

Southfield Drops 12-Inning Thriller, 1-0

Warholak Advanced in State Connie Mack Play

MARSHALL

Shutouts with contrasting results. One a happy finish for an Oberlin team, the other one that was enough to set a lot of young men to crying.

It was opening day in the state Connie Mack baseball tournament...the best eight teams in Michigan.

One of the eight was Warholak Tire (Redford Union). The other: Southfield's American Legion Post.

WHILE WARHOLAK blanked Lincoln Park Adray, 5-0, Southfield fought for 12 innings before finally bowing to Battle Creek, 1-0.

Randy Ferguson, the winningest schoolboy pitcher in the state, chalked up No. 24 against two defeats as Warholak turned back Adray.

Ferguson struck out six, walked five and scattered three hits and had to work out of two jams. In the third, Battle Creek had runners on first and third with one out when a double steal backfired with the lead runner being tossed out at the plate.

In the fourth, Ferguson pulled out of a bases loaded situation with only one out.

MEANTIME, the Redford bats could do virtually nothing until the sixth inning against Keith Cabanaw, a college pitcher from Tennessee Union.

For five innings, Cabanaw didn't allow a hit or a run.

Finally, in the sixth Bill Booker and Joe Randolph singled. Then Pat Perino fouled to the catcher, who fell into the dugout after making the catch. This permitted both runners to advance a base.

Kirt Fritz dropped a squeeze bunt and when

Booker bumped into the Battle Creek catcher, he not only scored, but Randolph came around when the ball rolled to the stands.

In the seventh after Glen Richmond singled, Redford went to the bunt to produce three more runs.

Ferguson beat one out and LeRoux squeezed Richmond in. Ferguson came across on an error on the play and then Randolph singled for the final run.

IN THE SOUTHFIELD-Battle Creek game, it was one missed opportunity after another for Southfield as a brilliant pitching duel by Bob Brown went for naught.

Brown was up against a stellar pitcher in Gary Katz, who was able to work clear of one jam after another.

In the second inning, John Solberg was hit by a pitch and stole second, but that's as far as he could

go. Then in the fifth, an error, single and walk might have given Southfield three on with none out, except that Rick Stabile, who singled, was out trying to make a double on the play.

Gary Mazza's one out double in the eighth was wasted. So were two runners in the ninth and two more in the 12th each with one out.

Finally, Battle Creek won the game on a single, a stolen base, a single that put the lead runner on third and -- of all things -- a wild pitch.

Brown had fanned 13, walked two and allowed only six hits. Rival Katz gave up eight hits and struck out five.

The tourney, a two-defeat-and-out competition, is scheduled to close on Sunday with the winner advancing into national Connie Mack competition.

Livonia E,F, Teams Ousted In Tourney

Neither the Livonia Optimist Aces in Class E (boys 14-15) nor their city "brothers," the Cards in Class F (boys 12-13) made it past the regional State Recreation baseball playoffs completed Wednesday at Livonia's Ford Field.

Both bowed in the semifinals.

The Cards were nipped by the Dearborn Panthers, 3-2, while the Aces fell to Dearborn Heights, 9-8, in a game that carried two extra innings before being decided in the ninth.

THE CARDS took a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but that's where their scoring ended as the Panthers rallied with single runs in three innings to pull the decision out.

Bob Sankl had two hits in a losing cause while Ron Battaglia suffered the pitching reversal.

Sankl singled, John Kolls tripled and Battaglia lofted a sacrifice fly to account for the two Cards' runs.

The Optimist Aces counted four times in the first inning and four more in the fourth to build up a lead, but it vanished

with Dearborn Heights finally tying matters in the sixth before winning in the ninth on an error, stolen base and a single by pitcher Dan Haggard, who had three hits in the game.

Al Boltz ripped out two hits and drove in three runs while Bruce Boudnak drove in two more runs for the losers.

