



Letter Searching For Answers

Maybe there is something to letters found on the desk of a sports editor.

In this day of irate letters received from hockey and little league parents, cheerleaders, misquoted coaches and misplaced officials, a letter appeared early in the morning.

It was addressed to "Captain Livonia" at the Observer Newspapers and there it was, right next to my "Go Bananas" button.

It was very clear upon opening the letter that the writing was from one still collecting bubble gum baseball cards. But the letter written on both sides of notebook paper showed signs of careful and deliberate planning.

It was from Doug Juntunen of Livonia and read:

Dear Captain Livonia,

I'm writing to tell you what happened at my baseball game.

It was the last of the seventh, three men on, two men out, my team (Cougers) losing by two.

The batter hit the ball way in the outfield, one run scores, another scores tying the game. Another man is trying to run in.

The ump calls him safe, then the Pirates coach comes in and argues. Believe it or not, he changed the call. This is when the trouble started. Some of the fathers called the ump names that we got punished for.

Then the trouble got so bad, the six foot-five ump put his Detroit News bag on his bike, and rode to the nearest phone. There he would phone the police. That he did, and soon enough they arrived. No decision was made, but I'm uptight because the game ended in a tie.

I wish you would ump one of our games cause we need you. If you wanna talk to me, call.

DOUG JUNTUNEN

P.S. By the way, what would you do if you were me?

Well Doug.....

I believe you just witnessed an actual account of parental guidance turned inside out with the ego again getting the best of the kids.

If you are still uptight about the whole situation, ask your father to explain the above paragraph. If he refuses, give a call to Captain Livonia, he is under "Go Bananas" in the Yellow Pages.

Tiger's Father-Son Game On Tuesday

One of the most appealing events on the Tiger Stadium schedule will unfold Tuesday, July 10, when the annual Father-Son Game is played.

The laugh-a-minute contest will be a 7 p.m. prelude to the Tigers' game with the Texas Rangers, starting at 8 p.m.

Wives of the Tigers players and their daughters will be introduced to the fans, after which the sons will tackle their fathers in 30 minutes of more-or-less baseball, in which the Dads play wrong-handed and out of position.

The Sons, who never have lost a decision in this event, are overwhelming favorites. They will be "managed" by headliner members of the Tiger squad - Chuck Seelbach and Duke Sims - while events on the Tiger Stadium schedule will be in charge of the adult forces.

Sony Elliot, Station WJW-TV's popular weatherman and a fixture at the Father-Son Game, will again do the umpiring, with assistance from Copsie the Clown.

Paul Carey, the Tigers' new radio announcer, will be at the microphone while Big Ed Browalski, of the Polish Daily News, will settle all arguments as "commissioner" of the event.

U-M Wins 6th

Michigan won the 1973 Big Ten tennis title for the sixth straight season with a near-perfect scoring total of 159 out of a possible 164 points.

Westland Falls To Birmingham, 8-2

Westland Burger King has again fallen by the wayside early in another round of Aday baseball competition.

"We just can't seem to come up with the big wins," said Westland Coach George Yakei whose squad came on strong at the end of the first round to finish fourth at 5-4.

Burger King has again slipped early in round two. Westland knocked off North Farmington, 8-1, and Southfield-Lathrup, 5-0, but fell to Birmingham, 8-2.

Yakei's squad now sports a second round 3-2 mark with four games remaining before the end of the final round.

North Koebel stumbled against Westland with Jeff Hodgkins recording his third win in as many starts. The right-hander gave up just three hits, walked one and struck out eight.

Al Anderson and Tom Raguey hurried for Koebel with Westland collecting 10 hits and starter Anderson taking the set-back.

North opened the scoring with its solo tally in the first when John Cassidy singled and Bob Gass was safe on a two-base error.

That was all for Koebel as Westland tied things up in the third on singles by Hodgkins and Bob Ganzak and a sacrifice by Ken Robinson.

