

Chiefs drop Farmington, 8-2

By Brad Emone
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 homers and knocking in five runs as the Chiefs won their semifinal game against Farmington, 8-2.

The second semifinal barely got under way, but through 1 1/2 innings, Livonia Churchill forged a 2-0 lead over city 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 win over rival North Farmington a week ago in the pre-district, 6-3.

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

THAT SET THE table for the left-handed slugger 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 Kamsman couldn't fault his pitcher.

"He (Kugelman) 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, Mike 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 Demby's lary 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 fastballs, clocked consistently above the 80 mph mark on a nearby radar gun.

The senior scattered five hits, struck out six and walked only one batter in raising his seasonal 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 (Sulak) pitched well," Crissey said. "The name of the game is you got 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 tournament 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 Demby, the starting catcher, left early in the game with a bad thumb. Backup Ron Groh 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.

"HE (DEMBY) couldn't squeeze the ball on some of those hard throws and Groh 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 Kamsman. "Those team bowed out with a 10-12 record. "First, Canton is a good hitting team and we wanted a lefty to hold the runners on 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 Koenig.

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

THE CHARGERS started a pair of runs in the top of the second off Dalmonte, the Stevenson starter.

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

Mercy wins last round with rival

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

"It's just one of those things that happen, 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."

Sayers, an all-area player last year, came back to get an assist on the final outplay 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 Falcons 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 match up in terms of speed on the basepaths."

We have five, six players who can pound the ball, and it seems the better the pitching the better they hit the ball."

Mayle, who struck out seven in five innings and walked two, was 3-for-3 and had three RBIs, two coming on a first-inning double. Franklin established an 8-0 lead in its first at-bat with three hits, two walks and half of Ford's eight errors.

Emily Skura also had a two-run double and three RBIs, and Trish Vasselino had two of Franklin's 13 hits.

Epstein knows the Patriots will face a tougher pitcher today, and he believes Edward has improved since last year.

"AMY HAS a better changeup, and she's added a rising ball," he said, "which as far as I'm concerned is the most effective pitch you can throw."

"We pounded the ball last year and lost 6-3," he added, "and we had at least four line-drive double plays. We have a different team, but I think we can hit her."

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 seeing 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 opened its season series with the Blazers at 3-3. Shannon White held the Marlins to five hits, but she walked eight while striking out one. Ladywood finishes with a 20-14 record.

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

"Our runners are usually 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 scored the winning run, was sacrificed to second by Jenny Gondek and took third on Amy Miller's apparent groundout. Brown appeared the call at first, and the home plate umpire reversed the field umpire's call, ruling Jomarie Skurtvick 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 Maurea Phene's groundout. Mercy got its second break when Ladywood second baseman Dana Domanski opted for the putout at first instead of home plate on Phene's groundout.

"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 games went to them."

Falcons await decision

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Brown said the idea of making Farmington and Stevenson co-champs was turned down. Holmberg said he preferred not to name a champion under the circumstances but was told by Cummings the bylaws state a champion must be declared.

Prayer suggested the possibility of the division winners, Stevenson and Plymouth Canton, and Farmington sharing the championship.

"I GUESS all three have a legitimate claim to the title," he said. Holmberg said he voted against continuing Thursday, because he didn't see any point in doing so if the Farmington schools weren't able to compete. He said afterward he questioned the soundness of the decision that was made on the spot Wednesday night.

"With some time to reflect, I'm not sure it's a decision we should've made or had the authority to make," Holmberg said. "It's certainly something the athletic directors should be deciding instead of people who are under the stress of the moment."

"We had to decide what was best for the kids at that time, and that was to get them in the buses and get them home. The next issue was whether to finish the meet. It would have been easy for me to want to run the meet (Thursday) and win it without Farmington there."

Adding to the Stevenson frustration was the fact it held the lead after the 800 run only to lose it when the 200 dash results were included.

"I've got a very empty feeling about the whole thing," Holmberg said. "It's kind of a sad, hollow way to end the season for a lot of kids."

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for gymnasium re-lighting until 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 20, 1989, at the Lewis Schuman Administration Center, 31500 Silvaswase, Farmington, Michigan 48024, addressed to Beverly Hausman. They will be publicly opened and read at the Board of Education meeting at 7:30 P.M. on the same date.

