

Pitching tosses Walter's into LCBL lead

Walter's Appliance has strong-armed its way into first place in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League — winning a pair of intense duels, 2-1 against Garden City Friday and 1-0 Sunday against Little Caesars.

Sunday, Doug Doyle hurled a gem, blanking Little Caesars on one hit. Doyle (3-0) faced just 23 batters in seven innings. He walked two and struck out two.

Caesars' Todd Wallace threw a one-hitter back at Walter's. He faced 22 batters in six innings and fanned seven. Walter's didn't hit a ball out of the infield off Wallace.

But an unearned run in the bottom of the fourth cost Wallace a win.

Walter's Steve Frelick reached base on an error and stole second. He went to third on Gary Hall's bunt single. Hall stole second and Frelick scored when the catcher's throw went into center field.

Frelick, a Northville High grad, played a prominent role in Walter's 2-1 win at Garden City Friday, scoring both runs. He singled in the first and

came around on a wild pitch and two ground outs.

Greg Burke homered for Garden City in the bottom of the first, and the game stayed tied until the seventh. Frelick walked, stole second, advanced to third on a ground out and scored on John Stoltz's perfect suicide squeeze bunt.

The story of the game, though, was the four-hit pitching of Bob Cox. He fanned three and walked only one.

"We're getting real nice pitching and defensive play," said Walter's coach Mike Vigna, whose team is 9-1 and a game ahead of second-place Livonia Adray. "We're playing baseball and taking advantage of things."

Gary Huckstein took the loss for Garden City.

LIVONIA ADRAY stayed one step behind Walter's winning three straight. Ron Heller's team beat Westland Federation 10-1 on Friday, then swept Garden City in a Sunday twin bill, 5-2 and 12-1.

Bill Uile's two hits paced Livonia's 10-hit attack against Westland. Dave

baseball

Austin clipped in with a two-run double. Kevin Harrah picked up the win with relief help from Jeff DePorter.

Mark Perdue absorbed the loss for Westland (4-7).

Todd Krumm, the Michigan State University football-baseball standout, wore Garden City out on Sunday. In game one, he rapped a single and triple — three of Livonia's five hits off loser Mike Roffi.

Jeff Price picked up the victory. Joe Winnick had three hits to pace GC.

In game two, Krumm did the damage from the pitcher's mound, checking Garden City on three hits. He fanned eight. Uile went 3-for-3; DePorter went 2-for-3 with a two-run homer. Austin ripped a double and a triple; and Greg Kusia had a pair of hits to pace Livonia (8-2).

Garden City falls to 4-8.

LITTLE CAESARS had a 2-2 week and remain in the thick of the LCBL chase with a third-best 8-3 record.

On Friday, Caesars blanked the Livonia Angels 8-0 and ripped Northville 11-3.

Against the winless Angels, Tom Liss fired a two-hitter and fanned eight. Ken Krill knocked in three runs with a pair of hits and Mike Betz clipped in two hits.

Bill Haynes took the loss for the Angels.

Betz had a field day against Northville. He knocked in five runs with three hits, including a pair of three-baggers. Mike Vigna also had a pair of hits.

Dan Michaels was the winning pitcher.

The tides turned on Caesars on Sunday when they lost to Walter's and to Westland, 5-2.

Perdue picked up the win for Westland; Rob McCamant took the loss.

NORTHVILLE improved its lot with a double-header sweep of the Angels (0-11) Sunday, winning the opener 5-4 and

the nightcap 7-6 — both games in eight innings.

Eric Engel, North Farmington grad, scored the winning run in the opener. He singled scored from third after a suicide squeeze attempt failed and the Angel catcher threw the ball into left field.

Northville tied the game in the seventh on a two-out, two-run single by George Clark. Tom Cotter, another North Farmington product, had three hits.

Scott Ford, a Plymouth Canton grad, pitched the final three innings, retiring all nine men he faced, to pick up the win.

Ford picked up the win in game two, also in relief.

The Angels scored three times in the top of the seventh to take a 5-3 lead. Cotter, though, knotted the score with a clutch three-run double in the bottom of the inning.

Northville (5-6) won the game in the eighth on Clark's RBI single. Robbie Cannon had three hits for Northville. Greg Somerville took the loss for the Angels.

