

Chiefs drop Farmington, 8-2

By Brad Emons
staff writer

More than one source of thunder prevailed over Saturday's rain-shortened Class A baseball district tournament at Northville High School.

Plymouth Canton left fielder Jeff Kugelman provided his own storm, cracking a pair of home runs and knocking in five runs as the Chiefs won their semifinal game against Farmington, 8-2.

The Chiefs had to literally get out of the way, but through 1 1/2 innings, Livonia Churchill forged a 2-0 lead over civic rival Stevenson.

Play resumes at 3:30 today with Canton awaiting the outcome of the Churchill-Stevenson final. The winner advances Saturday, June 10, to the Plymouth Salem regional against the Wyandotte Roosevelt district champion.

Farmington, meanwhile, was hoping to ride the crest of big wins over rival North Farmington a week ago in the predistrict, 6-3.

But Falcons starter Chris Schmid was the victim of his own wildness, hitting Derek Humphries with a pitch and walking Jason Dembny in the opening inning.

THAT SET THE table for the left-handed slugging Kugelman, who smashed a curveball over the fence in left-center field to make it 3-0.

In the third inning, Kugelman keyed a four-run outburst with a two-run blast, his fifth of the year. The ball sailed over the right-center field fence. (Humphries, who led off the inning with a single, scored the second of his three runs on the homer.)

"Jeff's an All-Conference player who's hitting about .453," said Canton coach Fred Crissey, whose team is 20-8 overall. "He's been pretty consistent all year. The first one he hit out was in a good spot, a good location. When he hits the ball where it's pitched, he's going to have a good day."

Farmington coach Kevin Kausman couldn't fault his pitcher.

"He (Kausman) hit two good pitches," he said. "The first one he hit was a curve. It was a little bit out over the plate and up. The second was on a knuckleball."

Continuing in the third, Mikio Tanaka followed with a single and Chris Robinson walked. Both runners moved up on a wild pitch and the two scored on an infield error as Canton opened up a 7-0 cushion.

The Chiefs added another run in the fourth when Humphries walked, stole second and scored when Dembny's lazy pop fly fell between three Farmington fielders for an error.

THAT WAS MORE than enough for hard throwing right-hander Mike Sulak, who held the Falcons pretty much in check with his fastball, clocked consistently above the 80 mph mark on a nearby radar gun.

The scalar scattered five hits, struck out six and walked only one batter in raising his personal record to 6-1.

Sulak's only rough inning occurred in the sixth, when the Falcons averted the shutout.

P.J. Green doubled and came home on an infield throwing error on a called third strike. Scott Lakatos followed with an RBI single, scoring Chris Adams.

"I thought he (Sulak) pitched well," Crissey said. "The name of the game is to get to throw strikes. When he had to have an out, he got it and he's basically done that ever since he's been here."

"He's won six to eight tourney games for us. He went after them today. That's what you've got to have. He did exactly what we wanted."

The Chiefs were short-handed behind the plate as Dembny, the starting catcher, left early in the game with a bad thumb. Backup Ron Grob was unable to catch because of a pulled groin, leaving the duties to Ron Barlow, who played most of the spring on the JV squad.

THE (DEMENBY) couldn't squeeze the ball on some of those hard throws and Grob could only swing a bat, so that left us with the Barlow kid and he did a fine job filling in," Crissey said.

It was a disappointing outing for the Falcons, who earlier in the season knocked off the Chiefs, 3-2, as Lakatos pitched a four-hitter to pick up the win.

"We thought about starting Scott (who came on in relief), but there were two reasons why we went with Schmid," said Kausman, whose team bowed out with a 10-8 record. "First, Canton is a good bunting team and we wanted a left-handed pitcher to bunters at first. And secondly, Chris had been throwing pretty well of late."

In the second game, Stevenson threatened with two baserunners in the bottom of the first against Churchill starter Scott Kenny.

But the Chargers got out of the inning when Kenny picked off Scott Koziol at first and Mike Dalmonette was gunned down at third by catcher Dale Collier while trying to steal.

THE CHARGERS tallied a pair of runs in the top of the second off Dalton, the Stevenson starter.

Kenny singled and advanced to second when the ball was bobbled in the outfield.

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Knoll represented the tying run when she attempted to steal second. She ran into Stevenson and knocked unconscious temporarily. Mercy second baseman Pam Thompson picked up the ball and tagged Knoll.

"It's just one of those things that happens and there's nothing you can do about it," said Ladywood coach Kim Linenger, adding there was nothing to protest. "The play is not dead, so you can't call time. It was a question of who was going to get up first."

Sayer, an all-area player last year, came fast to get an assist on the steal attempt but suffered a bruised thigh and was receiving treatment between games.

"I THINK this rain is a godsend, because I don't think we would have gotten the best performance out of either one," Brown said.

