Slumping Tigers Victims Of 2nd One-Hit Loss

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BALTIMORE -- What's happened to the Detroit Tigers?

The team that early in the season rolled off nine straight victories was trying to kick a bad slump as they wound up a series with the Baltimore Orioles Wednesday night.

When the Orioles, who have leaped past the Tigers into first place by winning eight straight, blanked the Detroiters, 4-0, Monday night, it marked the eighth loss in the last 13 games for Detroit--also their fourth reversal in five outings.

To make the defeat against the Birds all the more disturbing, rookie Dave Leonard held the Tigers to just one hit--a two-out single in the seventh inning by Jim Northrup.

It was the same Northrup, who two weeks ago, delivered a single in his third inning to account for the lone Detroit safety against Steve Hargan of the Cleveland Indians.

LEONARD WAS wild, despite his being so stingy in the hit department in lifting the Orioles two and a half games ahead of Detroit.

He walked seven and hit two batters. These free tickets along with Northrup's hit enabled the Tigers to put 10 men on the sacks, but only once did Detroit get a man as far as third.

The Birds roughed up Joe Sparma with a run in the second on a double and single and then two more runs in the fourth.

Pat Dobson came on in the sixth for Detroit and gave up the other Baltimore run.

Detroit's best chance came in the seventh. Al Kaline walked and Northrup unloaded his hit to send Kaline to third. But Leonard got the final out and Detroit was through for the evening.

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THE TIGERS went east after a disappointing home stand that cost them the league lead.

They managed only three wins in seven starts at Tiger Stadium. Detroit split with Oakland and Minnesota in two-game series, then salvaged only one conquest in three weekend affairs with California.

Farmington's Denny McLain turned in his fourth victory without a defeat and also his fourth complete game on Sunday to decision the Angels, 5-2, and end what had amounted to a three-game losing streak for the Tigers.

McLain was supported by a homer and run-producing single by Bill Freehan and a two-run homer by Mickey Stanley, who connected for his first circuit of the season.

Stanley had taken over at first base in a lineup revision. He was being used against a right-handed pitcher, something manager Mayo Smith hadn't been doing.

The Tigers twice fell behind in the game. Freehan's homer tied it at 1-1 and then Stanley connected in the fifth to make it 3-2 and Detroit never trailed the rest of the way.

West Sprinter Cracks Record

Hang up a school and track record at Garden City West for Dave Wilson.

The fleet West athlete raced to a school and oval standard in the 440-yard run when he was timed in: 52.2 seconds as West routed Cherry Hill, 65-53.

West then ripped Kennedy of Taylor, 82-36, to make it 3-0 in Tri-Rivers League action and 5-1 for the season in dual competition.

Wilson clipped four-tenths of a second off the former West record in the quarter mile.

He also won the long jump with a neat effort of 20 feet, 7 inches and ran on the victorious half-mile relay team.

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THE BIG MAN for West was Bob Herrick, a triple winner in the two dashes and the high jump and also a participant on the 880-yard relay.

Mark McGrath came through with a double triumph for West, copping the long jump and pole vault, in the meet with Kennedy.

The West winners in the two meets:

G.C. WEST 65, CHERRY HILL 53

Long Jump: Dave Wilson. Distance--20 feet, 7 inches.

Pole Vault: Mark McGrath. Height--11 feet, 6 inches.

Two Mile: Mike Cunningham. Time: 10:39.

880-yard Relay: West (Bob Herrick, Craig Kennen, Jerry Guzowski, Wilson). Time--1:34.8

Mile: Jim Rhoades. Time--4:46.

High Jump: Herrick. Height--5 feet, 4 inches.

440-yard: Wilson. Time--52.2 seconds.

100-yard: Herrick. Time--10.5 seconds.

220-yard: Herrick. Time--24 seconds.

Mile Relay: West (Bob Leach, Jerry Guzowski, Steve Sweda, Rhoades). Time--3:36.4.

G.C. WEST 82, KENNEDY 36

Long Jump: McGrath. Distance --18 feet, 10 3/4 inches.

Two Mile: Rhoades. Time--10:59.

880-yard Relay: West (Kennen, Herrick, Chris McCollam, Wilson). Time--1:38.6.

Mile: Bill Casper. Time--5:00.4.

High Hurdles: Don Smith. Time--16.8 seconds.

880-yard: Guzowski. Time--2:12.

440-yard: Herrick. Time--55.3 seconds.

Low Hurdles: Scott Frazier. Time--21.9 seconds.

Pole Vault: McGrath. Height --11 feet, 6 inches.

Mile Relay: West (Wilson, McCollam, Paul Joseph, Jim Gurney.) Time--3:54.8.

