

Herrington is top coach

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"I can't think of anybody I'd rather have up when you need a run," said Salem assistant coach Dale Hamberger. "He may be the best two-strike hitter I've ever seen. He is as tough an out as I've seen." Lake, who helped the Rockets gain a share of the WIAA's overall crown, struck out only seven times this season.

Joe Brusseau, Bishop Borgese, infielder: The senior shortstop/second baseman drew rave notices from fellow Catholic League coaches for his defensive prowess. Headed for Madonna College, Brusseau was a "rookie" in what only could be termed a "thorny season" for the 4-10 Spartans.

Brusseau led Borgese in every offensive category including batting average (.343), slugging percentage (.620), on-base percentage (.475), runs scored (14), RBI (16), hits (24) and walks (14).

The senior was voted all-Catholic League and All-Central Division. "Offensively, he has lots to learn, but even though I'm his father, he's one of the best gloves I've seen," said Borgese head coach Norm Brusseau.

The younger Brusseau is also a stand-out hockey player. He was recently draft-

ed in the fifth round by a Junior A club.

Derek Humphries, Canton, infielder: The senior shortstop took a leadership role with the Chiefs, batting .417 (24 for 58) with one homer, two triples and an astounding 15 doubles. The left-handed swinger scored 20 runs and struck out at more than four times.

"He sees the whole field and he worked very hard at taking the ball up the middle and finding the other way," said Canton coach Fred Cissney.

Defensively, Humphries struggled a bit, but often made the spectacular play. He was also hampered offensively for seven games with strained ligaments in his left arm. He missed two games because of the injury.

Humphries is undecided about his college choice.

He has an offer from Wayne State, but could wind up at Western Michigan University, where his older brother Joe was an all-American conference pitcher and later played in the minor league systems of the Toronto Blue Jays and Los Angeles Dodgers.

Bob Stubbs, Garden City, infielder: The senior played shortstop and third base for the Cougars.

Stubbs batted .325 with 20 hits in 62 at-bats. He homered three times and

knocked in 10 runs, while scoring 14.

"He swings a quick, best said GC coach Bob Dropp. "He got two of our three hits against (B3) Koshka of their Center (an All-State who was a ninth round pick of the Seattle Mariners)."

Despite a string of misses which depleted the GC squad this season, Stubbs missed only one game.

As a junior outfielder, Stubbs set a school record with 42 hits.

"He faded in where he was needed," Dropp said.

Stubbs, an all-NSL choice, is considering Henry Ford CC next season.

Joe Sturtz, N. Farmington, outfielder: The all-Western Lakes and All-Region selection was nearly a one-man wrecking crew for the Raiders in '79.

His career statistics are also impressive: 13 homers, 5-9, RBI, 81 hits, two triples, 13 doubles, .430 average.

"He's as close to being a Division I player as you can find in this area," said one area college baseball coach. "He hit one of the longest homers I've ever seen and he barely swung the bat."

Sturtz is leaning toward Indiana University.

The 5-10, 180-pound senior was also

an All-Area pick in football.

Joe Ransley, Franklin, outfielder: Speed to burn, the 5-10 senior was an acrobat in center field for the Patriots.

"His rare wit and his no-excuses throwing arm," said Franklin coach Gerry Cullen. "He ran down balls in our open field that would have been home runs in other places."

Offensively, Ransley was also impressive, batting .403 with 25 hits in 62 at-bats. He had a team-leading seven homers and 25 RBI. He also collected four triples and four doubles.

"He hits the ball hard," Cullen said. "He's very intense, kind of loose off the field, but gives you everything he's got when it's time to play."

Ransley, an All-Area defensive back in football, will play this fall for NIAA power Hillsdale College.

Jeff Kugelmann, Canton, outfielder: The 5-9, 210-pound senior was the Chiefs' most versatile performer.

Offensively, he batted .417 with 35 hits in 84 trips to the plate. He homered five times, tripled twice and socked eight doubles. Kugelmann finished with 28 RBI and scored 27 runs.

