

Southfield-Lathrup Team In State Meet

It's state tournament time in Pony League baseball, but only Southfield-Lathrup has won the right to represent the state in the tournament this weekend at Mt. Pleasant.

While Southfield-Lathrup took district honors at Franklin, South Farmington reached the final and lost at South Lake while Redford Township was bounced in the title game at Southgate.

SOUTHFIELD-LATHRUP had to go down to the final inning to win in a showdown against Franklin, cashing two

runs in the seventh inning for a 5-4 win.

Redford, meantime, lost to Southgate, 9-2, in the title game down river while South Farmington was topped, 2-0, by St. Clair Shores in its title battle.

Southfield-Lathrup trailed, 4-3, after Bill Ward's homer had put Franklin ahead in the sixth inning.

There would be no tomorrow for Southfield Lathrup when the seventh inning rolled around with Franklin still in front.

But then Robin Richard lashed a single to get things going. Mike Kemper doubled

in one run and that tied the game at 4-4.

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THE DECISIVE victory came after Franklin had downed Southfield-Lathrup, 2-1, earlier in the day on the combined four hit pitching of Paul Coughenor and Frank Gory. A hit by Scott Rucarin knocked in the winning run.

The same teams had met the day before with Southfield-Lathrup a 3-2 winner as Doc Fisher worked 6 1/2 innings for the winners. He struck out 15.

George Prappas drilled in the winning run. Franklin reached the finals by knocking out Garden City, 5-4, and then winning over Birmingham, 2-1.

Southgate topped Redford in its title game, 6-2, as Ed Kornacki and Tim Burnett each drove in a pair of runs.

RON DENEWETH was the winning pitcher for St. Clair over South Farmington, yielding only two hits to best Dan Perry and Dave Duello.

South Farmington downed Southfield Woods, 4-1 and North Farmington, 4-1, in its drive to the finals.

Mitch Thomas belted a homer in the win over Southfield Woods, while Tim Hamner was the winning pitcher against North Farmington as Jeff Herman drove in two runs with a single.

Ironically, both the South Farmington losses came against St. Clair Shores, the first by a 4-0 score when the winners counted four times in the first inning.

North Farmington blanked Southfield Woods, 9-0, when Mike Bancroft hurled a no-hitter, struck out 12 and walked two. He also drilled out a pair of hits to pace his team to the easy win.

But St. Clair Shores then beat North Farmington, 4-2, to end the latter's title hopes.

Burger King Whips Rival

The battle of the burgers in Plymouth was won by Burger King workers who defeated a softball team from Burger Chef, 17-11, in the annual duel.

The prize for the winners was burgers, fries and coke at the expense of the losers.



CHUCK COON, JR., who has been appointed starter for the Wolverine Raceway harness racing meet starting Aug. 4 at the DRC, looks over the plant accompanied by Vice President and General Manager Richard Wilson (left). Coon, a former assistant track superintendent at area plants, comes back to Michigan after serving as starter in New York for several years.

Randy Attains Goal; Registers 20th Triumph

Okay, Vida Blue and Mickey Lolich and Ferguson Jenkins.

Move over and make room for Randy Ferguson of Warholak Unirayol Tire and Redford Union High.

While you have been striving to achieve the 20 victory summit this season, Ferguson already has arrived there. He hasn't had as many chances to pitch as you have.

FERGUSON, recently graduated from Redford Union High, posted a 143 prep record during the spring to make him one of the out-

standing schoolboy pitchers in the state.

He made it 6-0 for Warholak Saturday in downing the Reading VFW team from Cincinnati, one of the foremost teenage teams in Ohio, 5-1.

The Reading team had come north with a record of 26 wins against eight losses and with talent from eight different high school teams.

But Ferguson checked them on four hits and struck out three. He lost his shutout when Reading put together three hits with an error in the fourth inning.

Warholak, tuning up for the Connie Mack state district playoffs, scored three times in the first inning when R. J. LeRoux walked, Steve Friedman was safe on a fielder's choice, Bill Booker reached base on an error and Kurt Fritz doubled and subsequently scored on an error and wild pitch.

LeRoux's triple and a wild pitch brought in the fourth Warholak run in the third. Then LeRoux walked, stole second, went to third after a fly and score on another wild pitch in the fifth to round out the winners' scoring.

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The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

It's tournament time. The Livonia closed tennis tournament for Livonia residents will be held this weekend, under the auspices of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Favored to win the men's over 18 title will be Bud McCallum with Dave Ward of the closest challenge. Possible darkhorses may be Eloise Numa with close competition from Barbara Boyle. The boys under 18 is wide open with no clearcut favorite but plenty of competition.

SOME OF THE finest players in the area will perform in the open tournament to be held on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 21-22. Entries are being accepted for competition in singles, doubles, and mixed doubles for men and women and men's over 35 and men's over 45 categories.

Pick up an entry form at the Livonia Parks and Recreation Office, 7 Mile Road east of Farmington Road in Livonia.

Tennis in Livonia took on an international flavor with Kenichi Sasamura from Tokyo, Japan displaying his talents. Ken is spending three weeks in Livonia as the houseguest of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Muehlenbelt of 16400 Bell Creek Lane.

It is a pleasure playing with and against him. He has classic strokes and a fine spin serve, necessary for a short player. It's too bad my Japanese guest, Nebuko Nijima can't play as well, but she makes great sukiaki.

Come on out Sunday to Stevenson High School for the final matches. I may even be playing a final if I'm lucky—at least I'll be officiating!

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Livonian Wins Net Tourney

William Wei, of Livonia defeated James George of Westland, to take the men's division of the Livonia novice tennis tournament held under the sponsorship of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Department.

Wei won the men's division with a comeback, dropping the first set 3-6, then taking the next two by 6-4 margins.

Winner in the four divisions of the tournament, which was open to Livonians and residents of other communities which do not have tennis programs, advance to a metropolitan tournament to be held in East Detroit.

Winner of the junior boys division, for players 16 and

younger, was Ed Garneau of Farmington. He beat Bob Durivage of Livonia, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Ladies' division winner was Debbie Stone of Livonia, who took 6-2, 6-3 sets from Judy Preston of Livonia, for the title.

Junior girls winner was Jean Garbus of Livonia. She beat Wendy Morgan of Livonia, 7-5, 6-1.

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