

## Berry Baseball League

### AMERICAN STANDINGS

PLYMOUTH	W 1	L 0
CHURCHILL BERRYS	4	2
W. BERRY	3	3
THURSTON	3	2
MICHIGAN NAT'L BANK	3	3
CROWE ASSOC	3	3
GC PATRIOTS	1	6
DODGE HICKORY	1	6

### SCORES

Crowe vs GC Patriots 5, W. Berry 10 vs DODGE Hickory 4

### SATURDAY'S GAMES

AT ROTARY PARK, Plymouth vs Crowe, 5 p.m.  
AT NORTHVILLE, Northville vs DODGE Hickory, 5 p.m.  
AT HAZARDY FIELD, Plymouth vs DODGE Hickory, 5 p.m.  
AT THURSTON HIGH, Churchill Berrys vs Thurston, 5 p.m.

### TUESDAY'S GAMES

AT HENRY FORD, Thurston vs Crowe, 5 p.m.  
Plymouth vs Patriots, 5:30 p.m.  
AT NORTHVILLE, Northville vs DODGE Hickory, 5 p.m.  
Berrys vs DODGE Hickory, 6 p.m.  
AT HAZARDY FIELD, Northville vs DODGE Hickory, 6 p.m.

### NATIONAL STANDINGS

REDFORD ADRIAN AFFL	W 4	L 0
FANCHERS	4	0
FRANKLIN BERRYS	4	0
FRANKLIN WILGERS	3	3
HARRISON	2	4
NORTHVILLE	2	4
NORTHVILLE PRIDE	2	4
LIVONIA PRIDE	2	4
N. FARMINGTON	0	5

### SCORES

Redford 2, Franklin Berrys 0  
National Pride 1, N.F. 0  
Franklin Wilgers 3, Franklin 1  
Franklin 10, Hatz 4

### THURSDAY'S GAMES

AT ROTARY PARK, National Pride vs Fanchers, 5 p.m.  
Franklin vs DODGE Hickory, 5 p.m.  
N. Farmington vs Harrison, 5 p.m.  
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# Belleville High Lures Franklin's Tom Niemi



TOM NIEMI  
Off To Belleville

## Farmington Tournament Dates Set

The Farmington Founders Softball Tournament is last approaching with the dates July 27-28-29 set for competition centered around the city-wide festival.

The tourney has this year been opened to 16 teams with the solo requirement being that each team must play league play in the City of Farmington or Farmington Township.

The Observer Newspaper is sponsoring the event with Sports Editor Tom Donoghue the tourney director. There is an entry fee of \$50 for the two-game knockout competition.

There will be trophies awarded to the first and second place teams and an all-star team selected along with a home-run champion.

The organizational meeting will be at the Observer Newspaper Office on Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia on Wednesday, July 11, at 7 p.m. All coaches want to enter their respective team must attend this meeting and have the necessary entry fee.

The Livonia school system has lost a winning coach and Belleville has tipped the hat and opened the door.

Franklin High's junior varsity basketball Coach Tom Niemi has bid adieu to nine years in the Livonia system and has accepted the head varsity basketball assignment at Belleville High in the Suburban Eight Conference.

A winning tradition is something the 31-year-old history teacher has installed in terms he has handled. Niemi compiled a five year 52-19 record at Frost Junior High and a 60-26 mark in four years as junior varsity coach at Franklin.

Tom graduated from Eben

High School in '59, having letters in basketball, track and cross country. He received his BS degree in '63 from Northern Michigan University where he majored in history and minored in geography and economics. In '68, he received his MA degree from Eastern Michigan University in geography.

Niemi began teaching at Frost Junior High, teaching social studies and physical education and serving as ninth grade coach for basketball and football from 1963-68.

It was during this span that Tom led his squad to an overall winning of 52-19.

In 1968-69, he taught economics and American His-

tory at Negaunee High School and was the junior varsity and assistant varsity coach for the basketball, football and track teams.

