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once after loading the bases with none out in the seventh.

Madonna's assault was led by Craig Overaltis (Livonia Franklin), who was 4-for-4 with two runs batted in, and Bill Teresi, who had three hits and four RBI.

Jim Solak had three hits, and Jeff Pendell (Livonia Churchill), Jeff Miller and Rich Roy (Livonia Clarenceville) contributed two hits apiece, with Pendell and Miller each scoring twice. Joe Brusseau (Redford Bishop Burgess) added a hit and two RBI.

Jeff Kuselman (Plymouth Canton) opened and lasted six innings, giving up five runs on seven hits and three walks, striking out four. Rappite saved and took the loss, surrendering six runs on six hits and a walk in 3 1/2 innings.

Overaltis powered Madonna past Northwood in Thursday's first game, slamming a pair of two-run homers in the 7-2 win.

The Crusaders scored three times in the first, two coming home on Shaun Hayward's double. Hayward was plated by Teresi, who singled. Hayward, Brusseau, Pendell and Overaltis each had two hits in the game. Over-

altis homered in the third and fifth innings.

Sophomore righthander Ryan Grabetz was the beneficiary for Madonna. He went the distance to improve to 2-0, stopping the Northmen on three hits and two walks, striking out five. Rick Bush took the loss, allowing seven runs on 10 hits and two walks.

In Thursday's second game against Northwood, the Crusaders couldn't get their offense in gear against senior righthander Ron Roth and it cost them a 3-2 defeat.

Roth held Madonna at bay, allowing six hits and three walks, striking out four. The only runs scored against him came in the fourth. Pendell was hit by a pitch and Miller slugged a two-run homer.

That narrowed the gap to a run, but Madonna never tied it. Northwood scored on Ed Lynch's solo homer in the second and Mike Bellinck's two-run single in the third.

Madonna starter Mike Coleman, a junior righthander, deserved a better fate. He gave up all three runs on six hits and two walks in six innings, fanning seven. Coleman is 1-2.

Raiders lose opener

Birmingham Groves spotted visiting North Farmington's baseball debut Wednesday by defeating the Raiders 12-6.

The Falcons scored five first-inning runs off sophomore pitcher Darin Glasser, who later returned to pitch 1 1/2 innings and allow eight runs in all. A trio of North pitchers combined to walk 13 batters.

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each for the Raiders.

Kevin Gracely, Yasushi Higuchi and Pat Maxwell had two hits apiece for Groves (1-1), which outlasted North 9-7. Higuchi drove in four runs and scored two, and Gracely hit a home run, had two RBI and scored twice.

Groves starter Mitch Rivet pitched four innings and earned the victory before Pato Sajoivic entered to work the last three.

The Raiders are idle until playing at Berkley on Monday, April 19.

Tennis

Junior Steve Baer leads the singles lineup at No. 1, followed by senior Tony Fracchia, senior Chris Buatti and sophomore Ben Sommers at Nos. 2-4, respectively.

King is counting on his doubles team not to be pushovers. He said his team depth will be what carries the Raiders over the top.

Junior Brad Martin and senior Jason Wendorf lead the doubles lineup, a duo that was named all-conference last year.

They are followed by juniors Jeff Speer and David Migdal at No. 2, senior Bryan Fisher and freshman Ronald Veeder at No. 3 and sophomores Rob Yost and Michael Redisch at No. 4.

North Farmington has lost two early matches to Birmingham Groves and West Bloomfield, both 5-2. King was encouraged by the progress his team showed but knows what challenges still lie ahead.

"I think all the guys know that Northville is the team to beat," King said.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

PREP BASEBALL

Monday, April 12
Redford Union at Trenton (2), 11 a.m.
Brother Rice at Psy. Canton (2), 11 a.m.
Redford CC vs. Don. DeWitt at Livonia's Madonna Park (2), 1 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13
Liv. Franklin at Oakville (2), 11 a.m.
Roch. Adams at Garden City (2), 11 a.m.
R.O. Kimball at Psy. Canton (2), noon.

