

Eight Teams Survive Anders Action

It'll be quarterfinal play in the Les Anders baseball tournament at Livonia's Ford Field Thursday and Friday night.

One quarterfinalist remained to be decided Tuesday when Livonia Churchill and Northville resumed play in the fourth inning after rain forced them to suspend play Monday.

The winner will go against Thurston while Bentley faces Stevenson in Friday night's

action after Redford Union opposes Garden City West and Garden City East goes against John Glenn Thursday evening.

Action begins each night at 6 p.m. The winners of Thursday and Friday play advance to the semifinals scheduled next Monday at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

The championship game in the tourney sponsored by the Livonia Recreation Department, the Livonia Optimist

Club and the Observer Newspapers, will be held next Tuesday starting at 7:30 p.m. at Ford Field.

Here is now last weekend's play went:

R. UNION 7, PLYMOUTH 0

Randy Ferguson became one of the few prep hurlers to win 10 games this season in blanking the Rocks on two hits on a first inning single by Howie Schryer and a single by Jim Grimmer in the fourth.

Ferguson fanned 11 and walked one in upping his record to 1-1.

Redford Union took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when R. J. LeRoux tripled. Mark Durand walked and Bill Herbert and Rich Richmond singled.

Herbert singled in Bill Booker in the third and in the fourth Ferguson was safe on an effort and came around on hits by Durand and Booker. It was Booker's third hit.

GLENN 3, FRANKLIN 1

Call it sweet revenge!

Twice during the regular season, Franklin won over Glenn, but Darryl Demaray's pitching enabled the Rockets to avenge those previous setbacks in the first round of the Anders tourney.

Demaray allowed five hits, fanned three and walked three to best Tony Kaseka of Franklin who allowed seven hits, also fanned three and didn't walk a man.

Glenn gave Demaray a 2-0 lead in the first inning when J. M. McBride and Mike Borders singled and Mark Szymanski chased them in with a triple.

Sam Tjalsma buried the distance for West, giving up nine hits. Darin McHugh, Rick Roth, Jim Whaley and Jerry Volas each had four hits for the winners while Mark Miron, Jim Ciako and Tom Nemes had two each for the losers. Four runs in the fourth

inning helped to sew up the game.

BENTLEY 3, CLARENCEVILLE 1

A fine pitching duel in which Brian Dinsmore, coming on in the second inning, hurled five innings of shutout relief for Bentley. He gave up two hits over the distance.

Two walks and a single by Al Hernandez led to Bentley's first run in the opening inning and then a sacrifice fly brought in the second.

A double by Gents and a single by Bob Sitkauskas produced Bentley's final run in the third inning.

Chip Myrelles singled and came around on two walks and a fielder's choice for the only Clarenceville run.

THURSTON 3, SORROWS 1

A no-hitter for Steve Krieger, of Thurston, who gave up a unique type of run in the first inning.

Leadoff man Bill Walsky, of Sorrows, was awarded first on catcher's interference and then came all the way around on three passed balls.

Krieger walked five and fanned 12 to best Tom Centers. Sorrows' 6-foot, 4-inch hurler who yielded three hits and struck out eight.

Thurston scored once in the fourth inning on a triple by Ken Chopek and an error.

In the sixth, Chopek walked, Don Murdock singled and both came rolling home when pinch-hitter Bob Ghannon singled.

STEVENSON 7, B. BORGESS 1

Bob Bialy's three-hitter, along with 10 strikeouts, was the dominating feature in Stevenson's easy victory.

Bob See, meantime, led the Livonians' attack with three hits, two of them doubles.

One double knocked in two runs in the fifth inning and Mark Macy knocked in another with a single as Stevenson scored four times to put the game on the safe side for the evening.

Plymouth's Late Rally Ousts Jays In Tourney

Plymouth High's baseball team hurdled its first obstacle en route to honors in the state tournament.

The Rocks rallied for a 4-2 win over Southfield in a pre-district game. The defeat sent the Blue Jays to the sidelines while Plymouth now advances to play at Bentley at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Southfield appeared to be coasting along behind the pitching of Al Davis, leading 2-0 when Plymouth came to bat in the bottom of the sixth.

THEN THE ROCKS came alive, taking advantage of Davis' wildness to score four times in the sixth inning and pull the game out.

Brad Truax, who was the winning pitcher in relief of Dale Robinson, walked to open the sixth. Then Ken Rocco bloomed a single and Steve Straley walked to load the bases.

Rick Yorke was brought in to replace Davis and Truax promptly was forced at the plate. Jack Mathias lofted a sacrifice fly to score Rocco, but Yorke appeared over the hump.

Dan Hees came up and slammed a liner over the Southfield rightfielder's head for a homer and that accounted for the final three runs and victory.

Truax replaced Robinson in the fifth inning and the pair allowed Southfield only six hits.

The Blue Jays scored once in the fourth inning when Mark Smith tripled and came across on an infield roller.

John Wenzel parked a homer in the fifth to make it 2-0 for the Blue Jays, but it wasn't enough when Plymouth finally got going in the sixth inning.



