

## Tommy plays key role in CC's baseball wins

Western Central's Tommy played a key role in the Central Division baseball playoffs Saturday with a doubleheader sweep of visiting Western Lakes Division's CC senior High School. Anthony Tommy struck out a career-high 14 batters, losing a five-pitcher with two walks in a 6-3, complete game victory in the opener.

Tommy also hit a pair of home runs, including one in the second game, an 11-2 win. The victories moved the Shamrocks, ranked No. 1 in Division I, to 10-0 in Central Division play.

Hirmingham Brother Rice is second at 7-3. The first two teams in the Central Division qualify for the playoffs.

Teams play 16 division games, and the Shamrocks could've clinched a playoff berth with a win Wednesday May 5 against Rice.

Tommy's three-run homer in the first game gave CC a 3-1 lead. Bob Malek's double drove in two runs and Casey Rogowski added an RBI single to finish the CC scoring.

Mark Cole was the only CC pitcher with at least five hits. Tommy has a 4-0 record that

includes a pair of no-hitters, and his earned run average is an impressive 1.05.

Dan Duffey was the winning pitcher in the second game, blanking seven with no walks while allowing three hits in five innings. He's 3-0 in pitching decisions.

The Shamrocks had eight hits and received 11 walks. Tommy's solo homer came in the third. Cole and Rogowski had RBI singles.

In a game played Tuesday at Detroit Country Day, the Shamrocks avoided their first defeat of the season in a non-leaguer that went eight innings.

Rogowski's base-loaded single in the sixth made it 7-7. His two-run single in the eighth followed by Dave Lusky's three-run triple led to a 12-7 victory.

Cole, who pitched the final four innings in relief, allowed just one hit and one walk while fanning six to pick up the win.

Matt Niemiec, the starter, worked the first 2½ before giving way to Brent Schoenbach and Nick DiBella. The trio combined for 11 walks.

# Hawks lead Western Division

## BASEBALL

After a slow start this season, Farmington Harrison seems to be living up to its potential and preseason billing as a baseball team.

The Hawks are 4-0 and atop the Western Division standings in the Western Lakes Activities Association after routing a good Northville nine Monday at Harrison, 12-3.

Coach John Herrington's ballclub had won seven of its last eight games to improve its overall record to 8-3.

Harrison had to overcome a 3-0 deficit Monday to make a winner of starting pitcher Zach Burton (2-2), who allowed just three hits and two walks while striking out nine.

Rob Reel was the Northville starter, going three-plus innings and giving up five runs.

The Hawks backed Burton with 11 hits, including three by Blake Boesky, who had two RBI. Bobby Austin and Brian Nelson, who is hitting close to .400 and leading the team in average, had two hits each.

Lon Hanley belted a two-run double. Nelson knocked in two runs and Austin one.

"In the last week, we've picked it up and are playing like I thought we were capable of playing," Herrington said. "We always were fielding pretty well, and now we're putting the hitting with it."

Harrison won the annual Southfield-Lathrup tournament for the eighth consecutive year Saturday.

In the championship game, it took the Hawks just three innings to mercy the host Chargers, 15-0.

Nelson had a pair of doubles and three RBI. Mike Hoad two hits and two RBI. Hoad was the winning pitcher, tossing three innings of hitless baseball while issuing one walk.

In the first game, Hoad went 3-for-3 with two doubles, a home run and five RBI as Harrison whipped Southfield, 9-1. He also scored three runs.

Tim Doig was the winning pitcher. He worked a complete game, allowed five hits and struck out 11.

## Raiders ek out victory

North Farmington rallied in the top of the seventh and survived a Wallied Lake Central rally in the bottom half Monday to win 6-5.

The Raiders scored twice in the top of the inning for a 6-3 lead, but the Vikings made it interesting with a pair of runs in their last at-bat.

Central committed three of its four errors in the seventh.

North's Jason Melvin walked and Mike Barnett reached on an infield error.

Garry Penta's squeeze bunt resulted in another error and Melvin scoring. Matt Kelmigian hit a hard grounder to first that was misplayed and enabled Barnett to score the sixth run.

"We held on," North coach Irv Horwitz said. "Neither team played heads-up baseball, so we have to count our blessings."

Penta was the winning pitcher but gave way to Barnett when Central put two men aboard in the seventh.

Barnett entered with runners at the corners with nobody out. After getting two outs, Barnett gave up a two-run hit and a walk before retiring the next batter.

Penta allowed five runs (three earned) over six innings. He had eight strikeouts and three walks. Cory Johnson was the losing pitcher, giving up four runs over five innings.

Ross Patterson hit a pair of doubles, scored a run and had one RBI for North. Evan Feldman also was 2-for-3 with two RBI.