Wednesday, April 14
Redford Union at Psy. Canton (2), 11 a.m.

Thursday, April 15
Wayne at Westland Glenn (2), 11 a.m.
Don. Fordson at Garden City (2), 11 a.m.
Brookline vs. Redford CC at Capitol, noon.
U-D Jesuit at Liv. Franklin (2), noon.

Friday, April 16
Farmington at Harper Creek (2), TBA.
Saturday, April 17
Redford CC at Redford Union (2), 11 a.m.
Farmington at Oakville (2), TBA.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Tuesday, April 13
Allen Park Invitational, 9 a.m.

Saturday, April 17
Taylor Invitational, 9 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

Saturday, April 17
Dixie Relays at Dearborn High, 10 a.m.
Farm. Harrison at Milan Relays, TBA.

GIRLS TRACK

Tuesday, April 13
A.A. Pioneer Quad meet, TBA.

Saturday, April 17
Lady Chief Relays at Psy. Canton, 10 a.m.
Farm. Harrison at Milan Relays, TBA.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Wednesday, April 14
Madonna at Spring Arbor (2), 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 15
Concordia at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
G.R. Heights at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.
Stena Baptist at Madonna (2), 1 p.m.

COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Monday, April 12
Aquinas at Madonna (Mastey), 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 13
Madonna at DeWitt (Ohio), 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14
Madonna at Warren, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 18
Indiana-Purdue Indy Tournament
Madonna vs. Murray State, 3:45 p.m.
Madonna vs. Grace (Ind.), 7:15 p.m.

Indiana-Purdue Indy Tournament
Madonna vs. St. Xavier (Ind.), 10:45 a.m.
Madonna vs. Bowling Green, 10:30 p.m.
Madonna vs. IU/PUI, 3:45 p.m.

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

COED VOLLEYBALL

A recreational coed volleyball program, co-sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation Services and Plymouth Community Family YMCA, starts Thursday, April 22, at West Middle School.

The fee is \$22 per person. The program lasts six weeks and is for players of all ability levels. There are no residency requirements. Call 397-5110 to register.

SENIOR SOFTBALL

The Tuesday and Thursday morning Can-Am Senior Softball League is looking for a few good men in the 55 to 65-plus age range.

Practices are 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Canton's Heritage Park, located off Proctor, west of Canton Center Road, and Livonia's Ford Field, Farmington and Lyndon.

The first games are May 4. For information, call Jim Baldwin at 261-4468 (league office) or Kathy Clark at 622-2710 (Livonia Senior Center).

FOOTBALL CAMP

Redford Catholic Central's annual Westside Football Camp (grades 4-8) will run from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday, June 28 through July 1.

The cost is \$85. For a brochure, call coach Tom Mach at 531-7251.

WOMEN'S GOLF

Women who would like to play nine holes of early-morning golf without rigid league rules, are invited to join The Thursday Group. An informational meeting will take place at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 22, at Hilltop Golf Course. Play begins April 29. For information, call 451-0575 or 455-9406.

SOFTBALL NEWS

There will be pre-season men's softball tournament April 23-25 at Claude Allison Park in Redford. The fee is \$150 plus a ball for each game. There is a three-game guarantee. Rain dates are May 1-2. For information, call Bob Kaump at 534-6787.

BASEBALL BULLS

The Bloomfield Bulls, a set of four federation baseball teams, are seeking sponsors for the 1993 season to help with tournament fees and other team expenses.

The Bulls have two teams in both the under-12 and under-14 age groups. Larry Swiatk is a coach and founder of the Bulls organization. The players are from Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield, Commerce, Hartland, Franklin and Redford.

Individuals or companies interested in supporting the Bulls should call Tim Donovan at 851-7858.

CRACKERBOX SPORTS

Crackerbox Sports in Farmington Hills is organizing men's, women's and coed softball and volleyball leagues. For information, call Michael Callahan at 474-6176.

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