second after Mike Perino and Hernandez singled, Gary Battle homered. Hernandez scored the final run on a four-base error.

The only Warholak run came in the seventh when Dave Martin tripled after Kirk Taylor walked.

IN ANOTHER MACK game, Gary Lehrstein went five-for-five as Churchill routed Gates, 11-6.

Meantime, Thurston stayed on top in the Division with a 4-2 come-from-behind victory over DiPonio.

Trailing, 1-0, in the fifth, Thurston scored all its runs in one cluster to gain its 11th victory against one defeat.

Singles by Tom Munson, Bob Ghanman, Dennis Benedict, Gordon Eszes and Scott Stacey did the damage against DiPonio pitcher Jim Shorter. Benedict and Eszes each drove in one run. Stacey two.

Steve Kreager hurled for the winners, fanning eight, walking six and giving up five hits.

Dale Rumberger knocked in the first DiPonio run in the first after Mandie walked and was sacrificed to second. John Stoy singled and came around on two walks and a passed ball for DiPonio's other run in the fifth.

LIVONIA HUBERT or Stevenson High downed B. J. Ratigan or Franklin High, 2-1, by coming from

behind with single runs in the sixth and seventh innings.

Bob Hood hurled for Hubert and gave up two hits, while fanning eight. Rival Rob Hollandsworth allowed five hits and fanned five.

Ratigan took a 1-0 lead in the third when Tom Waring was safe on an error. He moved to third on two passed balls and scored on Hollandsworth's single.

Hubert tied it in the sixth on singles by Steve Kuhlman and Dan Boehm, plus an error and a walk.

Then in the seventh, Hood was safe on an error and Kuhlman and Ficajo walked to fill the bases. Stu Rose then broke it up with a single.

AMERICAN SENTRY extended Novi B and V to nine innings before dropping a 4-3 battle when an error admitted the winning run.

Lynn Helland knocked in two runs for Sentry, while Frank Geluso sent the other one across.

Nelson Cady was tagged with the loss.

Some lusty hitting, won for the Plymouth Elks

over Garden City East, 10-4. Howie Schryer had two singles and a double, Don Hees a homer and single and Jack Mathias two singles.

Hees' homer triggered a six-run first inning in which Dave Heese Schryer, Mathias, Pete Jenner and Steve Straley also singled.

Straley pitched three innings and allowed all four runs. Schryer finished.

KIRK RAMSEY turned in a seven-hitter and fanned eight as the Livonia Optimists downed Farmington's Coleman-Moss, 5-2.

Losier Harvey Sell allowed only three hits but Dick Boehm's single in the first inning led to two runs and a triple by Mike Watson in the second was the only safety in a three-run uprising.

Garden City West nosed out Gates Real Estate, 3-2, as Steve Pummill emerged the winner. All three West runs were scored in one inning as Pummill walked, Craig Sylbester singled, Jim Whaley doubled and Al Poland singled.

Pummill gave up two hits, both coming in the fourth inning when Matt Gates drove in Russ Murrell and Steve Scott.

Redford Rolls To Sixth Straight In 'A' League

Call it the charge of the Wonderland Lanes.

There appears to be no stopping Redford Township's Class A team in the second round of the Greater Livonia League's race.

With an 8-0 romp over Northwest of Detroit, Redford pulled a notch closer to the second-round title and at the same time remained undefeated.

The combined pitching of Jeff Peck and Al Krumm produced a two-hit shutout for Redford, which now is 6-0 in the second round.

Meantime, the bats of John Hornyak, Gary Shaffer and Leland Berjke struck a merry tune.

Hornyak had two hits and knocked in three runs. Shaffer slugged a homer and also collected three RBI.

BJERKE accounted for two hits and two more RBI.

While Redford surged on, Livonia Hubert suffered a 5-2 loss at the hands of Soper Clark and that left Hubert with a 3-3 record in the second round.

Harry Wysten gave up six hits and helped his own cause with two hits.

Pete Woodard collected two hits and drove in a pair of runs for the Sopers while Chip Rose topped the losers' attack with two hits.

Wonderland will attempt to add to its streak Sunday when it invades Garden City Park at 1:30 p.m. Then on Monday night, it'll be Wonderland vs. Hubert in the feature half of a doubleheader at Ford Field. The game will start at 8:30 p.m.

Hubert plays Northwest Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at Haggerty Field.

Dinsmore's Three-Hitter Nets Optimists Victory

Funny, or is it strange, how the weather can be?

