

# Glenn Baseballers Write 'Cinderella' Story

Call it a Cinderella story! It's been that way all spring for John Glenn High's baseball team.

Glenn got off to a roaring start and wound up sharing the Northwest Suburban League title with North Farmington.

In the Les Anders Invitational, Glenn reached the semifinals before losing to eventual champion Redford Union.

NOW, GLENN IS one of 16 Class A teams left in Michigan's first state Class A baseball tournament.

By beating Garden City

West, 8-6, and then nipping Livonia Franklin, 3-2, Glenn won the district title at Southfield Saturday and the right to return to Southfield next Saturday for the regionals.

Glenn will meet Monroe at 10 a.m. Saturday in the first game of the semifinals. Flint Northern meets Waterford Mot at 1 p.m. and winners clash at 4 p.m.

The Southfield regional winner will be one of the four semifinalists who'll go on to Wyandotte on June 19 where the tournament will be wrapped up.

"This is a fighting team,"

said coach Norm Hoenes of Glenn. "We have fought off some tough teams and we have capitalized on breaks to turn them into victories."

IT WAS SUCH a break that helped decide the district title against Franklin.

A high fly to center, which usually would have been caught, somehow fell for a double. It led to all three of the Glenn runs and then Glenn Osborn with great relief help from Mark Cahill held help from Franklin.

Cahill had come to Daryl Demaray's rescue in the first

game as Glenn held off Garden City West and against Franklin, he worked out of two bad jams—one in the fifth inning and another in the sixth—to save the game and the title for Glenn.

"We had no alibi," said coach Ron Heller of Franklin. "Forgetting the bad break which led to the Glenn runs, we had chances time and again. We didn't score, so we can blame ourselves."

IT WAS A TOUGH way for Franklin's Rob Hollandsworth to end what had been a brilliant three-sport athletic career.

Without the missed fly in the third, he would have hurled a shutout.

In that third inning, Roger Sanders singled and was sacrificed to second by Mark Szymanski. Then Jim Laughner, the hitting hero of the first game, drew a walk.

Up came Carl Rush and he hoisted a fly to right-center. It looked like the final out of the inning, but somehow the Franklin centerfielder never saw the ball until it was too late.

Two runs scored and Rush reached second from where

he scored on J.P. McBride's hit.

Those three hits were the only safe blows Hollandsworth gave up. He fanned seven and was never in serious trouble the rest of the way.

His Franklin teammates tried to bounce back and take command.

IN THE THIRD INNING Gar Frantz slugged a long homer over the fence in left, although he bats from the left side of the plate.

Then came what looked a sure chance for Franklin go ahead. Hits by Taylor, Derderian and Frantz loaded

the bases with none out. Then Tom Battistone hit into a fielder's choice as Cahill took over for Glenn, and the score was 3-2, when Taylor scored on the play.

Cahill got the next batter to hit into a double play and the inning was over.

In the sixth, the first two Franklin batters reached base, but against Cahill put the fire out. Then he put down the side in order in the seventh and he was mobbed, as rightfully he should have been. For the seventh time in recent weeks, he had saved a game for Glenn.

Glenn had struck back from a 4-0 deficit in the first inning with seven runs in its half of the same frame to go in front of Garden City West and lead the rest of the way.

In the wild first inning, West had struck first with singles by Rich Roth and Kim Kauf, a double by Jim Whaley and a single by Jerry Volas, along with two errors, resulted in four runs.

Back came Glenn with McBride starting matters with a single. Mike Borders and Demaray both were safe on errors. Dave Barrows singled in two runs and then with two out Laughner tripled three in, Randy Horshok singled, John Lee was safe on an error and McBride followed with his second hit of the inning.

West got one run back in the third when Bill Baker walked and came around on an infield out, hit batsman and a passed ball.

In the fifth West cut the deficit to a run when Baker was safe on an error and Kauf doubled.