LIVONIA COLLEGIATE BASEBALL STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Walter's	10	1	.909
Adray	8	2	.800
Little Caesars	8	3	.727
Northville	6	6	.500
Wild Federation	4	7	.364
Garden City	4	8	.333
Angels	0	11	.000

BATTING LEADERS (16 at-bats)

Player	AB	R	H	AVG
Bill Uile (Adray)	19	9	14	.737
Chuck Morgan (Walter's)	30	14	46	.467
Leo Langan (Walter's)	29	13	44	.448
Mike Betz (Caesars)	27	12	44	.444
Todd Krumm (Adray)	21	9	42	.429
Pete Rose (Adray)	20	8	40	.400
Kenn Schwartz (Caesars)	37	14	37	.379
Jeff DePorter (Adray)	27	10	37	.370
Greg Kusia (Adray)	27	10	37	.370
Scott Ford (Walter's)	22	8	36	.364
Gary Lianich (Caesars)	33	12	36	.364
John Stoltz (Adray)	32	11	32	.313

PITCHING (2 decisions)

Player	W-L	IP	ERA
John Fraser (Walter's)	1-0	9.0	0.00
Dan Michaels (Caesars)	2-0	8.0	0.00
Doug Doyle (Walter's)	3-0	21.0	1.00
Bob Cox (Walter's)	2-0	14.0	1.00
John Rogers (Caesars)	3-0	16.0	1.50
Todd Wallace (Caesars)	3-1	24.0	1.70
Jeff Price (Adray)	3-0	13.0	2.85
Kevin Harrah (Adray)	2-1	13.0	3.00

Bad breaks tilt Legion '9'

Randy Meier's Farmington American Legion baseball team has picked up where it left off last year — plagued by bad luck.

On Friday, Farmington rallied for five runs in the top of the seventh to take an 8-6 lead only to see Oxford tie the game in the bottom of the inning. Steve Cody (2-for-3) rapped a clutch two-run single to clinch the rally.

The game was suspended after eight innings because of darkness. It will be completed June 30.

Farmington split a double-header Sunday with Millford, losing a 1-0, an eight-inning comeback in the opener, and winning the nightcap 8-3.

Farmington hurler Mike Gabriele struck out 12 and allowed just five hits in his eight innings. Farmington couldn't put any of their six hits together.

FARMINGTON HAD a run taken away in the first when the umpire

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ruled that a Farmington runner failed to touch the plate — Meier protested the call to no avail.

"The umpire never saw the play," the second-year coach said. "The Millford coach started yelling and screaming that he missed the plate. The umpire wasn't even looking at the play."

Cody, Gabriele and Rich Mueller each got a pair of hits.

Mueller, a Catholic Central grad, capped an eight-run Farmington fifth inning with a grand slam home run to tie game two.

Farmington High grad Dave Casaroli allowed just two hits to pick up the victory.

Farmington is 2-3 on the season.

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JUNIOR MASTERS GOLF TOURNEY

Junior golfers from Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan will gather at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville July 8-10 for the second Great Lakes Junior Masters Golf Tournament.

This is a non-handicap tournament open to the first 288 golfers, ages 11 through 17, to register. The field will be trimmed to 144 after 36 holes.

Last year, the tourney attracted 203 junior golfers.

A \$35 entry fee includes golf, trophies, food and beverages. Applications and information about housing can be obtained by calling Meadowbrook, 349-3606. Application deadline is Sunday, June 23.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Basketball camps for boys in grades seven to 11 will be held this summer at OCC's Orchard Ridge campus, Orchard Lake Road near 12 Mile. Two sessions from July 8-12 and 15-19 run 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; a third session, also July 15-19, runs 1:30-5 p.m. Registration fee of \$45 includes instruction,

materials and a camp T-shirt. For groups of seven or more there is a \$5 per person discount. Registration runs through July 8. For more information call 471-7553.

SWIM COACHES WANTED

There are openings for a girls swimming coach (fall season) and boys swimming coach (winter season) at Garden City High School. Applicants do not have to live within the district. For more information call athletic director Bill Pinnell days at 421-8220 or evenings at 421-0148.

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