Dry baseball diamonds in one area . . . a few blocks away muddy fields caused by a downpour.

That's the way it was Tuesday resulting in major rainouts in the Greater Livonia Connie Mack Baseball League.

But in some locales the show went on . . .

Like Livonia Optimists winning over DiPonio, 5-0.

Brian Dinsmore hurled a neat five-hitter and fanned three to best Wayne Spencer, who matched Dinsmore at firing shutout innings until the sixth.

Then the Optimists broke loose for three runs and that was the end of the ball game.

Dan Boehm walked and Ken Grant doubled him across for the first run. Two errors and a single by Spreitzer accounted for the other two runs which amounted to insurance markers the way Dinsmore was hurling for the Optimists.

teams had played five innings to get it official.

PITCHING again was the name of the game as Thurston remained on top in his division with a 3-1 win over B. J. Ratigan in what was a battle between the varsity teams from Thurston and Franklin High School.

It was Thurston's 10th triumph against one loss and it took the combine pitching of John Munson and Steve Kreager to get the job done so successfully.

Munson, the All-Observer pitcher from Thurston, and Kreager who still has another season of prep ball left, allowed three hits between them.

Munson gave up two and Kreager two in three innings.

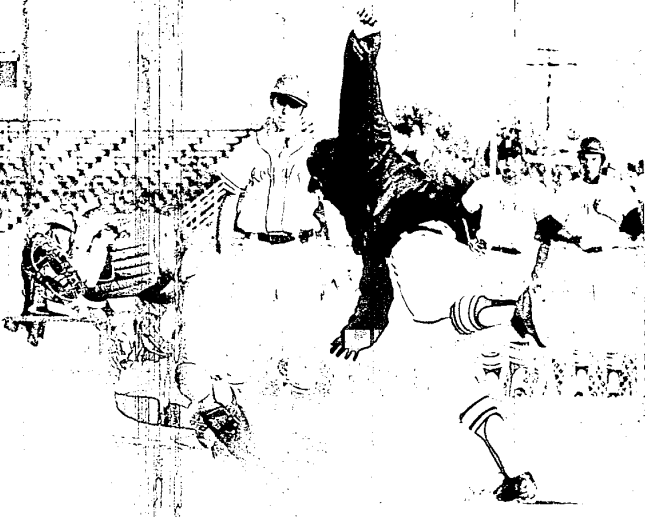
Kreager worked the other four frames and fanned eight, walked two and allowed one hit.

The eight strikeouts brought Kreager's total for the season to 59 in 30 innings . . . that's just under two per inning. He's a night rider.

Randy Lee doubled in John Grills in the first inning to give Ratigan a quick lead. But Thurston tied it in the second with Scott Stacy singled, went to second on a sacrifice by Gordon Eszes and scored on Ken Chapek's single.

In the third inning Kreager was safe on an error, moved to third on Dennis Benedict's hit and both scored when Munson delivered a key hit.

Tom Kaseta was charged with the defeat.



OUT AT PLATE -- Catcher Neel Short, of Warholak, tags plate and then moves out of the way as Pitcher Dave Rice, of Royals, tries to score. It was a force play

with the bases loaded and Rice arrived too late. The Royals went on to crush Warholak in the showdown battle at Ford Field. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Redford Nears Second Round Honors In Adray

IN CONTRAST to the well-pitched game between the Optimists and DiPonio, there was the one-sided battle in which Crowe's Livonia Royals stayed unbeaten by scalping American Sentry, 15-6.

It was one of the biggest onslaughts -- runwise of the season -- and it results from a barrage of walks and errors.

Mike Perino, Jim Erwin, Al Hernandez and Gary Battles, all big hitters during the high school seasons, had their big bats going for the Royals. Joe Berg also chipped in.

Charles Shipley had three hits for the losers in the game which was played between rain drops and in some mud and finally was called after the

forced the teams to suspend play.

TIES ARE NOT made up in the Adray League. They count as a half victory and half defeat.

One game involving Garden City and Northville must be made up next Thursday before the second-round officially ends.

Meantime, the teams are all in the third and final round of the regular-season action with the curtain slated to fall on July 31.

The Greater Livonia winner will meet the Oakland County champs in the first round of the state playoffs in which Mt. Pleasant and Lansing also will be involved.

The Carr coasted along on a four-hitter and fanned 12 as Bill Holmes led the Redford attack against Hotcomb with four hits.

Tom Rose came off the bench and slugged a triple and homer and drove in four runs.

