Floundering Franklin Sweeps Rock Twin Bill

Four games in three days may not have been what the doctor ordered but it was what Franklin baseball coach Ron Hellier knew his drifting squad needed.

The Franklin Patriots stood only 1-5 before twin bills with Royal Oak Kimball and Plymouth, and Hellier had to be wondering just what was happening to the promise of a winning season and a run at the Northwest Suburban crown.

His Patriots now stand 3-7, dropping the Kimball twin bill but bouncing back to take both ends of a Plymouth doubleheader.

Franklin lost to Kimball, 4-2, and 11-3, and came back with almost identical scores in topping Plymouth, 5-2, and 11-5.

Hellier couldn't have been happier after the performance of his sophomore right-hander Don Gray in the opener against Plymouth.

His crew was at the time sporting a 1-7 mark and Hellier went with a 10th grader.

Gray came through with a six-hitter, walking three and striking out eight.

Steve Robb, Bill Denheuter and Tom Willette worked for Wayne Sparkman's Plymouth crew with the starter Robb suffering the loss, hurling the first 5 2/3 innings, giving up all five runs on six hits, walking three and striking out four.

"These four games should have set us straight on a few things," said Hellier. "If we can get over some injuries, we will be all right."

Franklin scored three times in the third inning to jump to a lead in the opening contest.

Jeff Waterstone walked, stole second and Tony Dattilio singled him to third. Gar Frantz singled in Waterstone and Dave Watkins was safe on an error by Plymouth third baseman Jeff Waller.

Tim Longeway then made good a double suicide squeeze with Dattilio and Frantz scoring and Watkins crossing the plate after Longway collided with Rock first baseman Keith MacDonald. This made it 4-0 for Franklin.

Plymouth came back with two in the sixth on hits by Robb, Waller and Don Bidwell and a pinch-hit single by Ron Egloff in his first appearance at the plate for '73.

A walk to Longeway and singles by Wayne Darragh and Larry Casey iced it for Franklin in the last of the sixth.

The second contest saw Hellier use Rick Varterasian, Livesay and Rich Gaber with Livesay picking up his first win of '73. Sparkman went through three on the Plymouth mound in Keith MacDonald, Robb Willette and Bill Dehoter with starter MacDonald receiving the setback.

Franklin finished the second game with 13 hits and one error while Plymouth collected nine hits and committed five errors.

Franklin spurted ahead by two in the second when Cliff Davidson was safe on an error by Rock second baseman Mike McIntosh. Darragh doubled and both scored on a hit by Bob Fallow.

The third inning blew things wide open for Franklin.

The Patriots sent 13 men to the plate and scored eight runs on six hits.

Livesay started it all off with a single and scored on a home run by Frantz, his third of '73. Dave Hollandsworth then walked, Davidson singled, Darragh singled, Joe Polland walked, Tim Adams singled, Vartarerasian was safe on a fielder's choice, Jim Baigrie and Livesay singled again, Frantz was hit by a pitch, Hollandsworth was safe on an error and Davidson was safe on yet another Rock mishap.

Score after three complete innings. Franklin 10, Plymouth 0.

Franklin's 11th tally came in the fifth on a double by Frantz and single by Darragh.

Plymouth's big inning was the fourth.

The Rocks came up with four runs when Waller walked, Mark Stephens and McIntosh singled, John Chiatals was hit by a pitch, Robb Willette singled and it was 10-4.

Plymouth's other tally came in the fifth on hits by Egloff and McIntosh.

Panthers Kicking After 1st Loss

RU Knocks Off Bentley, Stevenson

The Redford Union baseball machine is starting to roll.

The Panthers upended rival Bentley, 5-3, and tipped Livonia Stevenson, 2-0, for their seventh victory of the early campaign.

The "machine" then hit a lull and the Panthers dropped their first of '73 to Dearborn, 4-3.

"We were just plain tired," said RU Coach Bob Atkins who accepted the loss to Dearborn after winning his first seven. "We had played too many games in too short a time for this early in the season."

