



CLOSE CALL--Lathrup's Rick Franks dives into third base with Guy Perry making the tag for Groves. The call was close and the ump called it . . . safe. (Observer photos by Harry Mauthe)

Groves' Hitters Surprise Lathrup In Explosive Six Run Inning

Birmingham Groves exploded for six runs in the fourth inning to bury Southfield Lathrup in the baseball opener for both schools, 10-5. Dale Petroskey was the sparkplug in the Groves attack with three hits in four trips to the plate and three runs batted in to his credit. Scott Friesner went the distance for the Falcons on the mound with Lathrup's senior righthander Paul Jacobs collecting the loss.

Lathrup got on the board in the first inning on walks to Jeff Goldberg and Dave Kay and a costly error. Rick Franks dribbled a slow roller down the third base line and Guy Perry picked up the grounder and threw into right field and Lathrup went up by two runs.

Groves got one back in the top of the second when Perry walked, stole second and scored on a single by Bill Felker.

THE CHARGERS increased their margin in the half of the second to lead after two innings, 4-1.

Mark Flynn walked, stole second and Shkel singled. Bruce Ruhl doubled scoring Flynn but Shkel was thrown out at the plate. Ruhl later scored on a wild pitch but the big inning for Groves was to come.

"The flood gates just opened up," said Lathrup Coach Don Rylander after

seeing his Chargers commit three errors in the fourth inning.

WITH ONE OUT, Perry singled and retired on a forceout leaving Heist on first with two down.

Chuck Goudi uncorked a two run blast over the leftfield wall and Groves was moving. Bill Felker singled, stole second and scored on a single by Petroskey.

Mike Ricci fanned for the third out but the Charger catcher dropped the ball and threw it into right field and Petroskey scored.

Siegel blasted a triple to center and Rich Ferrel was safe on an error scoring Siegel and the scoreboard read

Groves seven and Lathrup four.

BIRMINGHAM GROVES

ab	r	h	bi
Felker, 2b	4	1	2
Petroskey, 2b	4	1	3
Ricci, cf	3	0	0
Siegel, cf	3	1	1
Ferrel, ss	4	1	0
Friesner, p	4	0	0
Perry, 3b	2	1	2
Vohrer, 3b	1	1	1
Heist, 1b	3	1	0
Cloutier, c	1	0	0
Goudi, c	2	2	2
Totals	31	10	11

SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP

ab	r	h	bi
Ruhl, ss	4	1	1
Goldberg, cf	2	1	0
Kay, 1b	4	1	0
Franks, 2b	4	0	1
Thackberry, c	3	0	0
Dunn, cf	2	1	0
Flynn, 2b	2	1	0
Jacobs, p	2	0	0
Shkel, 1b	2	0	0
Totals	23	6	2

GROVES 7, LATHRUP 4

Lathrup bounced back with one tally in its half with Goldberg walking in Dunn with the bases loaded, cutting the margin to two.

and added two more in the fifth and one in the sixth to jump up by five and Lathrup just wasn't to have a shot in the seventh . . . the ump called the game because of darkness and Coach Rylander was caught looking for a winning combination.

Eisenhower travels to Lathrup today (Wednesday) and the Chargers go on the road Friday at Dondora. Groves hosts Cranbrook today and Livonia Franklin on Monday in a Northwest Suburban league battle.

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Franklin 'Walks' RU To 2-1 Win

By TOM DONOGHUE
Observer Sports Editor

It wasn't a hitter's delight and it was far from being a pitcher's battle but it was a close knit game with Redford Union squeaking out a 2-1 victory over Livonia Franklin.

The opener for both teams featured five pitchers allowing three hits but giving up 16 walks. Franklin outlived RU two to one but fell victim to the old problem of not being able to get the ball over the plate.

Rob Campbell opened the first inning for RU with a single off Franklin starter Dennis Watson and this was the lone mark in the Panther hit column, with RU failing to score.

Franklin made use of a walk, and error and a hit batsman in the bottom of the first to score its lone run.

