

Hines Park is unbeaten in LCBL

A four-run outburst in the third inning carried first-place Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury to a 5-1 victory over Decision Consultants in a Livonia Collegiate Baseball League game Wednesday at Ford Field.

Former Redford Catholic Central product Dave Kapla, now at Michigan State, hit a two-run single for the winners (8-0-1) to spark the uprising.

Hines Park tallied its other run in the seventh on an RBI groundout by Mike Corneval (Michigan), scoring Greg Ryan (Eastern Michigan).

Steve Hornberger's RBI single in the seventh averted the shutout for Decision, which slipped to 4-2-1 in the LCBL.

Designated hitter Jim Chwalek collected two of Hines Park's seven hits.

Ryan led DCL with two hits.

Left Mark Fleming (Wayne State), making only his second outing of the season after undergoing knee surgery, pitched 6 1/2 innings, allowing four hits.

Adray Metro Baseball

Rick Berryman coaches the Redford Union baseball team and the Michigan Rams, a college-aged team, whose practices and home games are at RU. Berryman's high school players better have a good excuse if they're late for practice, because, after all, the field is right next door to the school.

Berryman has to be more lenient with the Rams, some of whom have needed a map to get to practice.

Five of the Rams are from Redford Township, but Berryman's roster includes players from across metro Detroit and one from St. Ignace, Mich. Jaime Dean, who plays at the University of Nebraska-Omaha and is staying with an uncle in Detroit.

He was understandably late his first day of practice.

"He was the only kid coming from New Mexico and he apologized for being late. He got caught in a thunderstorm in Indiana," said Berryman. "My sponsor told me to give some hard-working, dedicated kids. This kid is so dedicated, he drove half way across the country to play here."

Berryman heard of Dean from one of his baseball contacts in the area. The Rams are members of the Adray Metro Baseball Association, a mixture

of college-age and Class A teams from metro Detroit. The Rams won their first game AMBA game on Thursday against Troy Jet Box 9-5 at RU.

The win raised their record to 2-2. Left-hander Dave Susella (Redford Catholic Central/U-D) earned the win, scattering seven hits and three walks and allowing just one earned run in 6 1/2 innings. Brian Berryman (Redford Union/U-M) picked up the save, coming on with the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the seventh.

First baseman Jason Mitchell (RU/U-M) went 4-for-4 with four RBI. Shortstop Greg Rogers (Redford CC/Oakland) was 1-4 with a run scored.

One of the Rams' strong suits is speed at the top of the order. The lead-off batter and center fielder Schuyler Doske (DePue/Jackson State) showed some of his speed even when he failed to reach base on Thursday.

"He hit a two-hopper back to the pitcher the other night and got thrown out by a step and a half," Berryman said.

The pitching staff includes Brian Berryman, Jason Horn (South Lyon/Oakland), Jake Lawson (Farmington Hills/Oakland) and Mike Hirshnik (Birm. Seaboard/U-M).



District champs: North Farmington High School's varsity baseball team won a district championship and finished with a 14-9 record. Team members are (kneeling, left to right) Eric Pierce, Ryan Weisman, John Lessway, Aaron Stephan, Brian Holzmeiter, (middle row) catcher Andy Weitz, Robert Roth, Mike Gleason, Tom Ouellette, Bryan Moran, Dave Gosselin, Jeff Seman, Chad Feldman, (back row) coach Irv Horwitz, Evan Feldman, Jonas Schwartz, Gary Penta, Jeff Trzos, Kirk Taylor, coach Jim Ferguson and Brian Glazer.

Golf overshadows other Open



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It was a rare week as the bowling and golf worlds collided in the suburban areas as the Pro Bowlers Tour hit Taylor Lanes for the Greater Detroit Open, while the U.S. Open was being staged at Oakland Hills Country Club.

If you tuned into any sport-talk radio show or television, the talk was golf, golf and more golf.

But there was very little mention of the PBT, but that's part of the course.

The dailies carried tons of coverage on the U.S. Open, except for the very fine section in Thursday's Free Press.

Hats off to Free Press bowling writer Matt Fiorito for his very insightful stories on pro bowlers scenario.

He mentioned the fact that Chris Schenkel has been the man at the microphone for 35 straight years, a feat more enduring than Johnny Carson's '88 or Ed Sullivan's '17 as a TV show host.

Fiorito also did some very good behind-the-scenes reporting on what it takes to put together this event and keep it going.

With all due respect, the U.S. Open had no participants from the Detroit area, while the PBT had 25 from our state and several from Observerland including Doug Spier (West Bloomfield), Terrell Smith (Redford), Kelley Bennett (Auburn Hills), Ted Karbownik (Clarkston), Oliver Mabry (Southfield) and David Mahaz (of Novi), who owns a pro shop in Livonia.

These names are just part of an illustrious field which also includes such greats as Brian Voss, Walter Ray Williams, Del Ballard, Jr., Bob Learn, John

Mazza and Gene Stus.

As part of the Greater Detroit Open, a celebrity bowl was held June 11, hosted by former Tiger pitcher Dave Rozema, with a little help from Kirk Gibson and Dave Bergman.

The money which was raised went to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

The spotlight also was on a pair of mascots, Paws (from the Tigers) and Roary (of the Lions). They helped the cause by posing for pictures, while putting on quite a show with their cute antics.

And it was pretty amazing they could actually throw a pretty good ball in full costume.

As you read this column, this PBT event is history, and if you viewed it on TV, you know who emerged victorious.

This column was written before the finals, so there is no way to list the Taylor winners, except to say, that the way this event was run, everybody was a winner - fans, bowlers, the DeBasi family, who put it all together in no small part, and the sport of bowling.

As a first-time event on June 2, three separate youth travel leagues got together for a challenge match at Cloverlanes in Livonia.

Among those competing included the Sunday Youth Classic (SYC), Wayne Westland Youth Traveling Classic (WWTYC) and Ward's Youth Travel League (WYTL).

In some hot and heavy action to determine the best, it turned out that SYC came out on top with a pinfall total of 12,051. WWTYC was runner-up with 11,894 and Ward's was third with 11,806.

High shooters included: Myron Lee (SYC), 270; Mike Willis (Ward's), 267-231; Tom Gutowski (SYC), 245; Bill Vitale (WWTYC), 227-227; Kathy Finke (Ward's), 227; Steve Engebreton (WWTYC), 223-214.

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