In 1969, Niemi returned to Livonia where he directed the Franklin junior varsity basketball teams to three league titles and a 60-26 record.

Tom and his wife Pat, a physical education teacher in Livonia, and their 1 1/2-year-old son Chris, will be making the change to Belleville and varsity competition in the always rugged Suburban Eight.

The Northwest Suburban Conference has lost a winner and the Suburban Eight gained a tough competitor.

## Churchill Pride Nips North, 1-0

Churchill High's National Pride swept across a run in the seventh to tip North National to Berry National League action, 1-0.

It was the second triumph in five contests for Churchill. Kim Loken hurried for Pride and chalked up his first victory. He allowed five hits in the seven innings, walking one and striking out seven.

Bruce Brewin suffered the loss. The right-hander gave up just four hits, walked two and struck out four.

Pride's tally came in the

seventh with one out. Steve Urelli tripled and with two outs, Sam Bird beat out an infield grounder for a hit and a run batted in.

North wasn't without its chances as it had a runner on third on two different occasions. With one out in the fifth, Don Combes tripled, but was cut down at the plate on a bunt by Brewin that failed.

Mark Creighton banged out another three-bagger for North in the sixth but Loken bore down and struck out the next two batsmen to halt North's final threat.

## Redford Appliance Edges Berrys, 2-0

It was a battle of the unbalanced in the Berry National League with Redford Adray holding the upper hand over Franklin Berry, 2-0.

Redford is at the top of the league with a 7-0 record with Berry 4-1.

Tom Nippa went the route to record his second win on the Redford mound. The lanky left-hander allowed four hits, walked four and struck out nine.

Rick Gaber started for Franklin, worked the first 6 1/2 innings and gave up two runs on four hits. He walked three and struck out eight.

Redford scored his first run in the first after two outs. Mark Yurchock and Steve Friedman walked and Ron Campbell looped a single into rightfield.

A solo roundtripper by Tom Miller added an insurance run in the seventh for Redford. Bill Campbell and

Ted Musto followed with singles, but Musto was called in and got Nippa on strikes.

## Plymouth Bidwell Ties Varsity Shop

Plymouth singled home a run in the fifth inning to tie Birmingham Varsity Shop, 2-2, in Adray baseball play.

It was the first tie of the second round with Plymouth now sporting a 1-2-1 record and Birmingham 2-1-1.

Terry Laird and John Owens cheered for Plymouth with Laird working the first four innings, giving up both runs on four hits, walking one and striking out four. Owens worked the last three and gave up no runs on two hits, walked one and struck out three.

Rick Wolfe went the route for Birmingham. Plymouth collected six hits along with four walks and five strikeouts.

Plymouth scored first in the opening inning. Dan Hees singled, Larry Graves walked and Bill Kovacs singled in Hees. Graves had blooped at second on the hit but Kovacs did see Graves hold up and was nailed attempting at second.

Birmingham jumped on Laird for two runs in the second. With one out, Pete Gaudino and Bruce Niebyski singled. Gaudino scored when a Grimmer pickoff attempt sailed into right with



BEN JOHNSON  
has been appointed director of marketing for the Detroit Pistons basketball club.

Johnson, who served in sales and promotion with the Detroit Red Wings, will be in charge of ticket sales, promotion and advertising.

Mark down the name of Mrs. Beatrice Farber, the 32-year-old Brighton housewife, as the newest favorite of Michigan's thousands of followers of the pacers and trotters.

Bea, who made her debut as a provisional driver four years ago at the county fair and then moved up to the tougher competition at the parimutuel tracks in 1971, has won the applause of the crowds and the admiration of fellow drivers with her work during the first 10 nights of Northville's summer campaign.

At the moment, the slender Bea, who has an uncanny sense of timing her horses, has won her last four starts, each in such a decisive manner that other reinmen know they have a rival who makes them all.

