

GC Wins State Pony League Championship

Hats off to Manager Scott Wilfong. Hats off to his Garden City All Stars Pony League baseball team.

Led by Wilfong, Garden City has repeated as Michigan's Pony League champs for boys 13-14 years of age.

A FOUR-GAME sweep in last weekend's state meet at Hamtramck brought Garden City the Michigan crown again.

It also rewarded Wilfong and his players a trip to Lafayette, Ind., for the regionals which start Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

The regionals will be a two-defeat-and-out com-

petition and, if successful there, Garden City will move to the sectionals in Springfield, Ill., and then, hopefully, to the World Series at Washington, Pa., later in the month.

Garden City edged North Farmington, 2-1, in the opener of state play. In the next game it was 1-0 over Southgate in an eight-inning duel.

Then Garden City slipped past Bay City, 5-4, and in the final, it was a 5-3 win for Wilfong's stars against Hamtramck.

Garden City had to fight uphill, showing the signs of a great team, in beating Hamtramck.

The Cosmos seized a 3-0 lead in the first inning, but thereafter didn't get a man as far as second base as Terry Dobbs settled down to pitch brilliantly the rest of the way.

Garden City began its comeback when Steve Orr parked a homer.

Then in the fifth after Gary Ferencchick and Jim Wisniewski singled, Jerry Herbst socked the ball out of the park for another homer and Garden City had three more runs and the lead for keeps.

The final run came on a walk and an error.

Garden City managed five hits to four for Hamtramck.

It also took a comeback for Garden City to win over Bay City.

Once more, Garden City fell behind, 3-0. Only this time the deficit existed as late as the fourth inning.

Then the Garden City bats started to rattle again.

Redford Clinches 8th Adray Crown

It was an old story...or, maybe, it should be referred to as history repeating.

For the eighth straight year, Redford Township under coach Bob Atkins reigns as the Greater Livonia Adray (formerly the Free Press) League champs.

A 4-0 win over Livonia Hubert Sunday settled the playoffs in a hurry and qualified Redford for the opening round of the state tournament against Oakland County Saturday at Detroit's Maniz Field at 1 p.m.

The Saturday winner will meet the Mt. Pleasant-Lansing winner while the losers also clash the same day in the double elimination competition to decide the state crown and the right to go to Johnstown, Pa., for the All American Amateur Baseball Association meet.

Redford needed only one win against Hubert because during the regular-season chase, Redford had won two rounds to Livonia's one.

Thus Hubert would have to win twice from Redford to take the crown.

DALE BIEKE hurled the shutout, marking the sixth time this season he has turned in a white wash performance. He fanned nine and allowed three hits. But he was wilder than usual, giving up six walks.

The home run ball led to the undoing of Hubert's Ken Gawkowski.

He served up a pair and the two blasts resulted in three of the four Redford runs.

Redford will be shooting for its sixth straight state crown and sixth trip to the national tournament in which the Townshippers finished second two years ago.

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Poppenger walked and went around on a sacrifice, infield out and a wild pitch.

In the sixth Bill Howe doubled and Kirk Taylor homered.

Hubert had two excellent chances to break through as Bjerke. In the second inning, Bob Ficavo and Stu Rose singled and reached second and third, respectively, with one out. But they were stranded.

Jerry Detter singled and John Schroeder walked in the sixth with none out, but neither was able to score.

BUT THIS TIME Billy Holmes socked a homer in the second inning. In third, Dennis



SHOWING HIS EMOTIONS at the day in his honor at Tiger Stadium is Al Kaline, one of the all-time greats of the Detroit Baseball Club. Al started to speak over the "mike" but broke down momentarily and then went on to thank fans for the tribute. Kaline is shown with his wife, Louise, and sons Al and Mike. (Observer photo by Vince Witke)

Colt Teams To Clash In Regional Tourney

For the first time, a Michigan city will host a regional Colt League baseball tournament when four teams square off at Garden City Park Thursday.

It'll be a double elimination meet with the field including host Garden City and state champ Hamtramck. Garden City will meet Birmingham in the first round.

There'll be two games Thursday and Friday, with the first starting at 1:30 p.m.

The final is slated for Saturday.

Livonian Third In Pentathlon

A new Livonian has wasted little time in bringing national track recognition with him.

