

Raiders lose big lead but win game

North Farmington had what seemed like an insurmountable lead in its baseball game Monday at Walled Lake Central.

Maybe that was the problem. The Raiders were so far ahead they relaxed, thinking the game was won.

That was until the Vikings came to bat in the bottom of the sixth inning.

North saw an 11-0 lead quickly disappear in one at-bat as Central scored 11 runs to tie the score.

But the Raiders, fortunately for them, weren't done, either. They scored a single run in the top of the seventh to take out a 12-11 victory.

Jeff Vieder scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly by Mike Livernois. Vieder singled and went to second when the ball got past the center fielder; he went to third on a groundout.

North outlived Central, 18-8. Aaron Drury, who was 3-for-4 with six RBI, hit a grand slam in the third inning and a two-run homer in the sixth for the Raiders.

Vieder was 3-for-5; Mike Sack and Livernois had two hits apiece.

North starter Pat O'Connell was working on a two-hitter until Central batters began to stir in the sixth. Ethan Goodman finished the game and got the win.

BASEBALL

Ryan Wing had one hit and three RBI for the Vikings. Ryan Triller and Jason Gizal had two hits each.

The Raiders are 2-3 in the Lakes Division of the Western Lakes Activities Association and 3-7 overall.

HARRISON 3, NORTHVILLE 2: Nick Vitale scored what proved to be the winning run with the help of a Northville error in the fourth inning.

Vitale, who was a courtesy runner for catcher Kent Taylor, raced home as the result of an overthrow at third base. The Hawks led 3-1 at the time; the Mustangs got their second run in the bottom of the seventh.

Jim Kay threw a one-hitter and went all the way on the mound for Harrison, striking out nine and walking three.

Lou Hadley had three hits and Matt Lee two for the Hawks; each had a double. Brian Nelson didn't have a hit but was credited with two RBI.

Harrison improved to 4-1 in the WLA Western Division and 10-1 overall; Northville dropped to 3-2 and 5-6.

On Saturday, the Hawks repeated as champions of the Southfield Lathrup tournament, defeating the host Chargers, 13-0, and Bloomfield Hills Andover, 15-0.

Robert Whipple was the winning pitcher in the Lathrup game, which lasted five innings, and Brent Porhola pitched all three innings of the Andover contest.

Tim Dalg had four hits, including a

double and a triple, and two RBI. He was 3-for-3 against Andover and scored five runs total.

Lee had three hits, including a double and a home run, and three RBI. One of Hadley's two hits was a two-run homer; he stole four bases, scored four runs and had three RBI.

FARMINGTON 11, GLENN 3: Preston Picard went 4-for-4 and scored two runs Monday to lead the host Falcons, who improved to 3-2 in the WLA Lakes Division and 12-5 overall.

Farmington had 14 hits, including two apiece from James Cleahan, Nick Hippler and Justin Gerwatowski.

Cleahan homered and had three RBI; Hippler had a double and one RBI.

Ian Pardonnet pitched a complete game for the Falcons, scattering eight hits, striking out six and walking one.

On Saturday, Farmington defeated Walled Lake Central in a tournament at Redford Union, 11-1. John Waisanen was the winning pitcher.

The Falcons lost a second game to the host Panthers, 7-6, in which their pitchers allowed eight walks.

Tony Luttman had five hits on the day; he, Hippler and Cleahan had home runs.

TRAJANS WIN TOURNEY: Livonia Clarenceville picked the right time to win back-to-back baseball games.

On Saturday, the Trojans swept Bloomfield Hills Rooper, 17-5, and host Whitmore Lake, 4-2, to capture an invitational tournament.

Clarenceville unloaded for 26 hits in the championship final.

Hitting stars for the Trojans included Eric Elmore, 3-for-3 with a double; Mike Murphy, 3-for-4 with a triple; Tim Riedl, 3-for-5 with a pair of doubles; Reynar Gutierrez, 3-for-5 with three runs scored;

Scott Carr, 2-for-4 with a triple. Winning pitcher Joe Kough worked the first four innings and freshman Chuck Bielecki finished up.

In the semifinals, Riedl had a two-run triple in the opening inning and pitcher Kevin Silye tossed a three-hitter.

Silye struck out eight as the Trojans notched their second victory of the year. Gutierrez and Dan Tondreau each had a hit and scored runs for the Trojans.