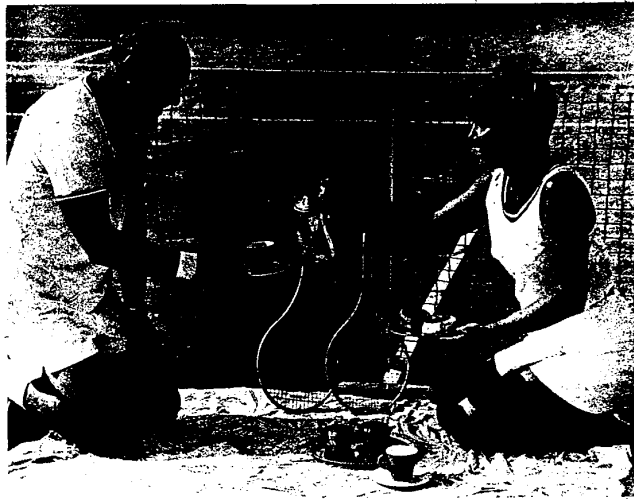
In the finals, Dearborn downed Battle Creek, 13-2, in the Class F final while Dearborn Heights edged Battle Creek 3-1, in the "E" final to advance to the state finals at Pontiac.

MSU Staff Loaded With Linemen

It's virtually a Michigan State linemen's reunion every time Hedd Coach Duffy Daugherty calls his Spartan grid staff for a meeting.

No less than five ex-State line performers are in the group. They are offensive backfield coach Gordie Serr (letterman in 1950-51-52), defensive line coach George Perles (1953), receivers coach Joe Carruthers (1955-56-57), offensive line coach Carl "Buck" Nystrom (1953-54-55) and linebackers coach Ed Youngs (1961-62-63).

There's still another former Spartan on the staff -- defensive backfield coach Sherman Lewis, but he was a back in college.



Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

If ever there was a harness racing program presented in metropolitan Detroit loaded with top pacers, it has to be that coming up Saturday at Wolverine Raceway.

Racing Secretary Bill Connors set up a program with total purses of \$39,800 and owners and trainers responded with what has to be considered the best card of the season in the area.

Top billing goes to the \$6,600 invitational which lists a field of eight. But what a list. It includes: Knox Patch, holder of the track record of 1:58; Johnny G, who paced a 1:58.4 mile a week ago, fastest of the meeting; Shawway Lad, who set the pace that enabled Johnny G to record his last victory; Blaise Pick and Breadman George, co-holders of the Northville Downs record of 2:00.4; Torjon, who has been under 2:00 in previous starts at Hazel Park and in Chicago; and Dwayne Fletcher's Shady Counsel, one of the Midwest's fastest.

Just to make the field even more impressive, there's El Patron, an invader from the east who shows two straight victories and could be one of the fastest on the grounds. That's just one of the attractions. There's a \$5,400 preferred pace that has six starters in Gaviand, Right Honor, Record Time, High Ideal, Sammy Key and Noble Knight Time.

And a \$5,200 preferred that is headed by Castleton Farm's Race Byrd and includes: The Big Bear, Shawway Squire, Shawway Dream, Jay Thorpe, Argo Time, Gunner Creed and Mighty Fire.

Just to make things even more enticing, Connors has carded two \$4,000 paces which have all of the best middle class sidewheelers as starters.

Take a look at these names: Hotel Man, General Knox, Swing Bye, Our Nibbler, Swatara, Prince Knox, Reeds Waylay, Peppy Reico, Star East, Springs Pride and Cushing Beauty.

Small wonder the Saturday night offering has been labeled the season's best by horsemen, patrons and those who watch the nightly activities from the rail.

IMAGINE THREE season high payoffs on the same evening. It happened at Wolverine Tuesday night when Jay Lord, a four-year-old pacer from Sarnia, Ontario, found the goody going to his liking and romped down the outside in the stretch to win and pay \$155. That was the most for a win price of the meeting and one of the biggest payoffs for a \$2 ticket in the track history.

The crowd had hardly recovered from the jolt when Margie Hill, a four-year-old mare piloted by Harold Fisher of Adrian, completed the Big Perfecta by winning the sixth race at better than 16-1 odds and pay \$35.40.

That delighted three lucky holders of tickets carrying the 2-5 combination since it paid \$8,530.40...another high for the betting.

But the best came last in the trifecta wagering on the 10th race when Bob Car Lith, a six-year-old, registered its second win in 29 starts to pay \$70.80. Miss Fashion, another longshot, was second and returned \$26.60 to place.