Redford took a 1-0 lead in the first inning on singles by Kirk Taylor, Bill Howe and Holmes.

Three runs came across in the second when Dennis Benedict tripled, Carr and Dennis Poppenger singled. Randy Taylor walked and Howe delivered a sacrifice fly.

Then came an eight-run uprising in the fourth when Roy homered, Joe Himmlerspach and Poppenger tripled, Randy Taylor walked and Howe delivered a double.

A RUN IN THE seventh and final inning beat the darkest and enabled Livonia's Hubert

Livonian Wins USTFF Decathlon

It couldn't be a better pitched game than it ended in a scoreless tie.

The next best mounded dust is a 1-0 affair and that's the way it was Wednesday when Farmington's American Legion team defeated Troy, 1-0, in an 11th District League battle.

Mike Hart, a product of Our Lady of Sorrows, not only pitched the route for the winners, but he also scored the game's only run in the eighth inning, one over the regulation.

On the mound Hart fanned 12 and didn't walk a man.

In the eighth inning, he started the payoff rally by drawing a walk. Paul Kupferschmid singled him along and then Dave Shay slapped out a single to score Hart and decide the game.

John Fleming had two hits for the winners.

Farmington Legion Wins

13-Year-Old Fires An Ace

Thirteen-year-old Gerry McCauley accomplished a feat that many golfers never do.

Gerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCauley, of 1819 Dalby, Redford Township, ace the 146-yard 17th hole at the Glenhurst Golf Club.

The eighth-grade Pearson Junior High student turned the trick with a three iron. His hole-in-one helped him to a final score of 103 for 18 holes.

Area Golfer Scores Second Hole-In-One

Bill Lockeman of Livonia turned the rare trick Thursday by canning his second hole-in-one.

Lockeman, 38, of 9905 Berwick, ace the 215-yard third hole at Salem Hills Golf Club.

He used a three-iron to clear a water-filled ditch and sink his shot on an elevated green.

Two years ago Lockeman collected his first ace at Fox Hills.

He plans to compete in the AAJ all-around championship which he is the defending title holder. The all-around is one of the most grueling tests in track and field with the contestants competing in 10 events in one day.

"I, Aug. 1, he will go after" the pavilion honors in Buffalo, N.Y.

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Sandlot Schedule

CLASS A
 SUNDAY - Garden City vs. Redford
 Wonderland Lanes, Garden City; Soper's, Clark vs. Holt, Livonia; Northwest vs. Robert Reiss, Redford. All games at 1:30 p.m.

WONDERLAND
 MONDAY - Garden City vs. Soper's, Ford Field, 6 p.m.; Wonderland Lanes vs. Hubert, Ford, 8:30 p.m.; HOS vs. Northville, Haggerty, 8 p.m.

LIVONIA
 TUESDAY - Garden City vs. Hubert, Ford, 6 p.m.; Soper's vs. Northwest, Ford, 8 p.m.; Wonderland Lanes vs. HOS, 10 p.m.

ADRAY LEAGUE
 SUNDAY - Detroit vs. Redford, Ford, 6 p.m.; Northville Reef vs. Westland, 8:30 p.m.; Durin vs. Plymouth, Plymouth, 1:30 p.m.

WESTLAND
 MONDAY - Holcomb vs. Westland, Bell Creek, Northville vs. Hubert, Redford, Durin vs. Northville vs. Hubert, Bentley, 8 p.m.

CONARD MACK NATIONAL LEAGUE
 SATURDAY - B and V vs. Warholak,

Thurston; Franklin vs. Northville, Northville; Garden City East vs. Crowe's Royals, Garden City Park; Plymouth Elks vs. Tom's Service, James, at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY - Plymouth Elks vs. American Sentry, Stevenson; B and V vs. Hubert, Ford, 8:30 p.m.; Tom's Service vs. Royals, Ford Field, 8:30 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
 SATURDAY - Coleman and Glatz, Franklin; Ford, Hubert, Bentley vs. DiPonio, Stevenson; Ratigan vs. Stoy, Stevenson; Stevenson vs. Garden City; Chesley, Northville vs. Garden City West, North Farmington, James, at 6 p.m.

SUNDAY - Garden City West vs. Churchill, Ford, Chesley vs. Plymouth; Coleman and Glatz vs. Thurston; North Farmington vs. DiPonio, Plymouth; Hubert vs. Optimist, Bentley, James at 6 p.m.

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