LUTHERAN W. 13, CLARENCEVILLE 2: Sophomore pitcher Brent Habitz led the way with a six-hitter, as the Warriors continued their winning ways Monday on the road.

Habitz (3-2) went six innings and had nine strikeouts, helping Lutheran Westland win for the fifth time in its last six outings. The team improved to 7-8 overall, and 3-2 in the Metro Conference.

"Habitz looked sharp right from the beginning," said Lutheran Westland coach Ted Youngles. "This is the best he's looked in two years. He was really in command."

Erad Holter led the Warriors offensively, going 3-for-4, with three RBI, two stolen bases and scoring three runs.

John Basseley also had three hits with three RBI, and Mike Moser added two hits and two RBI.

Tim Riedl gave up eight earned runs and took the loss. Clarenceville fell to 3-7 overall and 1-5 in the Metro.

Riedl had a better day at the plate, going 2-for-3 and knocking in one run. Dan Tondreau also had two hits for the Trojans.

The Warriors scored three runs in the first inning and coasted the rest of the way.

"We came off the bus ready to play. That is what I'm happy about," Youngles said. "Really, we've been playing good for two weeks now. It's great to see the

guys get going."

REDFORD CC 5-0, NOTRE DAME 3-4: If you'd have told Redford Catholic Central coach John Salter that his team would give up three hits in a double-header and not sweep, he wouldn't have believed you.

Yet, that's exactly what happened on Saturday as the Shamrocks nipped Harper Woods Notre Dame in the opener to post a 5-3 win, then gave up just three hits in the nightcap and lost 4-0.

"I would have said we would have had a real good chance to sweep," said Salter as his team moved to 8-5 in the Catholic League Central Division and 15-8 overall. "Olive (ND pitcher Carl) Saad credit. He pitched well and shut us down."

It was the Shamrocks that did the shutting down in the opener as Andy Smith and Adam Kline battled the wind to shut down the Irish. Smith started and went the first 24 innings, but had control problems and walked six in that stretch as ND took a 3-2 lead. Kline came in and shut down the Irish over the next 4 1/2 innings and struck out eight, while allowing only one walk.

CC tied it in the fourth inning as Brian Williams hit a two-out triple and scored on Phil Marone's RBI single. The Shamrocks then took the lead in the fifth inning as John Hill and Mike Wadoski scored on Kline's single.

The second game was ND's turn to draw the win — thanks to Saad, who allowed just two walks and struck out 13 in pitching the shutout.

"To allow just two walks in 3-2 ball is excellent," said Salter. "He'd get ahead in the count and we were kind of chasing him."

Williams had a pair of doubles in the game, while Ryan Rogowski, Charlie Haeger and Matt Loras all singled.

WEEK AHEAD

Baseball
Friday, May 12
W.A. Central at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Liv. Panthers, 4 p.m.
W. Salter at N. Farmington, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Farmington at Northville, 10 a.m.
SCOTTSVILLE
Friday, May 12
Farmington at W.A. Central, 4 p.m.
Liv. Panthers at Farm. Harrison, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at Puy. Salter, 4 p.m.
W. Regan at Farm. Marty, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Farmington City Tournament, 10 a.m.
GULL BODGER
Thursday, May 11
Marty at Liv. Lakewood, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Harrison at Southfield, 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Liv. Panthers at Farmington, 12:30 p.m.
W. Farmington at W.A. Central, 1 p.m.
Liv. Panthers at W. Farmington, 1 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Liv. Panthers at Farmington, 4 p.m.
Farm. Harrison at Northville, 4 p.m.
N. Farmington at W.A. Central, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Northville at Farmington, 3:30 p.m.
Liv. Panthers at Farmington, 4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Harrison at W.A. Central, 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Farmington City Tournament, 10 a.m.
Farmington at Troy Athensville, 10 a.m.
Farmington at W. Farmington, 10 a.m.
NOTRE DAME
Thursday, May 11
Harrison at Liv. Panthers, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Farmington at Troy Athensville, 10 a.m.
Farmington at W.A. Central, 1 p.m.
Friday, May 12
Farmington at Puy. Salter, 4 p.m.
Marty at Liv. Panthers, 4 p.m.
Saturday, May 13
Farmington at W.A. Central, 1 p.m.
Rockford at Farmington, 11 a.m.

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