"GOOD GOING." That was the greeting given to Redford Union's Roger Blanchard (left) by John Morrison after Roger won the state class "A" pole vault with a height of 14'4". Morrison was a state king in the hurdles for RU three years ago and was the first to congratulate Blanchard. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

RU's Roger Blanchard Crowned State Champion

The track toast of Observerland...that's little Detroit Country Day School.

Climaxing one of the greatest seasons an area team ever has known in-track Country Day ran away with the state class C championship Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

Country Day ran up 46 points.

Previously, Country Day had dominated the regionals and several invitationals, including the Central Michigan Relays, one of the biggest events in the state.

SPRINTER JACK McClellan, the fastest dashman in the area, led the way for Country Day.

He won the 100 and 220 yard dashes and also ran on the victorious 880 yard relay team. Jim Miller, Dave Ratajack and Mike Page also ran on the relay which was timed in 1:32.7.

McClellan's times in the dashes were :10.2 for the 100 and :22.2 in the 220.

Meantime, down the road some 75 miles at East Lansing, Redford Union's Roger Blanchard, as expected, won the state Class A pole vault title, while Farmington turned in the best showing among the Observerland teams by totaling 17 points to finish in sixth place as Detroit Northern carried off the crown.

Ironically, Blanchard failed in his bid for a state record.

THE BEST HE could do was 14 feet, four inches, although just a few before he had tied the state mark of 14 feet, 6 1/2 inches and then gone 14' 8" to victory.

Only performances in the state meet can lead to state records, so Blanchard's name

will not appear among those boasting Michigan standards.

Yet, when he is graduated in two weeks, he'll be able to recall how he tied the state mark and then beat it, but those vaults came at the wrong time.

Farmington came up with four individuals who placed at East Lansing.

Mike McGlothlin was second in the mile at 4:17.1. Kim Hildebrandt took third in the 880 in 1:55.7. Jim Massey sixth in the shot put with a heave of 55 feet, 6 1/2 inches, and Nat Durham eighth in the pole vault with an effort of 12 feet, 10 inches.

Livonia Franklin had two men who placed in the state meet—Mike Jinnett, fourth in the 440-yard run in the time of :48.7 and Mark Newman, eighth in the 180-yard hurdles.

Groves Golfers Win Title; Finish 9 Strokes In Front

Another state championship flies over an Observerland high school.

This time it's in golf...and the pennant belongs to Birmingham Groves.

There was disappointment a year ago when Groves lost out by a stroke to Saginaw MacArthur in the state Class A championships.

ON MONDAY at Port Huron, Groves made no mistakes, totaling 307 strokes to walk away with the title as Ann Arbor Huron and Portage Northern tied for second at 316.

Plymouth scored 329 and Farmington 322 to round out the Observerland entries in Class A.

All-state basketball great Scott Love paced Groves with a 74 while Sandy Estroff came in with a 75 and Bill Ritsma and Tom Rex each had a 79.

Plymouth's Bill Travers was one of three medalists in Class A, shooting a 72 to share honors with Ann Arbor Huron's Dave Wikel and West Bloomfield's Bill Bradford.

Bill Johnson fired a 79. Tim Quinn an 83 and Jim Szilagyi an 86 for Plymouth while Bob Chapman topped Farmington with a 77. He was followed by Brad Cook with 79, Bill Houck with 84 and Bruce Belcoure with 86.

"It sure was a long time coming," said coach Ken Shively after Groves carried off the title.

His team now has a 16-2 record and has three dual meets left, with the big one next Tuesday when Groves tries to snap West Bloomfield's streak of 33 straight dual meet victories at the Birmingham Country Club.

DETROIT AUSTIN carried off the Class B title with a 10 point margin over runner-up Sturgis while Bridgeport ran away with honors in Class C, D, topping its nearest foe by 22 strokes.

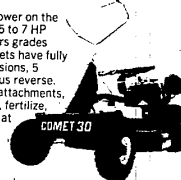
Farmington Our Lady of Sorrows, the state champ two years ago in Class C-D, finished far back.

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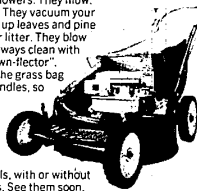


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See Record Entry In Livonia 21 Tournaments At Whispering Willows

With more than 30 entries in the women's division and an anticipated entry of 100 in the men's play, Pro Gary Whitener, of Livonia's Whispering Willows golf course, believes the Livonia 21 tournament will be one of the best ever staged at the links.

"We will accept entries in both divisions until noon Thursday," he said. "The drawings will be made up in the afternoon and those desiring to know starting times and pairings should call the course after 5 p.m."

The Livonia 21 event, for residents of the City of Livonia only, is one of the highlights of the annual birthday celebration.

Each tournament will be 18 holes, handicap and medal play, with flights and awards for low gross and low net scores.

The women's tourney is scheduled for Friday and the men's on Saturday. Play will begin at 9 a.m. each day.

With the entry deadline at Thursday noon, the only way to get pairings is to call the pro shop. Whitener indicated that those calling first will have the preferred starting times.