Mrs. Farber started her current string Friday when she took two of the top pacing events with Emerald Scar and Moving Comet. Each was short priced, largely due to the fact that bettors knew she would have her pacers in the thick of things from start to finish.

Emerald Scar was second by a neck at the three-quarter pole when Mrs. Farber moved up on the final turn to overtake the leading Hy Deb, handled by Wally McMurray. Emerald Scar had the lead turning into the short stretch and that was all needed. The pacer went on by win by more than a length in 2:04.2.

Later that same evening, Mrs. Farber won as the 7.5 favorite with Moving Comet in 2:04.2. This time The Comet was parked outside while taking the top spot at the halfway point. Once there she simply gave the pacer another excellent drive, opening up two lengths at the final turn and going under the wire by four lengths.

The story was much the same Saturday except her pacers were going against the fastest and best in their class and each of the drivers thought he had a chance to win.

But so did Bea and in both instances she came through with the kind of drives fans are beginning to expect from the most outstanding female pilot in the Midwest.

Comet's Clipper, a six-year-old mare, was still back in the pack and starting to go at the halfway point. Bea took to the outside, gradually reached the leader and then duelled Plantagenet and Uncle Irish in the final furlong.

The Clipper was ahead with a sixteenth to go and just did hang on for the victory in 2:10.2.

That made it three and

paved the way for the best effort of the meeting in the \$5,000 invitational handicap, richest race of the week.

Bea was in the sulky behind Easy Ivy, the prize four-year-old of the Farber stable who was a sensation at the recent Wolverine meeting where he cracked the 2:00 minute barrier and won four straight at one point.

Easy Ivy hadn't been able to get going in his first Northville race a week earlier, finishing fourth after running into early road trouble and never recovering.

But the boss was in the buggy this time and Ivy quickly learned that there would be no monkey business. Mrs. Farber got away slowly and waited until the field turned into the backstretch before allowing Ivy to go past the four rivals and into first.

Then it was a battle with Dave Butler and H.T. Luca with Ivy shaking off both, opening up two lengths on the final turn and then widening the gap to four to win in 2:01.3. That was the fastest time of the meeting and a rather remarkable performance when one considers the track had been hit by late afternoon showers.

Women's lib? That's not the way Bea figures. She feels she's like equal of any male driver in the Midwest and is busy proving it.

Gordon Norris thrilled the crowd Thursday when he registered the first four-bagger of the still young season.

Gordon, who calls Northville his home during the long racing season, started his big night with three consecutive victories in the third, fourth and fifth races and then picked up No. 4 in the seventh.

Royal Spectator made every post a winner to win by beat Direct Bet home by almost two lengths for a \$5.60 payoff.

Volvo was a 7-2 second choice in the fourth but came charging down the stretch to beat Direct Bet home by almost two lengths for a \$5.60 payoff.

Royallen, a 11-year-old making his third start of 1973, was in the No. 2 spot to the top of the stretch when he stormed home to win by a length at better than 9-1 odds for a whopping \$40.40 price.

The fourth victory came in the seventh but fans were well aware of the hot night and sent English Muffin off as the 2-1 favorite. Once again Norris kept his pacer covered and was content to stay in the second spot most of the way.

Then entering the stretch, he shook English Muffin up a bit and the five-year-old sped away for a four-length triumph in 2:07.4. The winner

paid \$5 in recording its fourth win in 18 starts.

[NOT SINCE 1927 when Bob Farrington edged Del Insko by 21 victories is the North American driver champion-ship been much of a race?

Latest figures from the United States Trotting Association show world champion Herve Filion leads Bill Gilmore by just five with 172-171 against 167.

Filion, a native of Angers, Quebec, hasn't had the opportunity to drive both after and night since the closing of Freehold Raceway.

Prior to the closing, the Canadian ace was connecting between New Jersey and New York. He had nine wins in 46 starts from mid-June to the end of the month.

Gilmour has been the hottest retrainers in the east with 22 wins in his last 46 starts. That boosted his year's total to 172, only five back of Filion.

