

# Mayle leads Patriots to title

**By Ray Setlock staff writer**

Livonia Franklin pitcher Jenny Mayle could do no wrong Saturday in the Class A district softball finals at the Southfield Civic Center.

The junior right-hander hurled a solid game to lead the Patriots to a 6-1 victory over Farmington Hills Mercy.

Mayle collected five strikeouts, while allowing just three hits and one unearned run.

"We knew Jenny Mayle would give us solid pitching," Franklin coach Joe Epstein said. "We knew that going into the game. She's done it for us all season."

Mayle, who contributed a double offensively, was pleased with the way she threw the ball.

"My arm felt strong the entire game," she said. "It was just a total team effort. There was good defense behind me and that helps out."

The Patriots wasted little time in scoring, as senior outfielder Karen Brown pounded a three-run homer in the first inning off Mercy starter Maureen Paulin, scoring Dawn Warner and Tracy Parenti.

FRANKLIN (16-7) added runs in the second, fourth and sixth innings.

In the second inning, Brenda Pierson walked and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Warner. Brown reached base on a fielder's choice in the fourth inning and scored on a single by Beth Hare. Brown crossed the plate in the sixth, thanks to a Mercy error.

Junior Maureen Paulin started for Mercy, but lasted just 4 1/2 innings. She surrendered nine hits, five walks and five runs. Freshman Krista Miller and junior Angela Mastrianni combined on the last 1 1/2 innings, yielding one run on two hits mercy rule.

"We just didn't play up to our ca-

abilities," Mercy coach Suzanne Brown said. "Give Franklin credit. They have good hitters and a good pitcher in Jenny Mayle."

The Marlins (13-17) scored their only run in the seventh inning when Jennifer Berrigan reached base on an error and scored on Katie Heffernan's grounder to shortstop.

Franklin collected 11 hits. Brown sparked the Patriots offensive attack with three hits. Hare, Amporn Wagner and Jenny Mascarello each added two.

"WE HIT the ball well today," Epstein said. "Our hitting, along with solid defense, gave us a lift in this game."

"We had three goals coming into the game. We wanted to win the division, league and district titles. Even though we couldn't accomplish all of them, this one makes up for that."

Earlier in the day, Franklin defeated 2-18 Southfield, 17-0, in the semifinals.

Mayle threw a no-hitter, while striking out 13 Blue Jay batters. She did not allow a walk.

Southfield's only baserunner came in the third inning when Mayle struck out Doris Holmes, but the ball got by the Franklin catcher, allowing Holmes to reach first base.

Southfield pitcher Corey Lapko pitched seven innings and gave up three hits and nine walks.

Parenti, Brown and Shannon Eberly led the Franklin hitting attack with two hits apiece. Parenti had two triples and scored three runs.

THE PATRIOTS scored nine runs in the first inning, four in the second and four in the fourth. The game was called after five innings due to the 16-run mercy rule.

"We faced a tough pitcher," South-

field coach Greg McDowell said of Mayle. "She throws very hard and we had a tough time getting anything going against her."

"Franklin is a good team and has a good chance of going far in the state playoffs."

Mercy won its semifinal match-up by beating Northville, 7-3.

Paulin hurled a solid game for the Marlins, fanning six and allowing just four hits and three walks.

The Mustangs got on the board first, thanks to a two-run homer by Laneoy Apolligan in the first inning, followed by a passed ball, which allowed Rozann Stakals to score in the third inning.

But Mercy bounced back, scoring two runs in the fourth inning and five in the fifth inning.

Junior Maribeth Misan hit a two-run RBI single in the fourth inning, which scored Maura Phieny and Mastrianni.

THE MARLINS scored five runs on three hits in the fifth inning as Berrigan, Heffernan, Reichard, Phieny and Mastrianni all crossed the plate.

Kathleen Berrigan, Kim Reichard and Mastrianni paced the Mercy hitting attack with two hits each.

"We never stopped playing hard," Northville coach Bob Gerlach said. "That has been the hallmark of our team all season."

Brown was pleased with the way her team fought back in the first game and wishes they could have done the same against Franklin.

"I loved the way we came back from a three-run deficit," she said. "I was hoping we could have done the same in the second game."

Franklin will play in Saturday's Class A regionals at Wyandotte against the winner of the Westland John Glenn district.

