

TRY THIS TEST:

Know Your Baseball Rules

Playing baseball? Or are you a manager or just a fan? Here are some questions and answers on rules which might help you enjoy the game a little more: Q—A pinch batter doesn't report to the umpire. Is he automatically out? A—No. Once the batter takes his place in the box, he's in the game. The same holds for any other player entering the game as a substitute. In the major leagues, a manager can be fined if he fails to notify the umpire of a change. But that's the worst that

can happen. Q—Can there be an infield fly with runners on first and third? A—No. There must be a runner on first and second, or the bases loaded with less than two out before the infield out rule can apply. An infield fly is any pop-up which in the opinion of the umpire can be caught by an infielder. However, it's possible for an outfielder to make the catch and the infield-fly rule still apply. On the infield fly, the batter-runner automatically is out. Q—Can base-runners ad-

vance on an infield fly? A—Certainly, but they do so on their own risk. Q—Runner on first fails to touch second on the way back to first after a fly has been caught. Is runner automatically out? A—No. This is what is known as an "appeal" play. The defensive team must spot the infraction, make a proper appeal play at second base and that the umpire also noticed the fact that the runner missed second base. Q—Suppose on the play above, the original throw-in by the outfielder after the

makes the catch sails out of the field of play and into the stands. The umpire rules that the runner from first can touch second on the way back to first under the same regulations pertaining to wild throws. Can the defense still appeal? A—They sure can. But remember, for the appeal to be legal, the ball first must be returned to the pitcher, who steps on to the rubber, and then steps off to throw to second. (Many appeal plays are washed out because the defensive side doesn't make them properly.) Q—A hard smash by the batter bounces off the pitcher's mound and goes into foul territory between home and first. Fair or foul? A—Foul ball. Q—Suppose a similar drive were to hit an umpire and bounce in the same direction? A—The batter would be credited with a single unless the umpire was behind the infield when hit. Then the ball would be in play and the batter could advance as many bases as possible. Q—Defensive team changes a pitcher with two out in an infield and three on base. Pitcher promptly picks runner off third and he is tagged out. Does the pitcher have to return in the next inning until he gets to pitch to at least one man? A—No. Getting the side out fulfills the part of the rule which governs new pitchers. Q—A ball bounces over or under a fence. How many bases is the batter entitled to? A—Two. Q—Can the plate umpire overrule his base umpire? A—Yes. But he usually doesn't... or won't. Q—How about batters not wearing a helmet or inside protector? A—In most leagues, the batter automatically is out. The umpire can't be a "nice guy" even if he wants to. Q—With a runner on second, pitcher makes a fake toward second, but doesn't throw. Is this a balk? A—No. Pitcher must complete throw to first base only when there is a runner there. No throws are necessary to second or third.



KICKOFF FOR the Jaycee Football Classic in Tiger Stadium on Aug. 11 is portrayed and will sponsor a game between the Lions by Gov. George Romney who kicks off with Detroit Lion star Tommy Watkins as Michigan Jaycee President Wendell Smith, Jaycee Foundation.

Ex-Rock Champ In NCAA

More honours have come to ex-Plymouth high star Bob Steele.

The Michigan State University junior captured the 440-yard intermediate hurdles last Saturday in the NCAA championships at Bloomington, Ind.

His time of 50.3 seconds was just three tenths under the world record.

But just as important, Steele virtually became the hurdles favorite on the United States team which this summer will run against the Russians in Los Angeles.

To face the Russians Steele first will have to qualify through the AAU meet in New York early next month. But that appears a certainty, based upon his showing at Bloomington.

The AAU already has guaranteed Steele his expenses to New York for the meet.

Steele by winning the hurdles ended a six-year drought for Big Ten entries seeking a title in the NCAA meet. The last previous Big Ten victor was George Kerr of Illinois in the 800-meters in 1960.

Steele ran from the second lane in the final at Bloomington. He admitted later he was "scared." "I'd rather be out a way ... in lanes six or seven."

Track Fans to See Livonia's Top Stars

Area track fans will have an opportunity to see Livonia's most outstanding feminine track star in history, Louise Gorrie, who was a member of the June, 1966, class of Franklin High, is generally rated as one of the nation's top javelin throwers. She set the National AAU record last year at 155 feet 6 inches and has shattered that mark no less than three times this year.

King, Court To Oppose All Stars

Area sports fans are in for a special treat next Wednesday evening (June 29).

The King and his Court are coming to Redford Township's Claude Allison Field. The King is Eddie Feigner, regarded as the premier softball pitcher in the world.

That's because Eddie needs only a catcher, a first baseman and a shortstop to lend him support when he takes the mound.

Feigner is so good that he gets batters out when he blindsides his eyes.

All of which pose a problem for the All-Star aggregation comprised of players from Township teams who'll go against the King and his Court.