The victory over Bentley was an unusual sight with only one of the eight runs scored being of the earned variety.

Seven terrors were committed, Bentley picking up four and a loss, its first of the season.

"We just came up with a terrible showing," said Bentley head mentor Marty Klozik whose squad collected the same number of hits as RU.

Atkins went all the way with his young left hander, Tom Nippa.

Nippa gave up five hits and three runs, walked five and struck out nine and chalked up the 5-3 win.

Brent Boegler started for Bentley, lasted only 1⅔ innings, gave up three hits, all five runs, walked two and struck out none.

Dan Vezina came on in the second and quieted the RU bats, giving up only two hits the rest of the way, walking one and striking out eight.

Bentley struck first in the last of the first.

Greg Neale was safe when RU outfielder Gary Fulks dropped a fly ball. Bob Deacon and Doug Macklon both drew bases on balls and Bob Wasilewski singled to right to score Neale.

Then came the RU explosion.

And it all started with two outs.

Lupe Bravo singled and Fulks was safe on an error by Bulldog shortstop Ernie Storm. RU pinch-hitter Tom Forma delivered a single and Nippa drew a base on balls. Mike Kalil walked and Ron Campbell singled.

Deacon threw another ball away for Bentley and RU had scored five times before Klozik replaced his starter. Boegler, with Vezina who got Steve Friedman to ground out, third to first. But the damage was done and the die cast.

Bentley bounced back with one in the last of the second on a single by Dave Waldock, walk to Bill Klopp and sacrifice by Neale scoring Waldock aided by an error.

Bentley sliced it to 5-3 in the third.

With one out, Vezina drew a base on balls off Nippa and Chuck Hirst was hit by a pitch. With two outs, Waldock lofted a fly to center that was dropped by Bravo, Vezina scoring.

Hirst was picked off first to halt Bentley's last real scoring threat.

It was junior right hander Tom Miller's day to shine for RU when the Panthers took the field against Stevenson in a non-leaguer.

Miller had allowed just two baserunners going into the final inning, a walk to Bruce Economo in the fourth who was erased on a double play and a walk to Ken Krol in the sixth.

The RU hurler had the Spartan bats in check.

Meanwhile, RU picked up a run in the third and one in the fifth.

Miller tripled in the third and scored on a wild pitch and in the fifth, Kalil tripled and scored on a sacrifice by Ron Campbell.

It was down to the final inning and Miller was just three outs away from a gem.

Stevenson lead-off batter Mike Assemany topped a slow roller to Kalil at short. The throw was late and Assemany was on with a single. Mark Temby was then safe on an error but Miller bore down and proceeded to strike out the fourth, fifth and sixth batsmen in the Stevenson lineup to chalk up the victory.

Miller finished his one-hitter, walking two and striking out 12.

Ray Waring took the loss for Stevenson, allowing RU just six hits, walking none and striking out six.

Then came the Dearborn clash.

"We let this one get away from us," said Atkins whose squad now stands 3-1 in the Suburban Eight.

Dearborn struck first in the opening inning.

RU left fielder Tom Utych dove for a Dusty Krause line drive, the ball skidded by and Krause had himself a four-bagger and Dearborn a 1-0 lead.

Dearborn made it 2-0 in the second on a triple by Joe Mayo and an error.

RU bounced back in the last of the second for three runs and the lead.

With one out, Mark Yourchock was safe on an error and after a strikeout, Utych singled, Forma singled and stole second, and Fulks singled to push RU in front, 3-2.

But Dearborn was not to give up.

With one out in the top of the seventh, Dale Mason singled off RU hurler Fulks. The No. 9 batter, Rich Dorongeau, then walked and Mark Paulausky walked to fill the sacks.

Then, with one ball on Krause, Atkins pulled his starter Fulks and put in Nippa.

Nippa proceeded to walk Krause and in came Mason with the tying tally. Dearborn then pulled off a suicide squeeze, Bob Most driving in Dorongeau with the deciding run.

The Panthers, who had rallied from behind an 8-0 deficit against Belleville to win, 9-8, failed to come up with a run in their half of the inning as it was No. 1 in the loss column.