# Foley nips Hawks in district

John Herrington and the players he coaches, Farmington Harrison's baseball team, thought they were on their way to a Class B district championship. The Hawks defeated Madison 17-2 in their semifinal game and had an 8-7 lead going into the seventh inning of the final against Madison Heights Bishop Foley.

But with two out, Foley got a home run, a single and a double to score two runs and edge Harrison 9-8 Saturday at Auburn Hills Avondale. The split ended the Hawks season at 10-13.

"I thought we had it won," admitted Herrington. "I was very excited because we started (the season) 1-10."

Which means the Hawks ended their campaign winning nine of 12. That last loss, however, may hurt for a while. As Herrington said, "We should have won."

Gary Devine certainly did his share against Foley. He clubbed a three-run homer in the fourth that gave Harrison the lead, then — after the Ventures battled back to tie the game at 7-7 with two in the sixth — Devine slugged a solo homer in the bottom of the sixth to put the Hawks back in front, 8-7.

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ALAS, DEVINE'S mound work wasn't as sharp. He was the losing pitcher. In relief of starter Brian El-

lison, who worked the first five innings and allowed five runs. Devine went 1 1/2; Eric Wiesner relieved him and finished the game.

Andy Smith had a big game at the plate for Harrison, with two singles, a double, one run batted in and two runs scored.

Foley (20-8) advances to the Class B regional at Marine City.

Harrison's first game proved no real problem. The Hawks paired across nine runs in the opening inning and closed the game with a six-run seventh in routing Madison 17-2.

Mike Pesci slammed a grand-slam homer in the first and added a run-scoring single later to finish the contest with five RBI. Nick Budor contributed a single and a double, three runs scored and two RBI, and John Schaeffer had three hits and an RBI.

"I felt very good that we played that well," said Herrington. He also felt pretty good that he'll have 11 of these players back next year.

Devine was the winning pitcher, going six innings and surrendering two runs on four hits and a walk, striking out five. Smith pitched the seventh.

Madison bowed out with a 16-6 record.

# One bad inning sidelines Harrison

One bad inning.

That's all Farmington Harrison's softball team had in Saturday's Class B district semifinal against Clawson at Auburn Hills Avondale. Unfortunately, that's all it took.

Clawson combined three errors with three walks into a four-run third inning and went on to defeat the Hawks 6-2. The loss ended Harrison's season at 2-15. Clawson went into the district finals with a 10-11 mark.

Harrison pitcher Shelly Bouwens deserved a kinder fate. Only one of the runs off her was earned. She allowed four hits and seven walks, and she struck out 13.

"That was the only bad inning our pitcher had," said Hawk coach Mike Teachman. "She dominated the rest of the time. That was probably a 2-1 win for us without the errors."

Bouwens also contributed with her bat, knocking in one of the Harrison runs with a single. Catcher Anita Najarian enjoyed an outstanding day offensively (a double in three trips) and defensively. She threw out two potential base-stealers and tagged two runners out at the plate.

Lisa Carter was the winning pitcher for Clawson; she gave up six hits and three walks, striking out four.

# Total Travel upsets Hines Park

Total Travel Values handed defending regular-season champion Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury its first defeat in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, splitting a double-header Sunday.

Hines Park extended its record to 4-0 by winning the first game 8-1 at Plymouth Canton High School, but Total Travel responded with a 7-5 win in the nightcap.

Craig Murray pitched six innings in the second game to even his record at 1-1. He snuffed Hines Park on two hits, struck out six and walked five. Geoff Allen was the loser.

Jason Lichtman had two hits — a double and solo homer. Jack Herberholz keyed a four-run third inning that gave Total Travel a 6-4 lead with a two-run double. Rick Tangany and Mike Mackie also doubled.

Kevin Learned and Derek Humphries had two hits apiece for Hines Park.

In the first game, Michigan State pitcher Derek Darkowski tossed a three-hitter and struck out 12 for

a solo shot. Ted Shymanski had two hits for the winners.

Tangany was 3-for-4. Leo Devine had two hits and scored two runs, and Rob MacDonald smashed a two-run triple to spark Total Travel in the first inning. Mackie knocked in two runs with a single and sacrifice fly, and Schmalz added two hits.

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