Central's Dennis Kindermann was 3-for-3 and scored two runs. Johnson had two hits and two RBI.

The Raiders are 3-1 and share first place in the WLLA Lakes Division with Livonia Stevenson. North had won four in a row to

improve to 5-2 overall.

## Rockets defeat Falcons

After four marvelous pitching performances, Farmington senior Charlie Avery had a rough experience for the first time this season Monday.

Westland John Glenn collected nine hits and seven runs in four innings off Avery (4-1), who struck out eight and walked three.

Avery continued to shine at the plate, however. He and Brad Barone were 2-for-3 with two and one RBI, respectively.

Dale Hayes pitched a complete game for the Rockets, who were 6-7 overall. Both teams are 2-2 in the WLLA Lakes Division.

Hayes, who limited the Falcons (7-6) to six hits and no walks while striking out seven, helped his cause with four hits (two doubles) and three RBI.

Glenn had 14 total hits, including three from Chad Sansom (three RBI).

STEVENSON 6, SALEM 5: Roy Robb kept Salem at bay through six innings Monday while his team piled up a 6-2 lead. Then, when Salem rallied for three runs in the bottom of the seventh, he stiffened and closed out the game. Robb (2-2) gave up seven hits but struck out 10 and only walked three.

He also was tough at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a double and a two-run homer. Stevenson is 3-1 in the Lakes Division and 6-4 overall.

# Harrison whips Northville; Mercy sweeps Ladywood

Farmington Harrison played flawless defense and senior pitcher Ali Ault was near perfect again in the softball team's 8-0 whitewash Monday of host Northville.

Ault, who has thrown four one-hitters, allowed just three hits and one walk while striking out 13.

"They surprised me because we didn't practice (Sunday)," Harrison coach Mike Trenchman said of the Hawks. "The effortless defense is what was important. It's not a ground-ball field, so 13 strikeouts was nice. But we played pretty good defense behind her."

The slope to the plate is so steep it's hard to get the ball down, so she didn't throw her whole repertoire (of pitches) today, and they weren't catching up with the fastball anyway."

Ault helped herself at the plate and was one of three Harri-

## SOFTBALL

son players with three hits, going 3-for-3 with a double and one RBI.

Katrina Vitanis and Leslie Schrock were 3-for-4; Brittany Maxey added two hits, and Kim Spaulding hit a solo home run, circling the bases before the Mustangs could make a play.

Mercy also had two RBI, as did Jeanette Welling with a pair of outs. Spaulding, who was a courtesy runner for Ault and was hit by a pitch another time, scored three runs and Vitanis two.

The Hawks improved their record to 3-1 in the Western Lakes Activities Association's Western Division and 6-1 overall. The Mustangs, who made five errors, were 9-2 after the loss.

## Marlins sweep twinbill

Farmington Hills Mercy rallied twice in the late innings Tuesday to sweep a makeup doubleheader from host Livonia Ladywood, 16-6 and 11-9.

In the first game, the Marlins scored six times in the fifth inning to erase a 3-2 deficit, and they put the game out of reach with an eight-run sixth.

Both teams had 12 hits. Mercy's Erin Howard struck out five and walked none. The Marlins had eight walks from Ladywood pitcher Rebecca Pawlik.

Mercy is 4-2 in the Catholic

League Central Division and 12-6 overall; Ladywood is 0-6 and 5-10.

Lauren Monterey, Erin Carson and Nuverre Naami had two hits apiece to lead Mercy. Carson and Naami also had two RBI each; Carson scored three runs and Naami two.

Melanie Grewe and Becky Mitchell hit safely three times each. Grewe's hits included a pair of triples, and she drove in two runs. Sarah Thiesmeyer had two hits and one RBI.

In the second game, the Marlins scored five runs in the sixth

inning to take a 10-9 lead and added one more in the seventh.

Mercy had a 10-8 edge in hits. Megan Fediuk was the winning pitcher, striking out eight and walking two. Michele Morse went six innings for Ladywood and took the loss.

Carson was 3-for-5 with two RBI and scored two runs. Monterey and Naami had two hits apiece; Monterey had three RBI, and Naami scored three runs. Marianna Lawrence also had three RBI. Grewe had another three-hit game, which included a pair of doubles.

## Vikings down Raiders

Lauren Ouellette continued to hit the ball well for North Farmington, going 4-for-4 Monday in a loss to visiting Wallied Lake Central, 7-3.

Ouellette is hitting close to .500 for the Raiders, who were 5-8 overall and 1-3 in the WLLA Lakes Division.

Central pitcher Kami Scott struck out seven and walked one to earn the victory. Kristina Colombo was the losing pitcher. North had an 8-7 edge in hits but also made four errors.

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
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