The sixth saw Westland break things open with four runs on three hits. Tony Dattilo drew a base on balls, Al Mach doubled him in and Glean Ambrose singled in Mach. Karney Derderian singled Ambrose to third and promptly stole second. Hodgkins then sacrificed in both to make it 5-1.

Westland finished its attack in the seventh on a single by Ganzak, walk to Dattilo and singles by Mach and Derderian.

The tables were turned, around against Birmingham as Steve Freemuth kept Westland in check with a five-hitter, walking one and striking out five.

Del Malloch was touched for nine hits in taking the loss with Dave Wesley working in relief. It was Malloch's third defeat in five decisions.

Varsity Shop pushed across four runs in the first on singles by Niebyski, Keller, Goudini, Ganzanski and Keith aided by a Westland error.

An error, walk and singles by Gaudino and Johnson made it 6-0 in the second. Another error, sacrifice by Freemuth and single by Bates increased it to 7-0 in the third.

The fourth saw Dattilo single, move, 10 second on a sacrifice by Ganzak and score on a three-bagger by Robinson.

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Westland returned to its winning ways against Southfield with Mach coming up with a three hitter, walking two and striking out 11 for his third win against one setback.

Jack Booth took the loss for Southfield, giving up eight hits, walking four and striking out seven.

A single by Ambrose, walk to Hodgkins, sacrifice by McBride, single by Malloch and sacrifice by Dattilo

Aday Baseball

SECOND ROUND STANDINGS

REDFOOT ADKAY	W	L	T
LIVONIA GRIFFIN	2	0	0
WESTLAND BURGER	2	0	0
VARSITY SHOP	2	0	0
DEARBORN ADKAY	2	0	0
FARMINGTON ADKAY	2	0	0
SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	2	0	0
PLYMOUTH BIDWELL	2	0	0
DARTLOCH	2	0	0
NE KOEBEL	2	0	0

SCORES

Plymouth 2, Varsity Shop 2
NF Koebel 2, Dearborn 2
Burger King 2, Koebel 1
Southfield 5, Livonia 0
Redford 2, Dearborn 0
Varsity Shop 2, Burger King 2
Farmington 3, Garden City 0
Redford 2, Dearborn 0
Dearborn 3, Garden City 0
Plymouth 2, Varsity Shop 2
Southfield 5, Livonia 0
Redford 2, Dearborn 0
Varsity Shop 2, Burger King 2
Farmington 3, Garden City 0
Redford 2, Dearborn 0

FRI DAY'S GAMES

AT LEVINGOOD PARK
NF Koebel vs Dearborn, 8 p.m.
AT NEW FORD FIELD
AT PLYMOUTH HIGH
Farmington vs Burger King, 8 p.m.
Garden City vs Redford, 8:30 p.m.
AT SOUTHFIELD CIVIC
Varsity Shop vs Southfield, 8:30 p.m.
AT NEW FORD FIELD
Farmington vs Burger King, 8 p.m.
Garden City vs Redford, 8:30 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES

AT DEARBORN CC
Burger King vs Dearborn, 1 p.m.
AT PLYMOUTH HIGH
Garden City vs Redford, 1 p.m.
AT THROBURN HIGH
Garden City vs Redford, 1 p.m.
AT FARMINGTON HIGH
Plymouth vs NF Koebel, 6 p.m.
AT FARMINGTON HIGH
Farmington vs Southfield, 1 p.m.
AT NEW FORD FIELD
Varsity Shop vs Farmington, 8 p.m.
Garden City vs Garden City, 8:30 p.m.
AT SOUTHFIELD CIVIC CENTER
Burger King vs Plymouth, 8 p.m.
Dearborn vs Southfield, 8:30 p.m.

West Bloomfield Tips D&G Heating

West Bloomfield overcame a 4-0 deficit and exploded for 10 runs in the last of the sixth to overpower Stevenson D&G Heating, 10-4.

It was victory No. 4 for Bloomfield against three defeats.

Doug Mooradian went the distance for the winners, giving up just one hit. This was a single in the first by Mike Taylor. Mooradian struck out eight and walked five.

