

Groves Capitalizes On Thurston Errors

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It was a week of giveaway in the Northwest Suburban baseball conference with Thurston capitalizing on three Rocket errors to topple John Glenn, 7-5. Then Thurston came back with two errors in a Birmingham Groves extra inning battle to lose, 5-4. Groves, Thurston and North Farmington now find themselves in a three way tie for first with three wins and one loss record.

Glenn jumped to a 1-0 lead in the first inning with Jeff Hodgkins getting a single, stealing second, moving to third on a passed ball and scoring on a single by Jim Laughren.

THE EAGLES bounded back in the bottom of the second on singles by John Roy and Mike Robinson, two Glenn errors and a single by Larry Poma and Don Murdoch for a 4-1 margin.

THE ROCKETS picked away at the score with two in the third. J.P. McBride and Hodgkins singled, Roger Sanders sacrificed home McBride and Hodgkins scored on an error. Thurston jumped on Rocket hurler Hodgkins in the fourth stanza with three runs on three hits to take a 7-4 lead. Eagle pitcher Mark Miller singled and Bill Fraser singled. Poma sacrificed the runners and Ghanam blasted a triple and scored himself on a sacrifice by Murdoch.

GLENN RALLIED in the sixth with a walk to Mike Borders and a single by Jeff Brittain. Miller bore down and struck out two Rockets but Russ Rayburn connected with a single as a pitcher-hitter and the margin was sliced to two runs.

Thurston failed to score in its half of the sixth and Miller retired Glenn in order in the seventh for the win.

home two and Thurston was in front, 4-3.

Ghanam retired Groves in the sixth and struck out the first two batters in the seventh and was about ready to kick the ball in his back pocket and walk home with victory in GROVES.

Raiders Score 2 Conference Baseball Wins

North Farmington finds itself with a showdown already in the young baseball season. The high flying Raiders edged Oak Park, 2-1, and tipped John Glenn, 4-3, to stand at three wins and one loss in Northwest Suburban action.

Birmingham Groves also stands at 3-1 and the two front runners meet head on Monday at North Farmington.

North Coach Tom Wallis couldn't be happier with his pitchers. Kim Parker tossed a no-hitter against Franklin and Louie Doot a one-hitter against Walled Lake Western.

Doot came back with a four-hitter against Oak Park and Doug Moher and Dave Nauman combined for a four-hitter against John Glenn.

And to think that pitching was the big question mark for North Farmington before the season opened.

But the ball popped out of the glove and the score was tied. Ghanam struck out the next batter but it was into extra innings.

Thurston rallied in the top of the eighth. Robinson singled and Fraser singled with the glove of Poma at shortstop and Frelser scampered home with the winning run.

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Churchill Falls, 4-3 Harrison Undefeated

Farmington Harrison swept past Churchill, 4-3, and Walled Lake Western, 6-3, in Western Six baseball competition to stand on top with a 4-0 league mark and an overall 6-0 record.

And to think that Coach Bob

and an error by the pitcher. The Hawks increased their lead to four runs in the third. Ron Long singled, Bill Mead was safe on an error and Wayne Garvin singled into center with the centerfielder booting the ball and Long and Mead scored. Garvin scored himself on a wild pitch, and it was 5-3 Western.

Harrison tallied three times in the fourth to win, 6-5. Nicolay walked and Tom Goodwin singled. An error advanced the runners and Chuck Economor doubled to right for two runs. Golch singled scoring Economor in what proved to be the winning run.

Van Wagoner doubled and Frelser doubled him home. Hawanery struck out by Bob Blaines kept things alive with a single scoring Foster. Roy Herndon grounded out to Golch at third and the game was over with Young the winner and Miller taking the loss.

CHURCHILL GOT on the board in the bottom of the third on a single by Jim Foster and a double by Kelly.

The Chargers started a drive in the bottom of the seventh after one out. Bruce Van Wagoner doubled and Frelser doubled him home. Hawanery struck out by Bob Blaines kept things alive with a single scoring Foster. Roy Herndon grounded out to Golch at third and the game was over with Young the winner and Miller taking the loss.

THE HAWKS continued their assault in Walled Lake Western game with an impressive 6-3 win.

WESTERN JUMPED to a 2-0 edge in the first on a single by Frank Marotta, a walk to Jim Evans, a passed ball and a two run sacrifice by Garnett Peeling.

Harrison notched it at two all in the bottom of the inning. Jeff Kallgren singled and stole second. Manos walked and Young lined a single to left with Kallgren and Manos scoring.