Glenn added an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth when Roger Sanders singled and eventually scored on Laughner's second hit of the game—a single.

Tony Kaseta fired a two-hitter in Franklin's 7-0 win over Bentley in the other half of the semifinals at Southfield.

Kaseta yielded a double to Al Hernandez in the fourth inning and a single to Bob Sitkauskas in the sixth. He fanned four and walked one and was never in any trouble.

Meantime, Franklin jumped ahead, 2-0, in the first inning on singles by Battistone and Hollandsworth and a double by Don Opland.

In the fourth a single by Opland, a triple by Sapsich and an error produced two more runs.

Then in the sixth, Battistone and Hollandsworth singled for another run and Franklin added two more in the seventh on a single by Battistone, a double by Frantz and an error.

## RU Beats Thurston In State Tourney

There's no rivalry in prep sports that can top the one which pits Redford Union against Thurston.

It's understandable. When they collide, it's the south end (Thurston) vs. the north end (Redford Union) of Redford Township.

Their meetings usually are thrillers.

This was the case when the teams won their Class A district game Saturday in the state high school baseball tournament at Detroit's Butzel Field.

THEY WERE MATCHED against each other and because of Saturday's late afternoon rain, it took Redford Union almost 48 hours to edge out Thurston, 4-3, and advance to meet Dearborn Edsel Ford in the regional semifinals at Royal Oak Memorial Park Saturday at 10 a.m.

Brother Rice will meet Royal Oak Kimball at 1 p.m. with the two winners colliding at 4 p.m. for the right to advance to the state semifinals a week from Saturday in Wyandotte.

Redford Union and Thurston were tied at 1-1 Saturday when play had to be suspended after four innings.

UNDER TOURNAMENT rules they picked up from that point on Monday and after Thurston took a 3-1 lead in the sixth, Redford Union bounced right back to tie the game and then win it in the eighth.

A single by R.J. LeRoux, his third of the game, chased in Kurt Fritz, who had walked and stole second, with the winning run.

That hit not only made a winner out of Redford Union but also enabled Randy Ferguson, who took over after

RU pitching in the seventh inning, to emerge with his 14th victory of the season against two defeats.

While no official statistics are available, it is believed that Ferguson is the winningest prep pitcher in Michigan this spring.

Thurston twice held leads in the game.

THE SOUTHSIDERS went ahead, 1-0, in the third inning when Mark Miller walked and Larry Poma and Ken Choepel followed with singles.

A fielder's choice, a hit by LeRoux and an error brought RU even in the fourth inning.

In the sixth, Thurston regained the lead when Poma singled and Ben Fontana major'd lowering homer out of the park.

Redford Union quickly pulled even when Rob Campbell was safe at first when he

struck out on a wild pitch that eluded the Thurston catcher, Mickey Robinson tripled and

LeRoux followed with a sacrifice fly.

Redford Union now is 2-7 overall for the season. The team already has won a share of the Suburban Six League

Our Lady of Sorrows is bowing out with a bang... a BIG bang. The senior high at the Farmington school is closing down. In fact, the last classes have been held.

But Sorrows' baseball team is still making news and hopes to make more in the next 10 days in the state Class C high school tournament.

SORROWS WON the district title at Capac Saturday with one of the most devastating assaults any of the various district champs staged anywhere in Michigan.

Sorrows bombed New Haven, 16-3, and then blasted Detroit Country Day School, 13-0.

Both games were called in the fifth inning under the tournament's 10-4 run rule, so actually Sorrows, which was the home team in both games, came to bat only in a total of eight innings.

DURING THAT span, Sorrows reared with 30 runs and 31 hits. In addition, Tom Centers was the winning pitcher in both games to lift his season's record to 10 triumphs—an all-time school record.

Newt Hurst led the personal bombardment with five hits in seven trips to the plate to hike his average to .400.

So, now it's back to Capac Saturday for the regionals—the semifinals are called in the morning, and if Sorrows

clears the regionals, it'll be on to the state semifinals, and hopefully, the finals the following Saturday.