Mike Kakeel, Kurt Downs and Bill Finn all hurled for D&G with starter Kakeel taking the loss. Bloomfield collected all of its eight hits in the big sixth inning.

D&G capitalized on Mooradian's wildness in the first inning, to score four times. With one out, Chuck Minear was awarded first on the catcher's interference and Paul Schmidt was hit by a pitch.

Taylor then collected the lone hit off Mooradian to score Minear. Tim Kelly drew a base on balls and next came three wild pitches to score three runs and Bloomfield found itself down, 4-0.

Kakeel handcufted Bloomfield without a hit up to the sixth.

Chris Reynolds spoiled the gem with a lead-off single. Mark Salisbury was hit by a pitch and Dave Gass was safe on an error.

Bob Jones singled in Reynolds and Gerry Mutnick singled in two more to make it 4-3. Downs came in for D&G and retired the first batter he faced, but pinch hitter Vince Vachard came through with a single and it was a tie game.

Mooradian followed with a three-bagger, Reynolds a double, Salisbury a single, Gass a walk, Jones a single and Mutnick was safe on an error to give Bloomfield a 10-4 lead.

Livonia Griffin Slaps Plymouth

Livonia Griffin remained in contention for Aday second round honors with a 5-1 victory over Plymouth Bidwell.

It was the fourth win for Livonia against one setback, a notch off the 4-0 pace set by first round champion Redford. A showdown battle between Redford and Livonia will be the featured 8:30 p.m. showing at Ford Field this Friday (July 6).

Gordy Miller and Mike Keller combined for the four-hit victory over Plymouth. Miller worked the first six innings, giving up one run on four hits, walking five and striking out eight. Keller picked up the save.

Larry Graves and Terry Laird hurled for Plymouth with Graves suffering his second loss in four decisions. Graves went four innings, allowed three runs on six hits, walked one and struck out two. Laird pitched three innings, gave up two runs on four hits.

Plymouth's short-lived lead came in the first when Dan Hees banged out a single. Graves was safe on an error by Pat Perino at short with Hees dashing around on the overthrow into right field.

Livonia jumped on Graves for two runs in the third to capture the lead. John Sicha singled, Mick Cron walked, Miller was hit by a pitch and Jeff Waterstone sacrificed in Sicha. Mark Temby followed with a single and Griffin was up, 3-1.

Singles by Gar Frantz, Steve Crowe and Steve Chlenko upped it to 3-1 in the fourth.

Livonia finished its scoring in the fifth. With one out, Waterstone and Temby singled and Roy Henriksson singled in Waterstone. Howard Schryer lofted a sacrifice fly to score Temby with run No. 5.

Plymouth Swimmer Honored By MAAU

Paul Petersen, 10-year-old swimmer from Farrand School in Plymouth, has been selected as recipient of the Michigan Amateur Athletic Union monthly recognition award for June.

Swimming for the Bulldog Aquatics Club under Coach Keith Wright, Petersen set a national AAU record of 1:34.8 for the 100 yard breaststroke.

He also established eight individual state records, has been a member of four state relay teams, and swam on the 200 yard free-style and medley relay teams recently, ranked No. 1 in the U.S.

OCC Applies For League

The Oakland University board approved a recommendation that the university apply for membership in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Other GLIAC members are: Northwood Institute and Grand Valley, Saginaw Valley, Lake Superior and Ferris State Colleges.

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AT WESTLAND JAYCEE PARK
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AT FARMINGTON CC at FORD FIELD
Strohs vs Starlin Marines, 7:30 p.m.
AT PLYMOUTH FIELD
Synder vs Marathon, 8 p.m.
AT OAK PARK MAJOR
Caesars vs All Pro, 7 p.m.
TUESDAY'S GAMES
AT REDFORD CLAUDE ALLISON
Synder vs Strohs, 7 p.m.
AT JAYCEE FIELD
Bryant Walker vs Marathon, 7:15 p.m.
AT SOUTHGATE
Starlin vs All Pro, 6:45 p.m.
AT EAST DETROIT
Caesars vs Dino's, 7:30 p.m.

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