Karney Derderian walked and advanced to second on a sacrifice by Jeff Waterstone. A wild pitch moved him to third and Derderian sprinted home when Tim Livesay was safe on an error by the RU first baseman.

Neither team could muster an offensive attack until the bottom of the fifth when Franklin pounded out two singles.

With one out, Tony Dattilo singled and Derderian and Waterstone followed with base on balls to load the bases.

DAVE WATKINS then lashed a hot shot to RU's Rob Campbell at second who threw to home forcing Dattilo and Livesay went down swinging to halt the rally.

Johnston replaced starter Pat Burgess on the RU mound and the score remained 1-0 going into the top of the seventh.

Glenn Richmond advanced to second in the seventh and was forced at second with Dave Martin safe at first on a fielder's choice.

Mark Younchuk and Gary Fulkus then got a free trip to first on walks to load the bases. Mark Durston followed suit with a walk to bring in the tying run and shortstop Mike Kalil drilled a sacrifice fly to center to bring in the tie breaking run and RU was on top, 2-1.

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Rick Stone walked to start things off for the Patriots in the bottom of the seventh and next followed a perfect sacrifice bunt with Stone advancing to second.

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HUFFIN' AND PUFFIN' - Bishop Borgess's Neil Falls outlasts Rick Boyd of Sterling Heights in the 60-yard dash trials at East Lansing's Spartan Relays. (Observer photo)

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BASEBALL		TENNIS		
WEDNESDAY		WEDNESDAY		
Stevens at Thurston		Grassie vs. Thurston		
N. Farmington at Harrison		Crawford at Clareville		
Oak Park at Southfield		Allen Park at Glenn		
Cranbrook at Groves		W. Central at Stevens		
Bishop at Lathrup		Country Day Invitational		
Bentley at Franklin		Mansfield Relays (OHSU)		
GC West at John Glenn		MONDAY		
North at Churchill		Fennell at Southfield		
Rice at Southfield		U-D at Borgess		
U-D at Borgess		TUESDAY		
THURSDAY		St. Agatha at Northville		
Thurston at RU		Plymouth at Bentley		
Clareville at Brighton		Groves at Farmington		
Plymouth at Northville		Sacred Heart at Borgess		
Benedictine at Borgess		Stevens at Churchill		
FRIDAY		Clareton at Clareville		
GC East at Thurston		Lathrup at E. at Country Day		
Harrison at Farmington		Harrison at Thurston		
Churchill at N. Farmington		GC East at Wayne		
Lathrup at Southfield		Glenn at Cranbrook		
Franklin at GC West		Edwards at RU		
S. Lathrup at Dondora		Dondora at S. Lathrup		
Lake Orion at Clevon Day		SATURDAY		
Borgess at Bishop Foley		Borgess at Bishop Foley		
BUNDAY		BUNDAY		
Bishop Gallagher at Rice		Bishop Gallagher at Rice		
MONDAY		MONDAY		
Franklin at Groves		Franklin at Groves		
Borgess at Sacred Heart		Borgess at Sacred Heart		
North at Churchill		North at Churchill		
Rice at Southfield		Rice at Southfield		
U-D at Borgess		U-D at Borgess		
THURSDAY		THURSDAY		
St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel		St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel		
Belleville at Bentley		Belleville at Bentley		
DeLaSalle at Rice		DeLaSalle at Rice		
Plymouth at Thurston		Plymouth at Thurston		
RU at Allen Park		RU at Allen Park		
FRIDAY		FRIDAY		
S. Lathrup at Waterford		S. Lathrup at Waterford		
Fulke, Jr. at RU		Fulke, Jr. at RU		
THURSDAY		THURSDAY		
St. Agatha at Divine Child		St. Agatha at Divine Child		
Bentley at Plymouth		Bentley at Plymouth		
Franklin at Groves		Franklin at Groves		
Churchill at Northville		Churchill at Northville		
Brighton at Clareville		Brighton at Clareville		
Pontiac, N. at Farmington		Pontiac, N. at Farmington		

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