A bid bond or certified check for 5% of the bid must accompany our bid proposal form. It is strongly recommended that bidders attend the prebid meeting to inspect the existing lights at Power Middle School on June 6, 1989, at 9:30 a.m. Bidders are to contact Mr. Robert H. Kutachke for an appointment at (313) 474-9396. Specifications and drawings will be available at the prebid meeting or from our purchasing department.

JANICE ROLNICK, Secretary
Board of Education

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED
FISCAL YEAR 1989-1990
GENERAL FUND SPECIAL REVENUE
AND DEBT SERVICE FUND BUDGETS

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 12, 1989, at the Council Chambers, 31555 West Eleven Mile Road. All interested persons will be provided an opportunity to present oral or written comments regarding the following proposed 1989-90 General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Debt Service Funds and Capital Improvements Fund Budget.

1989-90 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET	
REVENUES	
Property Tax Revenue	\$15,578,400
Federal Grants	223,833
State Shared Revenue	3,749,000
Reimbursement from Road Funds	1,600,000
Licenses & Permits	1,088,000
Charges for Service	1,303,000
Interest Income	1,000,000
Recreation Fees	483,476
Other	709,000
Appropriations From Fund Balance	341,886
	\$26,282,594
EXPENDITURES	
General Government & Administration	\$ 3,631,553
Boards & Commissions	231,063
District Court	859,352
Library	1,532,934
Police Department	7,711,939
Fire Department	1,832,213
Special Services	1,564,476
Public Services	7,074,384
Debt Service	1,826,500
	\$26,282,594

A copy of this information, the entire proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection starting on May 11, 1989 at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 31555 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays; the Farmington Branch Library, 33787 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; also at the Farmington Branch Library, 33500 Liberty Street, Farmington, from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

KATHRYN A. DORRAN, City Clerk

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A Special meeting of the Farmington City Council was held at 6:45 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 1989, in Meeting Room A, 21600 Liberty Street, Farmington. PRESENT: Campbell, Richardson, Tupper, Yoder.

ABSENT: Hartsock.

OTHERS PRESENT: City Manager Desmond. The purpose of the meeting was to interview candidates to be appointed to Boards and Commissions. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Annual School Election has been called to be held in the above-named School District on 15th day of June, 1989, for the purpose of electing two (2) members of the Board of Education, one member for one regular (4) 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. Cannon G. William Knight
Patricia Ann Johnson

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 POLLS OF ELECTION 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:

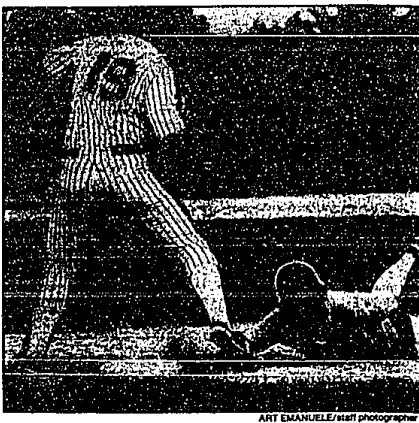
Precinct No. 1
Walled Lake Junior High School building,
615 N. Pontiac Trail
Precinct No. 2
Keith Elementary School building,
3200 Keith Road
Precinct No. 3
Commerce Elementary School building,
320 Parr Street
Precinct No. 4
Wilson Elementary School building,
301 North Wilson Road
Precinct No. 5
Glenary Elementary School building,
3070 Woodbury
Precinct No. 6
Twin Beach Elementary School building,
7149 Oakley Park Road
Precinct No. 7
Dobbin Elementary School building,
9280 Sandwyde
Precinct No. 8
Oakley Park Elementary School building,
2818 Oakley Park Road
Precinct No. 9
Maple Elementary School building,
7389 W. Maple Road
This notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said school district.

JOEL SILBERBLATT, Secretary
Walled Lake Schools Board of Education

Dated: April 27, 1989

PLEASE NOTE: New location for the Walled Lake Schools Election Department is 1950 West Maple Road, Walled Lake. (Near Benetown Road and Maple Road). Applications for Absent Voter Ballots may be picked up at this location. For further information, please call 659-8704 or 659-8705.

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Scott Lakatos of Farmington maneuvers for an attempted pickoff on Canton's Chris Robinson at first base. The baserunner, however, returned safely. The Chiefs won the game 8-2.

ART EMANUELE/staff photographer

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Dated: May 9, 1989

By Order of the Board of Education

/s/ LINDA M. AHNERT,
Linda M. Ahnert, Secretary of
Clarenceville School District of
Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan
Board of Education

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