When he wasn't playing left field, Kugelmann was one of the aces of the Canton staff, posting a 6-2 record with a 2.32 earned run average in 68 innings. He topped a pair of two-hitters.

Canton coach Fred Cissney said of the all-Western Lakes selection and team MVP: "On his own he took off 27 pounds before the season and really got himself into shape. I think that was the big difference. He really dedicated himself to having a superior senior season. The dedication paid off. The weight loss made a particular difference in his stamina and endurance."

South prevails

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Canton, Chad Burgess was the winning pitcher, tossing a three-hitter over six innings. Rob MacDonnell's sacrifice fly and two-run triple highlighted South's scoring. Leo DeVine had two hits.

CANTON SWEPT Salem, 3-1 and 13-3 Saturday at home. Geoff Allen's complete-game four-hitter in Game No. 1 raised his record to 1-1. He had 13 strikeouts.

Jim Frigge's RBI single in the sixth broke a 1-1 tie and a wild pitch later in the inning scored Frigge with the third run.

Canton's Aaron Adkins drove in the game's first run in the fourth with a single. Rob Kowalski, the losing pitcher, scored Salem's only run in the fifth on a sacrifice fly. Kowalski reached base on a two-

base error and stole third. A 10-hit attack sparked Canton's easy win in the nightcap. John Anthony, now 3-0, picked up the win in a starting role. Canton broke the game open with a six-run second inning off starting and losing pitcher Jim Blanchard, who went only three innings.

Chris Robinson and Sean Branham had four hits and two RBI apiece. Ron Grob, Jason Demby, Allen and Steve Brzezinski clubbed two hits each.

Westland 1 routed Canton 8-0 Thursday, behind Jeff Kugelmann's one-hitter. Demby banged out Canton's only hit, a second-inning single.

Canton's three pitchers, Scott Kennedy, Chris Kennedy and Demby, each gave up at least one run.

'Top Gun' title lures best

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"And having doubles competition is really a plus. There will be a lot of local players in the doubles and it will be a lot of fun for the spectators." "Doubles can be very exciting."

Jenny Kilich of Ohio, the two-time women's champion, will not return to defend her title. That may open

the door for Dearborn's Susan Somerville who's lost to Kilich each year in the 'Top Gun' championship match.

Candy Kopetski from Sterling Heights and Kori Davidson from Farmington Hills also are scheduled to play.

The tournament features a \$10,000 purse — a \$2,500 hike from last year's total prize package. The men's winner receives \$2,000 while the women's a doubles champions each will collect \$1,000.



John Herrington Coach of Year



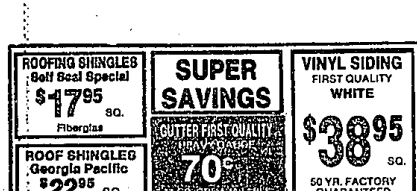
Joe Sturtz N. Farmington



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Bob Stubbs Garden City

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all-area baseball

1980 ALL-OBSERVER BASEBALL SQUAD

FIRST TEAM

- P-Lee Hutchinson Redford CC
- P-Craig Murray Farm. Harrison
- INF-Tom Hill Redford CC
- INF-Tim Lako Plymouth Salem
- INF-Joe Brusseau Bishop Borgese
- INF-Derek Humphries Phy. Canton
- INF-Bob Stubbs Garden City
- OF-Joe Sturtz N. Farmington
- OF-Joe Ransley Lv. Franklin
- OF-Jeff Kugelmann Phy. Canton

SECOND TEAM

- P-Mike Gulak Phy. Canton
- P-Mike Dalmonte Lv. Streverson
- P-Rob MacDonald Farm. Harrison
- UT-Paul Pirronello Redford CC
- INF-Tom Hill Redford CC
- INF-Bob Ruff Lv. Farmington
- INF-Matt Haran Red. St. Agatha
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