It was the first setback for Fulks who worked 6⅓ innings, giving up four hits, walking three and striking out nine.

Most was the winner for Dearborn, holding RU in check with five hits, walking one and striking out 11.

REDFORD UNION	ab	r	h	bi
Kalil, ss	2	1	2	0
Campbell, 2b	3	0	2	2
Fyfe'an, 3b	3	0	0	0
Yochock, 1b	3	0	0	0
Richmond, c	3	0	0	0
Bravo, cf	4	1	2	0
Fulks, rf	3	1	0	0
Utych, lf	2	0	0	0
Forma, ph	1	1	1	0
Nippa, p	2	0	0	0
Campbell, ph	0	1	0	0
Totals	27	5	5	2

BENTLEY	ab	r	h	bi
Neale, 1b	4	1	1	0
Deacon, 2b	2	0	0	0
Cross, ph	1	0	1	0
Macklon, lf	3	0	0	0
Wasilski, c	4	0	1	1
Boeglin, p	1	0	0	0
Vezina, p	1	1	0	0
Hirst, cf	3	1	0	0
Storm, ss	3	0	0	0
Waldock, 3b	3	1	1	0
Klopp, rf	3	0	0	0
Blair, rf	1	0	0	0
Newell, rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	5	1

REDFORD UNION.....05 00 00 0-5
BENTLEY.....11 10 00 0-3

E -Campbell, Bravo, Fulks, Deacon, Macklon, Storm, Klopp. LOB -Redford Union 7, Bentley 8. 2B -Waldock, Fulks. SAC -Neale.

	ip	h	r	er	bb	so
Nippa (W)	7	5	3	1	5	9
Boegler (L)	1⅓	3	5	0	2	0
Vezina	5⅓	2	0	0	1	8

PRANCING FORWARD is Churchill hurdler Dan Fillipps who has been one of the keys in the Charger assault on the cinder track. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Falcon Thinclads Lose To Northern

Farmington High suffered two dual track defeats in Inter-Lakes Conference action.

Waterford nipped the Falcon crew, 64-59, winning the 440 relay, and Pontiac Northern crushed Farmington, 76-47, winning eight events.

WATERFORD FARMINGTON

880 RELAY: 1 -Waterford; 2 -Farmington. Time 1:35.6

880 RUN: 1 -Best (W), 2 -Rylance (F); 3 -Whinnery (F). Time 2:05.1

HIGH HURDLES: 1 -Wendich (W); 2 -Ravens (W); 3 -Hans (F). Time :15.3

MILE RUN: 1 -McGuire (F); 2 -Taylor (F); 3 -Kenny (W). Time 4:39.6

100 YD DASH: 1 -James (W); 2 -Ratliff (F); 3 -Campbell (F). Time :10.5

440 DASH: 1 -Best (W), 2 -B. Ratliff (F), 3 -Reagen (W). Time :53.5

LOW HURDLES: 1 -Wendich (W); 2 -Ravens (W); 3 -Drake (F). Time :20.5

TWO MILE RUN: 1 -VanMeter (F); 2 -Clemence (F); 3 -Attard (F). Time 10:37.3

220 DASH: 1 -Romanski (W); 2 -Jones (F); 3 -Campbell (F). Time :23.4

MILE RELAY: 1 -Farmington; 2 -Waterford. Time 3:47.3

SHOT PUT: 1 -Schaefer (F); 2 -Marding (F); 3 -Hoogerwyde (F). Distance 44'2½"

LONG JUMP: 1 -Best (W), 2 -Perrott (F); 3 -Kosins (F). Distance 20'6"

HIGH JUMP: 1 -Bailey (W); 2 -Hans (F); 3 -Best (W). Height 5'10"

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POLE VAULT: 1 -Bailey (W); 2 -K. Ratliff (F); 3 -Drake (F). Height 12'6"

