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Murray fans 21 for win

It seems absurd, but South Farmington's Connie Mack baseball team almost needed an even better performance than what it got Sunday from Craig Murray.

Murray, a Farmington Hills Harrison graduate, struck out 21 batters and one-hit Windsor, but South barely prevailed, 2-1, over the host team. Kevin Young had two hits and the game-winning RBI. He also drew out a Windsor runner, who would have been the tying run, at third base in the sixth inning.

The only put-out in the field recorded by South fielders was a pop out. One of Murray's strikeouts did not count as a put-out because the South catcher dropped the third strike, enabling the Windsor batter to be safe at first base.

On Tuesday, South raised its record to 5-2 with a 7-0 win over host

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Mike Campbell was on the mound for South Farmington's Mickey Mantle squad Monday, but rain and darkness ended his outing after five innings, with South ahead 8-3.

Mantle team unbeaten

Dennis Pirronello banged out three hits, including two triples, and drove in four runs and Matt Fennelly collected two hits, one a double, and four RBI to trigger South Farmington's 16-4 Mickey Mantle Baseball League triumph over Plymouth Canton Tuesday.

The win improved South's record to 9-0 overall, 8-0 in the league as the team prepares for the Stars of Tomorrow Tournament in LaCrosse, Wis. South played LaCrosse Boys Club Blue at 10:45 a.m. and the Green Bay (Wis.) Packer Report at 1 p.m. today in division play.

On Friday, South completes its division play with games against Arlington Heights (Ill.) at 10:45 a.m. and Apple Valley (Minn.) at 5:30 p.m. The top team in the division advances to Saturday's quarterfinals of the 40-team (ages 16 and under) tournament, which is divided into eight divisions of five teams.

Last year, South finished fourth in the tournament.

IN TUESDAY'S win over Canton, Tyrone O'Neal tossed five innings to earn the pitching victory. South had 11 hits, with Shondell Currie driving in two runs with a pair of doubles and Eric Miller adding two RBI with two hits.

On Monday, South had an 8-3 lead going into the bottom of the fifth inning against visiting Livonia Stevenson when the game was halted because of darkness and threatening weather. Mike Campbell was on the mound, having allowed one earned run on six hits and a walk, striking out three.

Currie's bases-loaded single in the first delivered two South runs, and Pirronello added an RBI single in the first. Reggie McKinney and Fennelly contributed two hits apiece to South's attack, with Fennelly knocking in two runs. The game will be completed at a later date.

ON SUNDAY, Jay Burley delivered three runs with three hits, scored three runs and stole four bases to spark South's 15-5 victory over Redford at Capitol Park in Redford. McKinney, who went the first six innings and allowed four runs (three earned) on three hits and seven walks while striking out six, was the winning pitcher. O'Neal hurled the final inning and struck out two.

Other hitting heroes against Redford were Currie, three hits, two runs scored, two stolen bases and two RBI; Miller, two hits and two RBI; Fennelly, two hits (one a double), two runs scored and an RBI; and Pirronello, a two-run double in the seventh.

Last Saturday in Windsor, South defeated the Windsor Canadians 8-3 behind Les Luark's 11 strikeout performance. Luark improved his record to 3-0 by allowing just three hits and five walks over six innings; O'Neal struck out the side in the seventh.

Currie had two of South's six hits, a double and a triple. He also stole two bases and scored twice. South broke a 3-3 tie with a five-run sixth, ignited by Pirronello's bases-loaded grounder to third. A wild throw resulted in two runs being scored, breaking the tie.

Top-notch Observer stars have right stuff

By Brad Emons
staff writer

OFFENSIVELY, the mix is power and speed. Defensively, the main ingredient is pitching.

Those combinations make up this year's All-Observer Baseball Team.

For the second consecutive year the Observer sports staff, with input from the coaches, selected the all-star squad.

The latest All-Area squad consists primarily of players from Observer-area teams. But there are a few exceptions.

Among the season highlights from area teams:

• Redford Catholic Central (25-10) tied for third in the Catholic League's tough Central Division, but made a run in the state Class A tournament, reaching the semifinals before losing to Milford, 2-1.

Along the way the Shamrocks upset top-ranked and previously unbeaten Taylor Center, snapping the state's longest winning streak — 29 games — in the regional championship.

• Perhaps the biggest story this season was Farmington Harrison (20-8), which tied Plymouth Salem (18-8) for the best overall record in the 12-school Western Lakes Activities Association.

Harrison won the WLA's Western Division outright, while Salem took the Lakes.

• Redford Union repeated as champions of the Northwest Suburban League, while Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Canton were runners-up in the WLA. Canton also won a district title.

• John Herrington is no stranger to Observerland Coach of the Year honors.

Herrington has won three state football championships at Farmington Harrison and has been to the playoffs numerous times.

But he is no slouch when it comes to baseball either, guiding two of his teams to the final four in state tournament play.

