

Thurston Comes From Behind To Take Mack Honors

As long as there's life, there's hope ...

You can't believe it ... and for proof there's the Thurston baseball team. The Greater Livonia American Division baseball champs this year.

Winning in the Livonia League caused Thurston the right to play in the Flint Connie Mack regional.

IT DIDN'T LOOK too good when Thurston lost to Midland in the first game in the two-defeat-and-out tournament. The pressure definitely was on.

But Thurston bounced right back and proceeded to win four straight games, eliminating matters with a 6-2 win over the same Midland team Monday in the championship game.

As a result, Thurston now goes on to the state Mack tournament at Midland, which starts Thursday, and where the Livonia Royals, the National Division champs in Livonia, also will be playing.

Bob Hollandsworth fired a seven-hitter in beating Midland. He fanned seven and walked only one batter.

Thurston took a lead in the third inning when Gorde Eszes doubled, Scott Stacey walked and Ken Chopek drove both in with a hit.

Then came a three-run uprising in the fourth when

Dennis Benedict led off with a homer, Stu Rose, Eszes, Stacey and Chopek singled in order for two runs.

In the sixth, Rose singled, took two bases on a passed ball and scored on Stacey's sacrifice fly.

ONE-HIT PITCHING by John Muuson, who fanned eight, enabled Thurston to down Bown Construction, 2-1, following a 5-3 win over Flint in a pair of Sunday games.

Stacey singled and scored the first Thurston run and then

Stacey doubled and scored on Munson's hit for the game-winner in the 23rd inning.

Hood worked 5 and one-third innings in the 5-4 triumph, but needed help from Hollandsworth and Steve Kreager to save the day.

Kreager worked to four batters and struck out three. Chopek's long double knocked in Munson and Hood in the second inning.

Then in the fourth, Hollandsworth singled, Chopek was safe on an error and Benedict singled for one run. After Chopek was out trying for third,

Dennis Poppenger rapped a long homer over the fence for two runs.

THURSTON DESERVED a better fate Friday when play began.

The Townshippers wound up with a defeat and victory, despite the brilliant pitching of Bob Hood and Steve Kreager, who in the two games allowed only a total of one run and seven hits.

It was just that Hood, Stevenson High star and added from the Hubert team for the Mack regional, was bested by

Ron Zink of Midland in a spectacular pitching duel, 1-0, in the tourney's opener.

Hood fanned 10 and didn't walk a man. But he gave up two singles and hit a batter in the fourth inning and that proved the deciding factor.

His mates, meantime, were held to four hits by Zink. Gordon Eszes accounted for two of the hits, a single in the first and another single in the sixth.

Eszes each time stole second, but that's as far as any Thurston man got.

Dennis Poppenger and Hood

accounted for the other hits.

THURSTON'S 4-0 win over Midland Saturday, 5-3, by scattering three hits, including eight walks, was good.

Eszes and Hood were the scoreboard in the other games when he pitched a no-hitter.

In the final game, Thurston walked and scored 10 hits, the second by Bob Hollandsworth, who singled and scored 5 runs.

Stu Rose, another Stevenson star, who was picked up by Hubert team, also had a hand in both Poppenger's and Hood's

Royals Sweep 4 Games For Mack Title

Happy year it's been for the boys who played baseball for Livonia's Bentley High.

They won the Suburban Six League title and then banded together virtually intact to form the Crowe's Royals and won the Greater Livonia County Mack National Division title.

NOW THEY'RE champs again ... victors in a regional Mack tournament that started at Livonia and finished at Ypsilanti.

The Royals swept through four tournament games, climaxing matters with a 3-2 win over Dearborn Sunday.

So, the next stop is the state Mack tournament which begins on Thursday at Marshall.

Ken Gawkowski, a star hurler at Bentley, allowed six hits and fanned five to win for the Royals against Dearborn.

Gawkowski also poked a

hommer after Terry Mills doubled for two runs in the third inning.

The game's winning run was

chased in the sixth when Joe

Beg singled, went to third on an error and scored on a passed ball.

THE ROYALS SWEEPED into

the finals by downing Inkster, 8-0, Friday and then followed with a 5-4 win over Ann Arbor Baskin-Robbins Saturday.

Gary Battle hurled the

shutout against Inkster and was supported by some heavy hitting.

The game actually was called after five innings under the

tournament's "energy" rule whereby when a team has a score lead after the fifth inning, the game is over.

Match, however, was not over.

He faced and lost a 9-inning game when he gave up a single in the fifth inning with two outs out.

Mike Perino sacked a batter in the first inning to provide the Royals with the lead, and they actually needed 10-inning ball. They scored 10-5, thanks to singles by Ken Gawkowski, Joe Berg and Perino, a walk to Al Horner, a hit and two singles by Bill Ross and Battle.

THE LIVONIANS scored twice more in the fourth when Perino and Gawkowski singled and came around on errors.

Perino, Battle and Gawkowski each had two hits.

Dave Rice allowed six hits in beating Ann Arbor. He struck out five.

THE ROYALS SCORED against Ann Arbor in the first inning and again in Berg and Battle.

The second two runs came to when Howie Scheyer walked, Terry Mills singled and Gawkowski walked to fill the bases. Berg scored Scheyer with a sacrifice fly and Mills registered on an error.

In the sixth, Bill Walden doubled. Perino singled for one run and Mills singled to drive in what proved the winning run.

BIG GUN for Thurston, in its bid for the division championship in the Connie Mack is pitcher John Munson. The all-Observerland choice during the spring high school season and Steve Kreager have kept the team going and made it one of the best in the state. (Observer photo)

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