Today's game will mark the fourth straight year the Marlins and Franklin have met at some stage of the district tournament, but it will be their first meeting in the final. The Patriots won the Class A title in 1986, and Mercy has won the last two district championships.

"We're more of a hitting team, and they're more of a bunt and run team," said Epstein, comparing the finalists. "I don't think we matched up very well on speed on the baseballs. We have five, six players who can catch the ball, and it seems the better the pitching the better they hit the ball."

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"We pounded the ball last year and lost 6-5," he added, "and we had at least four line drive double plays. We have a different team, but I think we'll be better."

Mayle's outing Saturday gave Epstein added confidence in her if she's needed today, but Lisa Allen, who has 14 victories, will start.

"She has a tendency to go wild,"

Epstein said, "but as far as sawing the bat out of peoples' hands, I only remember one or two times during the year when anyone was able to pull the ball on Lisa Allen."

Mercy evened its season series

with the Blazers at 3-3. Stevenson White held the Marlins to five hits, but she walked eight and struck out 10. Ladywood finished with a 10-4 record.

Both coaches agreed Lady Luck was shining more favorably on Mercy this time.

"Our runners are actually the ones who trip, who get the bad calls," Brown said. "It was our turn to get the breaks and Ladywood didn't."

MERCY'S MOE Paulin and Ladywood's Julie Wilson scored on wild pitches, and the game was tied when

the Marlins got a pair of breaks in the top of the sixth.

Kim Reichard, who eventually replaced the winning run, was struck out by Mayle and struck third in Amy Miller's apparent groundout. Brown appealed the call at first, and the home plate umpire reversed the field umpire's call, ruling Jimaria Skourtovich had pulled her foot off the bag at first.

Brown, who was coaching on the third-base side, said she didn't see the play but appealed it after hearing a spectator say the fielder was off the base.

As a result of Miller being safe and there being only one out, Reichard scored on Maura Phene's groundout. Mercy got its second break when Ladywood second baseman Diane Domanski opted for the putout at first instead of home plate on Phene's grounder.

"She's been very consistent," Linenger said. "That's probably the only mistake she's made mentally all year."

"Basically, it was a question of who was going to get the breaks. I think all the breaks went to them."

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for roof renovation at Warner Middle School until 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 20, 1989, at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 33500 Shalloway, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Beverly Haussman. They will be publicly opened and read at the Board of Education meeting at 7:00 P.M. on the same date.

The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates to be appointed to Boards and Committees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

RICHARD L. TUPPER, Mayor
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, City Clerk

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JANICE ROLNICK, Secretary
Board of Education

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE WALLED LAKE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF OKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual School Election has been called to be held in the Walled Lake School District on the 15th day of June, 1989, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education for one term for a regular (4) four year term and one member for one unexpired one (1) year term of which the following persons have been nominated:

Four Year Term - Expiring in 1993 One Year Term - Expiring in 1990

Cynthia H. Campion
Patricia Ann Jackman
G. William Knight

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

THE POLLING PLACE WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING. THE VOTING PLACES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Precinct No. 1
Walled Lake Junior High School building,
615 N. Pontiac Trail

Precinct No. 2
Keith Elementary School building,
2400 Keith Road

Precinct No. 3
Commerce Elementary School building,
2000 Parr Street

Precinct No. 4
Walled Lake Elementary School building,
301 North Wixom Road

Precinct No. 5
Glenary Elementary School building,
3070 Woodbury

Precinct No. 6
Twin Beech Elementary School building,
7140 Oakley Park Road

Precinct No. 7
Dublin Elementary School building,
2120 Sandydale

Precinct No. 8
Oakley Park Elementary School building,
2118 Oakley Park Road

Precinct No. 9
Maple Elementary School building,
7337 W. Maple Road

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

JOEL SILVERBLATT, Secretary
Walled Lake Schools Board of Education

Dated: April 27, 1989

PLEASE NOTE: New location for the Walled Lake Schools Election Department is 1860 West Maple Road, Walled Lake. (Near Bells Road and Maple Road). Applications for Absent Voter Ballots may be picked up at this location. For further information, please call 669-8704 or 669-8705.

KATHRYN A. DORNAN, City Clerk

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MARY BRENNAN
Harry G. Greenleaf
Jack E. Kirkay
David E. Tatman

Lawrence W. Whitemarsh

and one (1) Trustee will be elected to said district at large for a four (4) year term commencing July 1, 1989 and ending June 30, 1992. The candidates are:

Vote for no more than one (1)

Ronale Bowman
Thomas E. Davis

Richard J. Hayward

Thomas J. Kotter

Patricia M. Sander

M. Andrea Taylor

Jeffrey E. Theodore

Each person voting in said election must be a citizen of the United States, above the age of eighteen (18) years and a registered voter of the School District.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said School District.

Dated: May 9, 1989

By Order of the Board of Education

/s/LINDA M. ALBERT,
Linda M. Albert, Secretary of
Clarencenville School District of
Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan

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