He's Brian Murphy, who recently moved to the area from Milwaukee where he ran and competed for the University of Wisconsin's Milwaukee Branch.

Last weekend, Murphy, who's 30 and the father of two, competed in the National AAU pentathlon championships at Boulder, Colo.

He posted 3,113 points to place third behind Mike Hill with 3,316 points and Carl Locke with 3,286.

Westland Becomes a 'Spoiler'; Ousts Northville From Race

The "beauty" of sports is that teams play to the hilt.

Regardless of how a team has been faring, it goes all out until the game has been decided.

Which was the story in the Greater Livonia Adray Baseball League when Westland engaged Northville.

For Westland, it's been a so-so season. Playing Northville meant nothing as far as the title race was concerned.

For Northville, it was a different story.

This was a makeup game from the second round, although the teams were just about to finish the third round.

NORTHVILLE, by beating Westland, stood to tie Redford for the second round title and force a playoff to determine who goes into the league finals.

The rewards are high for the winner in the Adray League—a chance to play in the state tournament—a possible trip to the national tournament at Johnstown and Altoona, Pa.

But to get back to Westland. The team merely was running out the string on the season.

After facing Northville, there'd be just one more game left—the next day against Plymouth.

Westland rose to the heights against Northville, scoring a 4-2 win to shatter Northville's hopes for a playoff slot.

Dave Conlin hurled for the winners. He allowed six hits and fanned six men.

All the Westland runs were scored in the fifth inning when Kerry Webb started the uprising with a walk. Then Dave Briggs singled and Conlin was safe on an error, admitting one run.

The story was different for Westland the next day.

GOING AGAINST Plymouth, Westland suffered a 6-2 loss as Jon Cederberg went the route and was given a comfortable working margin when his mates scored three times in the first inning and three more in the second.

A walk, followed by hits by Howie Schryer, Dale Rumberger and John Stout produced the three Plymouth runs in the first inning. Rumberger's sock with two out knocked in two markers. Stout's hit chased in the third run.

Then in the second inning, Plymouth loaded the bases on a walk to Cederberg and singles by Becker and Cunningham. After Cederberg was forced at the plate, Keith Bauman cleared the sacks with a triple. Thereafter, Plymouth made only three hits off Battle, who came on in relief.

Webb doubled in Conlin with Westland's first run in the second inning. Then in the fourth Lyons walked and scored on a double by Conlin.

REDFORD, timing up for the playoffs, blanked Farmington Highcomb, 3-0, as Joe Himmelspach, a Farmington resident, turned on his city-mates.

Himmelspach, who played for Farmington High, scattered two hits as Redford finished the second round with a 3-2 record.

Redford scored in the second inning when Bill Howe singled, stole second and tallied when Himmelspach was safe on an error. Himmelspach then stole second and came around on Tom Roy's single.

In the fourth, Howe singled, was sacrificed along and scored on R.J. Leflous's hit.

Pistons List 41 Contests In Cobo Hall For 1970-71

A record 41-game home schedule for the National Basketball Association's 1970-71 season has been announced by the Detroit Pistons.

It will mark the first time the Pistons have all their allocated home contests at Cobo Arena. In past years, "Home" games have been played as part of doubleheaders in other NBA cities or assigned to non-league cities.

"The day of NBA teams playing their home games elsewhere is all but over," General Manager Ed Coll said.

"Besides, the Pistons feel that it's only fair to their fans and the team to play every possible game we can at Cobo."

The overall '70-71 schedule again calls for 82 games—41 at home and 41 on the road.

THE PISTONS will pry off their home lid with one of the greatest one-two punches in their history.

Opening night at Cobo on Tuesday, Oct. 20, will match the Pistons against the Milwaukee Bucks, led by Lew Alcindor. Two nights later on Thursday, Oct. 22, Pistol Pete Maravich, the new sensation of the Atlanta Bucks and college basketball's all-time scoring whiz, will make his first visit into Cobo.

The addition of three new NBA franchises—in Buffalo, Cleveland and Portland—has resulted in the revamping of the schedules for all teams; also the assignment of teams in new four-team divisions. The Pistons will perform in the Mid-west Division, along with Milwaukee, Chicago and Phoenix.

Under the revised schedule, teams will meet each other within their division three times at home and three times on the road.

The Pistons will oppose the other established teams a total of five times each.

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