The second inning saw Harrison move in front on a single by Nick Nicolay, a stolen base, and a run producing single by Tom Golch.

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Farmington outlasted Pontiac Northern in an later lakes conference baseball slugfest, 12-11, to stand with two wins and no losses.

Northern jumped on Falcon starter Jim Harte in the first inning, with three runs on four hits.

Jay Talbot singled and Hans Medina lofted a two run homer to left. Scott Wood doubled and Dan Pietryga followed suit with another double and the Huskies were three up.

FARMINGTON got one back in its half of the first on a double by Bob Holton and a run producing single by Mike Flynn.

The Falcons tied it at three all in the third with base balls to Flynn and Tony Wenson, an error and a single by Jeff Herman.

The Falcons batted were booming in the fourth inning with Farmington jumping to a 9-3 lead. Dennis Dorsch was safe on an error and after two outs, things started popping.

DENNIS HAGAN singled and Holton was safe, on an error. Flynn singled in two runs and Wenson blasted a single scoring Flynn. Harte socked a two run blast for his first homer and Rick Pauline doubled and scampered home on an error, and Farmington was up by six.

Harte was replaced on the mound by Hagan and Northern proceeded to reef off three runs on three hits in the fifth inning.

Greg Chapman and Talbot

single and Wood drilled a homer.

Northern pushed across five more in the top of the sixth on four hits to take the lead, 11-9. Dick Ferns doubled and scored on a single by Bill York. Ron Erwin was safe on an error and Jack Cole singled.

CHAPMAN followed with a double and scored on an error and the Falcons were having their feathers ruffled.

Farmington went to the bench in the bottom of the sixth and Coach Richard Roy didn't get any booming hits but he did get base runners.

Harte singled to open the inning and Herman walked. Dorsch singled in Harte and Flynn as the first of three successive pinch-hitters went to the plate.

DAVE WASHBURN was safe on a fielder's choice. Blake Loral was safe on an error and Herman scored to tie it at 11 all. Dennis Detrich was safe on an error scoring Dorsch and Farmington had the one run lead it needed.

But it didn't go one, two three for Farmington in the top of the seventh. Al Firek relieved Hagan and he retired the first two batters with no problem.

York faced a double to center and Roger Texas lined a single into center. Falcon centerfielder Dorsch threw in to Firek who relayed to catcher Wenson. York barreled into Wenson but was out and Farmington was the victor.

Farmington hosts Stevenson Monday in another Inter-Lakes clash.

CHURCHILL

Blakes 3b	ab	r	h	bi
Hawkinson 2b	3	0	1	1
Grom ss	4	0	0	0
Draher cf	3	0	0	0
Lloyd lf	3	0	0	0
Lacortia rf	3	0	1	0
VanWagoner c	3	1	1	0
Foster if	3	2	2	1
Miller p	0	0	0	0
Kelly ph	0	0	1	1
Peeling p	0	0	0	0
Keller p	0	0	1	1
Totals	26	3	6	3

HARRISON

Golch 3b	ab	r	h	bi
Kallgren 2b	2	2	0	0
Manos cf	4	1	2	2
Young p	2	0	0	0
Pink if	0	0	0	0
Monrion if	2	0	0	0
Nicolay lf	2	0	0	0
Goodwin 1b	3	0	0	0
Morrison, S. 2b	2	0	0	0
Totals	20	4	4	3

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Borgess at Pontiac (2)
W. Western at Churchill
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Stevens at Farmington
Franklin at Glenn
GC East at Lathrup West
GC West at Kennedy
Southfield at Ferndale
WL Central at Lathrup
Thurston at Oak Park

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St. Alphonsus at St. Agatha
Bentley at Trenton
Rice at Austin
RU at Plymouth

WEDNESDAY

Glenn at Franklin
Borgess at Catholic Central
Rice at Clawson
Northville at Churchill
Farmington at WL Central
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Intar at GC East
GC West at Greenwood
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Pontiac at Lathrup

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Franklin at Glenn
Glenn at N. Farmington
WL Central at Lathrup
GC West at Kennedy
Midland at Clarencville
Rice at DeLaSalle
WL Western at Churchill

TUESDAY

Bentley at Edna Ford
GC East at Robichaud

WEDNESDAY

Thurston at N. Farmington
Groves at Franklin
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Bentley at Lathrup
GC West at Greenwood
Clarencville at W. Bloomfield
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Oak Park at Glenn
Northville at Churchill

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