

Opportunist Redford Pacing 2nd Round



SAFE AT THIRD -- Redford Appliance third baseman Ron Campbell sets himself for a tag too late with Berry runner Dan Longeway hitting the bag head first. Longeway was safe but Berrys couldn't score and fell to Redford, 2-0. (Observer photo)

It might appear that everything has been going Redford's way in today's baseball competition and if Coach Bob Atkins has anything at all to say about it, it is going to stay that way.

Powerful Redford, which won the first round with a 5-2-1 mark, is again setting a precedent in round two. Redford remains the lone unbeaten club with Livonia Griffin the closest contender at 4-1.

Redford upped his round mark to 4-0, tipping Dearborn 2-0 with two unearned runs, crushing Plymouth 10-1, and slipping by Birmingham in nine innings, 4-2. Jeff Moon worked the mound in the win over Dearborn, giving up two scratch singles, one in the first and another in the seventh. The now 4-0 left-hander walked two and struck out LL.

Bob Lothian took the loss for Dearborn. Both runs were unearned and Redford touched him for only three hits. Lothian walked three and struck out six.

Redford's two runs came to the second stanza after two were out. Kurt Fritz singled, Mark Durance doubled and Moon was safe on an error with both runners scampering in.

Redford made no mistakes against Plymouth, a club that made an "almost run" at them in the first round with a 6-3 showing.

John Owens, Terry Laird and Mike Kolb on the Plymouth mound were touched for 12 hits with Redford scoring an easy win.

Owens gave up nine runs in the 5 1/3 innings worked along with 10 hits in taking the loss.

Mark Miller went the route for Redford, picking up his third victory against one set-

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back. Miller gave up five hits, walked six and struck out six.

Plymouth scored in the second inning on back-to-back singles by Jim Grimmer and Greg Lane, a walk to Steve Robb and a sacrifice by Owens.

Redford rebounded with four of its own in the fourth. Mark Yourchock and Bill Fraser singled with the leg between Dan Hees' right field allowing Yourchock to score and Fraser to move to third. John Broder followed with a two run homer.

Kurt Fritz singled, John Knox sacrificed and Durance and R. L. LeRoux were safe on errors.

Singles by Broder, Fritz, Durance, Miller and LeRoux.

Plymouth Man Scores 1st Ace

George Todd, 386 Pacific in Plymouth, netted his first hole-in-one after 15 years of golfing, on the 145 yard sixth hole at Hilltop Golf Course.

The 48-year-old Todd used his eight iron and carded a 34 for the nine.

and a four-bagger by Steve Friedman pushed it to 10-1 in the sixth.

It was into extra innings against Birmingham with Redford scoring twice in the ninth to sneak to victory, 4-2.

John Knox and Tom Miller worked the Redford mound. Knox hurled the first 6 1/3 innings, giving up two runs on six hits, walking one and striking out four. Miller, who pitched the last 2 2/3 innings, allowed one hit, walked two and struck out two.

Taking the loss for Birmingham was John Agnello

who gave up six hits, walked nine and struck out nine.

Redford drew first blood in the opening inning when LeRoux walked, Yourchock was safe on an error and Broder singled to score LeRoux.

LeRoux again got things started for Redford in the second. He walked, Yourchock walked, Bill Fraser forced Yourchock at second and the stage was set for a first and third situation.

The double steal was on, Fraser was safe on second and LeRoux dashed in from third and Redford was up 2-0.

Birmingham came back with one in the top of the fourth. With one out, Pete Gaudino was safe on an error, Frank Carr singled and Ted Kazanski singled to bring in Gaudino.

A one out rally tied it up for Birmingham in the sixth. Gaudino singled, Carr walked, both moved up on a passed ball and Gaudino scored on an error by the Redford shortstop.

Both clubs threatened in the seventh and eighth innings and Redford put it together in the ninth.

Friedman led off with a base on balls, Yourchock singled and Fraser singled to load the bases. Glenn Richmond bounced into what appeared to be a force out at the plate. The ball was tossed away and Friedman scored to break the deadlock.

Fritz grounded out and Durance was safe on an error to make it 4-2.

Varsity Shop went down 12-3 in the last of the ninth and Redford remained the 850 unbeaten club in the second round.

Farmington Legionnaires Faced With 18th District Showdown

No one knows better than Coach Wally Christenson that if Farmington is going to make a move in the 18th District American Legion baseball standings, it has to be this week.

Farmington climbed in the standings with an 8-0 victory over Auburn Heights to sport the third best record in the 18-team league.

Rochester and Berkley are

on top with identical 10-3 marks, with Farmington a notch off at 10-4. Waterford and Birmingham Troy follow with 8-5.