Game time will be 8:30 and tickets are now on sale throughout the Township. Those purchasing a dull ticket in advance will pay only \$1.25.

of Plymouth, holds the ball. The Jaycees will sponsor a game between the Lions and the strong St. Louis Cardinals on Aug. 11 with proceeds going to the Michigan Jaycee President Wendell Smith, Jaycee Foundation.

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Her latest record making performance came in the Central States AAU meet in Cleveland last Saturday when she threw the spear 163'10" for a new American Girls record.

Louise will have her eyes on bettersing that mark in Saturday's competition as she prepares for the women's and girls National AAU meet the following weekend in Maryland.

There she has ambitions of winning the girls' championship for the third straight year and also being at least a second in the women's division in order to qualify for the international meet with Russia and Poland later in the summer.

Louise is well aware of the fact that she must finish first or second in her specialty to make the United States' team and that she hopes to accomplish. She also knows that it will take a total of almost 170 feet to win that mark in the next two weeks.

2 Losses, Fire

(Continued from Page 2B) by a fire and had to be closed over the weekend.

But, for the Christensen family there was some happiness. There was a big Christensen-clan reunion with visitors coming from as far away as Europe for the occasion.

As for the baseball team, this was the story: On Friday, Farmington suffered a 4-0 loss to Berkley.

On Sunday, Farmington was shut out by Waterford, 4-0, in the opener of a double header before finally getting on the right road with a 4-2 win in the nightcap.

Chuck Viane suffered the loss against Berkley, although he gave up only three hits.

Meantime, his mates hit well enough, but couldn't produce in a clutch.

Waterford got to Rick Krumm for four runs in the first inning on Sunday's opener. Thereafter, Waterford was stopped by Krumm came through with 11 strikeouts.

But the Farmington bats were dead... very dead.

However, in the first inning of the second game, Carl Misch broke a 14-inning drought for Farmington by knocking in a run and with Viane adding a double and Misch adding another single, Farmington piled up four runs.

Observing Sports

(Continued from Page 2B) Yes, maybe! Let's stick with the Tigers.

"Are they for real?" in this year's pennant race. Sports-writer Watson Spoelstra of the News was saying the other day that maybe many Tiger fans still can't believe that the current team will be a serious threat all the way.

"The Tigers have had a history of good starts and then collapsing," Spoelstra said.

But this year, Spoelstra feel things are going to be different. So do other critics like Joe Falls, who has jumped aboard the Tiger bandwagon with the prediction that they'll be in first place by July 4.

What impresses those who know about the Tigers is their depth.

Consider the past week. Don Wert was ill, Jerry Lumpe was hurt and so was Jake Wood. Take three guys out of an infield and you'd think it would suffer.

Oh, yes. Is there any significance to the fact the various Tiger broadcasters no longer refer to Bob Swift as the Tigers "Acting Manager."

They call him "Manager Swift."

There would appear no chance that Charley Drensen will manage the team again. The doctors won't let him... after two heart attacks.

The final decision may not have been reached yet.

But one of these days various Tiger heads and the doctors will sit down and have a eye-to-eye talk with Drensen.

Charley will remain with the club, but you won't be seeing him on the bench again.

Late Rally By Cards Pays Off

Play began last week in the Greater Livonia-Detroit Free Press baseball league with two games—one of which reached a decision.

Livonia's Cardinal Decorating nipped Redford's Dependable, 3-2, while Garden City Sporting Goods played a 3-3 tie with Dearborn Heights Dad's Club.

Ex-Bantley High ace Bill McAlpine turned in a two-hitter for Cardinal to edge Rick Barryman, a product of Redford Union High.

It took a three-run comeback in the sixth inning to win for the Livonians.

Paul Hartge opened with a single and he stole second. When Paul Deedler singled, Hartge tried to score, but was cut down at the plate.

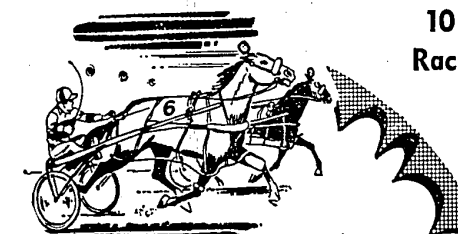
Neal Thomas followed with a double and then Bill Woods lashed a homer to decide the game.

Redford had counted twice in the third inning when Reg Barringer was safe on an error, Clyde Ziegler reached first on a fielder's choice and Terry Rothwell, ex-Thurston High, doubled.

Mike Wilson, formerly of Garden City Eastpitched for the Garden City Sporting Goods in its standoff with Dearborn Heights.

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Youngster Scores Ace Rooky golfer Robert Bialy, 12, hit a hole-in-one June 5, playing the fifth hole at Brooklane Golf Course in Northville and using a number five club. The youth, who resides with his family at 3435 Munger Drive, Livonia, was playing the "par-three" course with his father, James. He ended the nine holes with a 41 - 14 over par, on his third time on the golf links.