Billy tied an American record on June 19 with six in a row at Buffalo Raceway. That equaled the feat of Jimmy Cruise at Roosevelt on July 17, 1958 and Farrington at Freehold on Sept. 27, 1963.

Walter Paisley, of Chagoland, who was a regular at Northville Downs a few years back, is third with 146 firsts, two more than Joe Marsh Jr.

Jim Curran, of Jackson, who is the No. 1 driver for the large Farmington public stable, dropped back to 10th with 108 after sitting out several weeks from an injury suffered in a race accident.

STEVE N.Z., the Australian import, placed in its second straight Northville victory for owner Bob Kalish of Southfield. With Tom Merriam in the sulky, the pacer from down under never looked back in a 2:07.3 triumph.

A week earlier the five-year-old turned its American debut into a several length win.

## Farmington Softball Open

### STANDINGS

Construction Contractors	W 1	L 0
Poly-Glo-Gen	2	0
Assembly	2	0
Shenkaris	2	0
Farmington Lins	2	0
Kel-C	2	0
McGraw-Hill	2	0
Carrington House	2	0

### SUNDAY'S GAMES

Assembly vs Construction, 10 a.m.  
Carrington vs Kel-C, 11 a.m.  
Kel-C vs Poly-Glo-Gen, 12 p.m.  
Zackoff vs Shenkaris, 1 p.m.  
Assembly vs Lins, 2 p.m.

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Assembly vs Lins, 2 p.m.

## The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

Three cheers for Women's Lib! Now that the Nastase has been knocked out of Wimbledon, the gals have it all to themselves. You don't take 78 of the top male tennis players in the world away from what was formerly the most prestigious tennis tournament extant, and expect to have a true championship.

Alex Mayer is not yet a household word, nor is Jimmy Connors. For some reason or other they lack the glamour of names like Smith, Laver, Rosewall and Ashe. But Billie Jean King, Margaret Court, Chris Evert, Yvonne Goolagong and Rosie Casals are still hanging in there, making Wimbledon the women's championship of the world.

True, it doesn't offer the prize money other lesser known tournaments do, but Wimbledon, in itself, is "The Tournament." If you've never seen tennis played on grass, you've missed something. There aren't too many big grass tournaments left now that Forest Hills is switching to another surface. I'm making plans for next year.

I have this crazy idea about taking a group of 20 on a two-week tour. I'm renting a castle in Scotland for a week (complete with maid and cook, of course), where everyone can do his/her thing, and then spending the second week in London, where one can take in the tennis matches during the

day or sightsee and visit the theaters and pubs in the evening. The dates will be June 15-22. If you have any Scotch heritage, you won't want to miss this trip. Some of the finest golf courses in the world are found in Scotland as well as fine trout fishing. What ever your fancy, I'm sure you would find this a memorable vacation.

Put the dates on your calendar and contact the Court Jester. You can only join as if you enjoy good food, good wine and good company and want to have fun. No soundboughs on this trip! The Livonia Tennis Club will be having a club tournament at Stevenson High School in Livonia on July 14 and 15. Should be fun to watch.

### Popping Crop

Imagine how many movies you could see while eating Michigan's 7.6 million pound popcorn crop. Michigan ranks ninth among the states in popcorn.

## Lacrosse Set For Thursday

GARDEN CITY The Michigan Junior Lacrosse League will open its season with a doubleheader at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at the Garden City civic arena, Cherry Hill and Merriam.

The games will feature teams from Garden City, Dearborn, Southfield and Detroit.

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Paul Seymour, Michigan's All-American tackle from Berkley, Mich., has been named to the College All-Star football team that will play the Super Bowl championship in Miami Dolphins in Chicago.

**Northwest Mickey Mantle League**

**STANDINGS**

Plymouth Training Post	W 5	L 0
Southfield Lancers	4	1
Garden City	3	2
Dearborn Heights	2	3
Redford Township	1	4

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