440 RELAY: 1 -Waterford; 2 -Farmington. Time :46.2

NORTHERN FARMINGTON

880 RELAY: 1 -Pontiac Northern; 2 -Farmington. Time 1:37.0

880 RUN: 1 -Gutierrez (F); 2 -Page (PN); 3 -Caban (PN). Time 2:12.2

HIGH HURDLES: 1 -Moore (PN); 2 -Swokes (PN); 3 -Hans (F). Time :17.7

MILE RUN: 1 -McGuire (F); 2 -Jackson (PN); 3 -Whinnery (F). Time 4:53.9

100 YD DASH: 1 -Brisco (PN); 2 -Bell (PN); 3 -Green (PN). Time :10.7

440 YD DASH: 1 -B. Ratliff (F); 2 -Threkeld (PN); 3 -Hodge (PN). Time :55.0

LOW HURDLES: 1 -Swokes (PN); 2 -Moyet (PN); 3 -Gage (PN). Time :21.7

TWO MILE RUN: 1 -Taylor (F); 2 -Barclay (PN); 3 -Sales (PN). Time 10:17.2

220 YD DASH: 1 -Brisco (PN); 2 -Jones (F); 3 -Bell (PN). Time :22.6

MILE RELAY: 1 -Pontiac Northern; 2 -Farmington. Time 3:48.5

SHOT PUT: 1 -Holsworth (PN), 2 -Marting (F); 3 -Friend (PN). Distance 43'3½"

LONG JUMP: 1 -Green (PN); 2 -Threkeld (PN); 3 -Moyet (PN). Distance 20'5½"

HIGH JUMP: 1 -Hans (F); 2 -Scott (PN); 3 -Gage (PN). Height 5'10"

POLE VAULT: 1 -K. Ratliff (F); 2 -Drake (F); 3 -Brown (F). Height 10'0"

440 RELAY: 1 -Farmington; 2 -Pontiac Northern. Time :49.8

Franklin Tips East

Franklin High scored its first Northwest Suburban dual track triumph in an 80½ to 42½ win over Garden City East.

The Patriots won two of three relays and eight individual firsts.

Dan Quinn of Franklin was clocked in a :09.9 in the 100 yard dash but the 100 yard distance was measured off after the meet and it was discovered that the East track was 94 yards, six short of the required length. The time was thus nullified but the place remained the same.

SHOT PUT: 1-Ninnis (F); 2-Wells (F); 3-Nickman (F)-Distance 46'6"

LONG JUMP: 1-Heninghausen (GCE); 2-DeNapoli (F); 3-Nagy (GCE). Distance 18'1"

880 RELAY: 1-Franklin (Allen, Draplin, DeMars, Jinetti. Time 1:34.3

880 RUN: 1-Gentner (F); 2-Draplin (F); 3-Zedan (F). Time 2:04.1

HIGH HURDLES: 1-Cekauskas (F); 2-Urbanski (F); 3-Druchosh (F). Time :16.3

HIGH JUMP: 1-Anthony (GCE); 2-M. Soya (GCE); 3-DeMars (F). Height 5'6"

MILE RUN: 1-Osentoski (GCE); 2-Anthony (GCE); 3-Cyril (F). Time 4:46.1

100 YD DASH: 1-Quinn (F); 2-DeMars (F); 3-Heninghausen (GCE). Time was incorrect because of only 94 yard distance

440 YD SPRING: 1-Jinett (F); 2-Draplin (F); 3-McGuire (F). Time :50.7

LOW HURDLES: 1-Urbanski (F); 2-Cekauskas (F); 3-Nuchotakis (GCE). Time :21.6

TWO MILE RUN: 1-Yurchis (GCE); 2-Kline (GCE); 3-Smith (F). Time 10:12.0

220 DASH: 1-Jinett (F); 2-Allen (F); 3-Mitchell (GCE). Time :23.5

MILE RELAY: 1-Garden City East (Michalakis, Osentoski, Anthony, Moore); Time 3:43.5

POLE VAULT: 1-DeNapoli (F); 2-Howard (GCE); 3-Quint (F). Height 11'0"

440 RELAY: 1-Franklin (Filarecki, Quinn, Allen, DeMares). Time :46.2

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