Sorrows exploded with four runs in the first inning and eight in the second to turn the game with New Haven into a quick runaway as the winners totaled 16 hits—three each by Hurst, Bill Walsky and Don Blouin. One of Hurst's drives

scattered the fence for a homer, some 300 feet from the plate. Hurst and Blouin each knocked in two runs in the first inning. Then it was Walsky with a single and Tom Centers with a double that started the eight run, second inning bombardment.

Hurst followed with a homer, Dave Urban and Jeff Main singled, Bob Holton was safe on an error, Jim Harie

and Walsky singled and Centers tripled before the side finally was retired.

In the fourth inning, Hurst, Urban, Dennis, Dietrich, Blouin and Harie all hit safely to go along with walks to Theisen and Holton to up the total to 16 and end the game.

SORROWS WASTED no time against Country Day, which had downed Armada, 3-1, in its semifinal game.

The Farmington team quickly erupted for four runs in the first inning when Walsky singled and Centers was safe on a fielder's choice.

After Hurst lined into a double play, Urban singled, Main doubled and Theisen lofted a two run homer.

Sorrows added six runs in the second inning when

Centers was safe on an error to get things going. Hurst doubled him home and scored on Urban's hit. After Main walked, Blouin singled, Harie singled and then Walsky struck out with three on for what should have been the final out of the inning.

But the catcher missed the ball, then three wild to first and three runs scored on the play.

In the fourth, Sorrows scored three more times when Blouin singled, Centers singled and Hurst singled along with a walk to Walsky.

Centers, who worked only two innings to gain the victory in the game with New Haven, went the five innings against Country Day. He scattered three hits, walked one and struck out one.



BEST AND SOFTEST seat at a track meet is enjoyed by Bruce Tenby, of Livonia. The pole vault was over and Bruce parked himself in the soft cushions and didn't have a hard moment for the remainder of the afternoon. (Photo by Tom Donoghue)

## Baseball? Graduation? Glenn Seniors Win Title

It was graduation day at John Glenn High Saturday.

It also was the day that Glenn's baseball team played in the district Class A tournament at Southfield.

If Glenn would have lost to Garden City West in the first game, there would be no problem for the seniors on the Westland school's team.

They could then hurry off and attend the graduation ceremonies.

BUT GLENN WON from said:

West, and now coach Norm Hoenes had to leave it up to the six seniors:

"Fellows, this is your decision," Hoenes told the seniors. "You graduate from this high school only once. It's something you look forward to for a long time."

"We can't ask you to play in the championship game, if you think you belong at the graduation."

The players huddled. Four of the six came to Hoenes and

"We feel... and our parents do, too... that we should stay here and play in this game. If we don't you'll be in a tough spot."

Hoenes smiled. There were more smiles, of course, when the game was over. Glenn had won the district title, and the four seniors who played had made major contributions in the championship game.

They were Mark Szymanski, Daryl Demaray,

starting pitcher Glen Osborn and relief ace Mark Cahill.

NONE OF THE Glenn players could blame the other two seniors, Dave Barrows and Randy Horshok, who missed the second game to attend the graduation.

"They had guests coming and we all understood," said Hoenes.

The team will have no problems like that Saturday when the regionals are held at Southfield.



TOP TROJANS—Fourteen Clarenceville High School athletes received trophies for being "most valuable" in their respective sports. From left: Lenny Dicks, all-around and tie in football; Phil Halstead, basketball; Karl Sjogren, swimming; Chip Meyrelles, basketball (tie); Larry Stein, track; Rob Weller, football (tie);

Chuck Wehner, wrestling; Janice Mills and Cheryl Rossow, synchronized swimming; Debbie Wilson, girls gymnastics; John Johnston, cross-country; Rob Struk, gymnastics; Gary Selock, tennis; and Terry Laird, baseball. (Observer photo)

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