The Hawks, however, were a question mark before the '89 season. They surprised the experts by winning 20 of 26 games to go along with a district and league crown.

Hats off to a job well done by Herrington and his staff.

Presenting the 1989 All-Area Baseball Team:

FIRST TEAM

Leo Hutchinson, Redford CC, pitcher: A four-year varsity player, Hutchinson became the workhorse of the Shamrocks' staff, hurling 112 innings. He finished with a glittering 15-3 record, recording a 1.00 ERA. He fanned 70 batters and allowed 54 walks.

During the '89 campaign, Hutchinson tossed a no-hitter, a one-hitter and three 3-hitters.

His career record is 30-11. Hutchinson played eight field when he didn't pitch, hitting .299, third best on the team.

"Leo is not the fastest guy around, but for strikeouts and durability, he helps your defense," said CC coach John Bahr. "His fastball is in the low 90's (MPH) and in college, with added work, I think he's got it up there."

Hutchinson has signed a letter-of-intent with Eastern Michigan University.

Craig Murray, Harrison, pitcher: The senior set four school records this

all-area baseball

season including won-lost percentage (9-1), innings pitched (77 1/3), strikeouts (172) and strikeouts in one game (16 vs. Oak Park).

He walked 42 batters, gave up 44 hits and only 14 earned runs for a 1.20 ERA.

"It was phenomenal," said Harrison coach John Herrington. "Craig made us a good defensive team when he pitched. The players had a lot of confidence when he pitched because they thought they were going to win the ballgame."

"I think he probably had the best year of any pitcher we've had here. Some have better overall stats for a career, but he was the best of any year."

Murray's only loss came against Class B state champion Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher in the regional when he was forced to leave a scoreless deadlock prematurely after being struck by a line drive.

Murray plans to play for Henry Ford Community College.

Joe Dellgaw, Redford Union, catcher: The 5-foot-10 senior swings one of the meanest sticks in Observerland.

He batted .520 in league play en route to all-Northwest Suburban MVP and league honors.

Overall, Dellgaw batted .489 with 22 hits (including three homers) in 45 at-bats.

"If there was a guy to get a hit in the late innings, Joe was that type of person," said RU first-year coach Chris Van-

gosa. "Joe is a real competitor. He thrives on being the deciding factor when it comes to winning."

Dellgaw was also an All-Observer pick in football where he averaged over 41 yards per punt and caught 67 passes.

Bryant Satterlee, John Glenn, utility: Another All-Observer choice in football, Satterlee was a valuable member of the Rockets' baseball team, too.

The all-Western Lakes Conference selection started the season at first base, playing seven games before moving back to his natural spot as catcher for the remainder of the season.

One area college coach called the 6-3, 220-pound senior "the best defensive catcher around."

Satterlee batted .421 with 35 hits (six extra-bases) in 83 at-bats. He scored 24 runs and knocked in 24 more.

He was named to the All-Region and All-District squads.

Satterlee will attend Central Michigan University this fall on a football scholarship.

Tim Lake, Salem, first base: The senior Lake was a run-production threat every time he stepped to the plate.

The all-WLA and all-District and Region choice batted .409 (27 for 66) with four doubles and one homer. He scored 15 runs and knocked in 18.

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Harrison hurler Craig Murray was dominating on the mound, compiling a 9-1 record.

Davidson aims for Top Gun

By Marty Budner
staff writer

Steve Herdolza is relaxed and ready to defend his "Top Gun" tournament championship.

A 1987 graduate of Bloomfield Hills Lahar High School, Herdolza is one of 32 male players set to compete in the third annual Top Gun Professional Tennis Tournament at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club. There will be a 18-team field in the women's tournament, and for the first time, the event will feature doubles draw.

Action begins Friday, with the semifinals set for Monday and the championship matches slated for Tuesday.

Herdolza won last year's title with a straight-set victory over Indiana's Mark Waldmeier. He would like nothing better than to repeat on his home turf.

"This tournament is a half-mile from my house and I've played (at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club) pretty much all my life," said Herdolza. "There's no reason not to play it."

"I have to miss a (USTA) satellite tournament to play here, but I don't mind because my family and friends will be there," he said. "It's really an enjoyable time for me."

JUAN FARROW of Chicago, who once won a set from Ivan Lendl, West Bloomfield's Ed Nagle

and Mark Pinchoff, Armand Mollino, head pro at Centaur Racquet Club, Mark Mess of Ohio, Brother Rice graduate Mike Herb and Rochester resident Brian Veltette are a few of the familiar names slated to participate.

Although Craig Wittus, winner of the first tourney two years ago, David Drew, who lost to Wittus in the finals two years ago, and Brian Page, who is playing doubles at Wimbledon, won't be around, Bloomfield Open Hunt tennis pro Steve Horn says there will be some quality tennis.

"I think the singles lineup we have for the men is the strongest

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