Tonight (Wednesday) is a special night at Troy with Farmington going against Birmingham Troy at 6 p.m. and Rochester pitted against Berkley at 8:30 p.m.

Farmington will be at Troy at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 6, and at Royal Oak at 2 p.m.,

Sunday, July 8, against the 0-13 Royal Oak Club.

Dennis Hagen went the distance for Farmington in the first meeting with Royal Oak and came up with a three-hitter, walking one and striking out four.

Kirby Hull suffered the loss for Royal Oak, allowing seven hits, striking out one and walking 10.

The 8-0 blitz for Farmington started in the second when Tim Hammer walked and Ken DiRocco was safe on an error. Bill Willson followed with a double and Farmington had a 2-0 margin.

A walk to Mitch Thomas, stolen base and single by Sam Pink increased it to 3-0 in the third.

DiRocco started the Farmington fourth with a walk and Holton singled. Randy Mier forced Holton and Tom Celani doubled to push it to 5-0.

Consecutive walks to Ron Buck, Mier and Celani got Farmington moving in the sixth. Dave Washburn then

delivered a double to score two and Hammer singled to complete the Legion assault.

It was all Farmington in the doubleheader with Auburn Heights.

Farmington won the first, 6-1, behind the four hit pitching of Dave Brown and the nightcap, 10-1, behind the three hit showing of Hagen.

The opener was the first start for Brown, who walked three and struck out four. Taking the loss for Auburn Heights was Mark Miller who gave up all six runs on 11 hits.

Auburn Heights tallied once in the third to capture a short-lived lead. Tim Schanandt singled, Bill Hadgman walked, and Tom Zelinski singled in Schanandt.

Farmington came back with two in the fourth when Buck doubled. Pink singled in Buck, stole second and scored on a hit by Thomas.

The Legionnaires tallied four times in the sixth to grab a 6-1 lead. Pink singled, Brown hit into a fielder's choice and Thomas singled in Brown. Don Hunt drew a

base on balls and Jim Eathorne singled in Thomas. Rob Holton singled and Randy Stringer singled to finish the scoring.

Hagen picked up his fourth win in five decisions in the second contest. He allowed three hits, walked three and struck out four.

Hans Medina and Rudi Ledbetter hurried for Auburn Heights. Starter Medina suffered the loss with Farmington collecting 10 hits.

A double by Holton, single by Jeff Herman and two wild pitches gave Farmington a 2-0 lead in the first.

Singles by Herman, Randy Stringer and Thomas in the third pushed it to 3-0.

Farmington exploded in the seventh for seven runs to put the game on ice. Meier led off with a three-bagger and Washburn doubled him in. With one out, Willson walked and Holton singled to score Washburn.

Herman followed with a base on balls, Randy Stringer was hit by a pitch to score a run, Thomas singled in two and with two outs, Meier was safe on an error.



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Crowe Throttles GC Patriots, 9-3

Bentley Crowe evened his Berry American record at three-all with a 9-3 victory over the Garden City Patriots.

Crowe scored once in the second, five times in the fourth and three in the sixth to hand Garden City its sixth setback in seven outings.

Dan Vezina and Brent Boeger combined their pitching talents for a one-hit performance. Vezina started and worked the first four innings giving up no hits, and Boeger finished. Tom Casey collected the solo Pat hit, a single in the fifth.

Rick Varterastian and JoJo Scarpace hurried for Garden City with Crowe collecting eight hits and handing Varterastian the loss.

Garden City struck in the first stanza. Scarpace drew a walk, stole second and third and scored when Joe Pollard was safe on an error. Pollard then stole two bases and scampered in on a wild pitch.

Crowe cut it to 2-1 in the second on a single by Vezina, a stolen base and single by Bob Deacon.

Bentley broke it open in the fourth. Vezina led off with a single and Deacon singled. Vezina was out attempting to reach third.

With two outs, Steve Marlow drew a base on balls and Bill Klopp walked to fill the sacks. Varterastian lost sight of the plate and walked left first to force in Deacon with

the tying run. Mark Newell delivered a three run single and scored after Boeger had walked and stole second.

Garden City made it 6-3 in the fifth on a walk off Boeger and the solo single by Casey.

Crowe tallied again in the sixth. Marlow started with a base on balls. Klopp doubled in Marlow, and scored when Newell was safe on a fielder's choice with Klopp beating the toss to the plate.

Boeger was hit by a pitch. Bill Deacon walked, Bob Cross hit into a fielder's choice with Newell out at the plate and Boeger stole home to complete the Crowe assault.

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