Thus the combination of 1-2-9 paid on all-time high of \$5,772. Quite an evening with the rains coming down most of the night and the longshot bettors doing nothing but collecting boxcar payoffs.

Starter Chick Conn Jr., who

took over that assignment with the start of Wolverine's 76-night meeting, didn't waste any time in letting the drivers know he expected them to listen to his instructions while

taking the field to the post. First three to feel the sting of Conn's orders were Merritt Dokey, Ted Costing and Greg Wright...each was fined \$50 for not following orders.

Because they are scavengers, eagles have had a concentrated amount of DDT. The smaller minnows are eaten by the larger minnows. These are eaten by other fish and on up the scale until the eagle gets a message that has been multiplied over and over.

The result has been soft-shelled eggs or the bird's setting forlornly on infertile eggs that never hatch. According to Ed, an eagle's nest is a remarkable construction, and he has charted every nest in his area. This is done from a plane, on a sunny day when the shadows are long, and when there are no leaves on the trees.

They spot the nests by their shadows and by the white circle of droppings on the ground under the nest.

THE NESTS ARE about five feet across and six feet deep. They start out with big branches five feet long and as thick as a man's wrist.

A woman who watches an eagle nest for him said she has seen one of the birds fly full speed at a dead tree, break off a large branch with the force of its flight, and fly off with the branch, carrying it with its feet.

The nest is built up with smaller branches and twigs

start Sept. 11 in Dearborn, are: Bill Cameron, 29683 Greenland, Livonia and Mrs. Don Frandsen, 17862 Bell Creek Lane, Livonia. High spot of the two day event is a dinner-dance at the Dearborn Country Club on Sept. 18.



Our beach walk last weekend led us to Cousin Ed's cottage on the Canadian side of Lake Erie, not far from Amherstburg. And Ed had some good news for us, but he couldn't explain the reason for it.

Three baby eagles hatched and survived on Lake Erie's northern shores this summer.

For the past 12 years Ed has been census taker of the eagle population in a triangular section of southern Ontario. Three points of the triangle are roughly Sarnia, Amherstburg and Long Point.

Twelve years ago there were 25 pairs of eagles in the area. Now there are five pairs plus a few strays. It has been years since there has been a fertile egg in Ed's territory, but this year one hatched near Arncliffe and two (in the same nest) at Rondeau Park. He said he didn't know why it happened unless somehow the eagles are building up a resistance to DDT.

then lined with corn husks. Ed says a pair may build a nest one year, another not too far away the next year, and still another the next. Then they'll move back to their original the fourth year.

To scale a tree and get beyond the overhanging of the giant nest is no easy task. Once as Ed reached for the bird, it backed up and fell out of the nest. This meant going back down the tree, banding it and returning it to the nest.

He has pictures of the baby eagerly drinking from his canteen at the foot of the tree.

EXAMINATION of an eagle tree that has fallen reveals the birds' eating habits. Ed says the one he saw had big carp scales, fish bones, small turtle shells and muskrat hides. He has heard of muskrat traps being found in the nests.

Last week when he went to observe the Arncliffe eagle (with a telescope a quarter of a mile away), there was only an empty nest. It had flown away. Ed thinks the two at Rondeau were banded.

And he hopes the trend has been reversed and that the eagle population is on the rise. It will be interesting to see what happens next summer.

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Latins To Salute Tigers

Latin American fans will salute Latin American players at Tiger Stadium Sept. 17 during a twilight doubleheader between the Tigers and Baltimore Orioles.

The League of United Latin American Citizens is sponsoring the first Latin American Night, with native music and special awards.

Louis J. Sanchez, Michigan state director of the LULAC organization, said it is hoped to make the event an annual one.

"The large and growing Latin American community in Detroit and Michigan is proud of players with Latin backgrounds who are making their marks in major league baseball," he said. "We want to call attention to them and to our interest in baseball—which is a leading sport in much of Latin America."

Sanchez said a Latin American singer will be selected for the singing of the National Anthem at the start of the night and a Mexican

mariachi band will supply music between games.

The crowning of the LULAC Queen will be a feature of the between-games ceremonies, along with awards to Latin American players among both the Tigers and Orioles.

The Latin American Night at Tiger Stadium follows a week of celebration by the Latin American community centered around the Sept. 16 observance of Mexico's Independence Day.