CROSSING PLATE after hitting game winning home run for Plymouth High against Stevenson is Larry Wasalaski. The diminutive Rock slugger belted the ball over the fence in deep left field.

Squeaker Keeps Stevenson First

The role of favorite suits Stevenson High's baseball team fine in the Interlakes League.

Stevenson is enjoying matters royally--at least, so far.

The Livonians had to go 13 innings to nip Waterford, 2-1, and now stand 3-0 in the league and in first place. Overall, Stevenson has an 8-1 record.

Although ace Paul Tonnamacher toiled 12 innings for Stevenson and fanned 16, he didn't enjoy the honor of picking up the victory.

Phil Camp received credit for the conquest by turning back Waterford in the final inning. Tonnamacher scattered six hits against Waterford which the day before had gone 13 innings against Pontiac Northern.

Jerry Detter delivered the blows that knocked in both the Stevenson runs. He hoisted a fly in the sixth inning to permit Camp to come in after he had tripled.

In the thirteenth with Tim DeWitt aboard after a single, Detter unloaded a double to send in the winning run.

STEVENSON PICKED up nine hits in the game against Vitor, who worked eight innings, and Kennedy, who went the remaining five.

The situation was far different, meantime, for Farmington.

The Falcons were blasted on their home field by a 15-0 score.

Eight errors made it possible for Walled Lake to register eight unearned runs. Four Laker runs came in the fourth inning and five more in the sixth wrapped it up.

Farmington was held to four hits--two singles by Joe Himmelspach, a single by Jim Flynn and a triple by Bob Henke.

Prep Schedule

BASEBALL
Thursday
Clarenceville at Holly
Belleville at Bentley
Trenton at Redford Union
Glenn at Huron
Plymouth at Allen Park
Friday
St. Agatha at Mt. Carmel
Garden City West at Southgate
Redford Union at Garden City E.
Farmington at Pontiac Northern
Our Lady of Sorrows at Royal Oak St. Mary's
Stevenson at Walled Lake
Saturday
Bloomfield Hills at Clarenceville
Catholic Central at Thurston
Monday
Garden City East at Inkster
Garden City West at Riverside
Clarenceville at West Bloomfield
Bentley at Trenton
Oak Park at Glenn
Groves at Franklin
Thurston at North Farmington
Redford Union at Plymouth
Tuesday
Farmington at Waterford
Orchard Lake St. Mary's at Sorrows
Wayne St. Mary's at St. Agatha
TRACK
Thursday
Crestwood at Garden City West
Garden City East at Riverview
Farmington at Walled Lake
Brighton and Clarkston at C'ville
Bentley at Belleville
Glenn at Thurston
Ypsilanti St. John's at Sorrows
Franklin at North Farmington
Redford Union at Plymouth
Stevenson at Waterford
Saturday
Schafer Relays involving most area teams
Monday
Sorrows at Gabriel Richard
Tuesday
Franklin at Garden City East
Lowrey at Garden City West
North Farmington at Farmington
Clarenceville at Northville
Bentley at Allen Park
Stevenson at Glenn
Redford Union at Trenton
Plymouth at Belleville
TENNIS
Thursday
Bentley at Plymouth
Friday
Garden City West at Southgate
Farmington at Pontiac Northern
Romulus at Garden City East
Clarkston at Clarenceville
Franklin at Bentley
Stevenson at Walled Lake
Monday
West at Riverside
Inkster at East
Clarenceville at Holly
Grove at Franklin
Thurston at North Farmington
Oak Park at Glenn
Tuesday
Farmington at Waterford
Franklin at Allen Park
Plymouth at Trenton
GOLF
Thursday
Belleville and Allen Park at Plymouth
Friday
West at Southgate
Trenton and Bentley at RU
Monday
Plymouth and Redford Union at Trenton
Stevenson at Waterford
West at Riverside
East at Taylor
Thurston and Glenn at North Farmington
Walled Lake at Farmington
Belleville, Allen Park at Bentley
Franklin and Groves at Oak Park
Tuesday
Kennedy at West
Fordson at East
Andover at North Farmington

St. Agatha Blanked, 4-0

St. Andrews' baseball team blanked St. Agatha, 4-0, in a Catholic League game.

Chuck Costello hurled five scoreless innings for St. Agatha before St. Andrews finally broke the ice.

Meantime, St. Agatha managed only four hits. Dan Sweeney had a double while Denny Blazok, Robert Milnarich and Jerry Miron each belted out a single.

The Tiger Schedule

Wednesday — at Baltimore, 8 p.m. (Channel 2)
Friday — at Washington, 8 p.m. (Channel 2)
Saturday — at Washington, 2 p.m. (Channel 2)
Sunday — at Washington, 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday — Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m.
Wednesday—Baltimore at Tiger Stadium, 8 p.m.

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