Crusaders no match for WHAC opponent

■ COLLEGE BASEBALL

The run production failed, and so did the pitching for Madonna University's baseball team Tuesday at Indiana Tech.

The result was a sweep for the Warriors, 9-2 and 8-2.

The Crusaders fell to 10-16 overall, 3-7 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference; Tech is 19-7 overall, 8-0 in the WHAC.

In the first game, the Warriors' Brian Elder stopped Madonna on nine hits and one walk, striking out seven.

Eric Williamson took the loss for the Crusaders, allowing nine earned runs on 11 hits and two walks.

Roy Rabe (from Livonia Stevenson), Neil Wildfong (Plymouth Canton) and Mark Cole (Farmington/Redford Catholic Central) each had two hits for Madonna, Cole picking up a run batted in.

In the second game, Tech's Dan Morris stopped the Crusaders on four hits and one walk, fanning eight. The loss went to Devin Cole (Garden City), who gave up seven earned runs on 11 hits and four walks. Mark Cole drove in both Madonna runs with a second-inning double.

•MU 5-10, TRI-STATE 7-4: The first one got away Sunday.

The second one didn't.

Madonna gave away its first game at Tri-State University, blowing a 5-4 lead in the bottom of the seventh. Lead-off singles by Jon Lies and Todd Babij prompted the summoning of reliever Eric Williamson to replace starter Corey Farner, but the move failed when Williamson gave up a game-winning, three-run home run to Judd Reidel.

The Crusaders trailed 4-2 entering the sixth, but a two-run double by Matt Rigley (Redford Union) followed by an RBI double by Joe Pruchnik (Lutheran Westland) gave them a one-run lead. Pruchnik had two hits and two RBI in the game and Neil Wildfong had two hits. Farner took the loss, giving up six earned runs on 10 hits and two walks in six innings.

Chris Spaulding got the win for the Thunder in relief.

Madonna earned a split in the WHAC twinbill thanks to two four-run innings that sparked its 10-4 victory. Tri-State is 9-12 overall, 4-4 in the conference.

Mike Hayes (Redford Union) got the pitching win, allowing four runs on six hits and three walks in seven innings. Nate Whewell started and took the loss for the Thunder.

Devin Cole led the Crusaders' offense with two hits, including a two-run double in the four-run second and a solo home run in the sixth.

Rigley and Roy Rabe each had three hits and a run scored in the game for Madonna, Pruchnik singled in two runs in the four-run fifth inning, and Mark Cole had two RBI.

•MU 5-6, CONCORDIA 1-5: Last Saturday in Ann Arbor, the Crusaders got a game-winning, three-run home run from Roy Rabe in the top of the seventh inning to cap a four-run inning and propel Madonna to victory in the first game.

The second wasn't nearly as dramatic as the Crusaders' Mark Cole stopped the Cardinals on one run on two hits and three walks in six innings, striking out eight.

In the opener, Rabe was the winning pitcher, giving up five runs on six hits (two of them homers by Peter Thomashefski) and four walks, striking out three. Mario D'Herin (Livonia/CC), Joe Pruchnik and Eric Lightle (Livonia Churchill) each had two hits. Pruchnik driving in a run.

In the second game, Chris Woodruff (Livonia/CC) had two hits and two RBI and Sterling Mintzer and Lightle each had two hits and an RBI. Joe Greene had one hit, drove in one run and scored three.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

YOUTH BASEBALL TRYOUTS

The 13-and-under Livonia Travel Bulldogs, members of the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation, will have final tryouts for the 2002 season.

The Bulldogs will play a 40-45 game schedule, including league play and tournaments.

For more information, call Dave Schroeder at (734) 462-9467 or Gary Niemczak at (734) 464-8709.

LIVONIA BASEBALL SIGNUP

Openings for City of Livonia coed T-ball and coach-pitch baseball programs will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis from April 22 through May 3 at the Parks and Recreation office, located at 33000 Civic Center Drive.

The second-chance registration is for persons who missed the March 1 deadline. There will be not waiting list.

You must reside in either the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts to register. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

LIVONIA SOFTBALL SIGNUP

Openings for the City of Livonia pigtail, powderpuff and Class F girls softball program will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis April 29 through May 10 at the Parks and Recreation office, located at 33000 Civic Center Drive.

The second-chance deadline is for those who missed the March 28 deadline. There is no waiting list.

You must reside in either the Livonia or Clarenceville school districts to register. For more information, call (734) 466-2410.

ICE SKATING SHOW IN MAY

The Farmington Hills Figure Skating Club will have its Sixth Annual Ice Skating Show at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 17, and 4 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena at 35500 West Eight Mile Road.

One hundred young members of the figure skating club and the Learn to Skate Program ranging in age from 5 to 15 will perform synchronized and figure skating routines to the "Color Me Skating" theme.

For more information about the show, call the Farmington Hills Ice Arena at (248) 478-8800.

EMU YOUTH FOOTBALL CLINIC

The Eastern Michigan University football coaches will host a youth football clinic 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, May 5, at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti for kids ages 8 to 14.

Each participant will receive a T-shirt, two tickets to the home opener against Toledo on Sept. 7 and a tour of the team locker room and weight room.

The cost is $10 before April 15 and $15 after that date. All groups or teams of 10 or more will be charged $10 a person.

The coaches, including head coach Jeff Woodruff, will teach basic skills and techniques to become an improved player. For more information call (734) 487-5642.

FHHA REGISTERING PLAYERS

Farmington Hills Hockey Association is accepting registrations for new players for the 2002-2003 fall/winter season. Registration forms are available at the information desk at Farmington Hills Ice Arena on Eight Mile Road. For more information call (248) 478-8193.

WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE

The Great Lakes Women's Soccer League is seeking players for the outdoor season, Sunday evenings, June through August, for 18-and-up competitive, 30-and-up competitive and recreational.

Teams or individuals, experienced or novice, are invited.

For more information, call (248) 624-7515 or fax (734) 207-1656, or visit www.GLWSL.com.

PUBLIC HEARING
BUDGET HEARING

ON PROPOSED 2002-2003 BUDGET

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 15, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the George A. Bee Administrative Center, 2480 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, the Board of Trustees of Oakland Community College will hold a public hearing to consider the College's proposed 2002-2003 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2002-2003 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2002-2003 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 2480 Opdyke Rd., Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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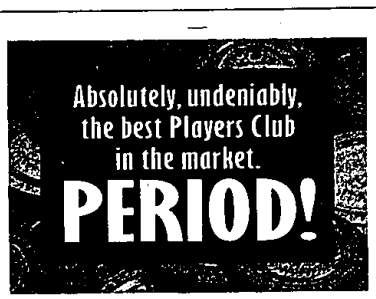

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