

Ex-Tiger Helps GC West Win On Sandlots, Too

The high school baseball season was a happy one for Garden City West.

The team wound up starting the Tri Rivers League championship.

Virtually all of the same boys this summer are performing on the Garden City West team, which has jumped off to a flying start in Conkle Mack-Class play by winning two straight.

The big difference in the team is the coaching department. Bob Dropp, who handed the club during the prep season, has turned things over to George Lerchen for the summer.

LARRY WASALASKI, from Plymouth High, starred as the Plymouth Elks' pitcher, whipping Allen Fenching of Livonia, 5-1.

Wasalaski allowed two hits and helped his own cause with two singles and a double. He drove in two runs and scored another.

In the third inning his double

chased over Dale Rumberger and Benke. In the sixth, Wasalaski singled, Russ Carlson doubled, Bob Kellman knocked both in with another double and Russ Sager singled Kellman in.

Farmington's Coleman-Moss team tipped the Livonia Optimists, 5-4, as Mike McCoy from North Farmington kept the Optimists in check.

Rick Scott doubled over the Farmington team's first two runs. A triple by Bob Grassie and single by Rick Linahan added another run. Then Dan Emmett knocked in the final two runs with a single.

Both the Elks' tallies were driven across by Goetz on a

single.

The Livonia Spartans (mostly Stevenson High players) made it two straight in Conkle Mack play by downing McKay's Partyville from Garden City, 3-1.

Phil Camp, the winning pitcher, gave up five hits while loser Asher was touched for only four.

The Spartans tallied once in the third, when Jerry Datter singled and came in on Dennis Primeau's hit. Two errors, a sacrifice fly by Dave Fisher and a single by Tim DeWitt accounted for the other Spartans runs.

The McKay runs were scored

when Flemming and Reed broke the game open.

Northville nosed out Livonia's Phillippi Service, 2-1, as Bob Taylor pitched for the victors. He allowed three hits while loser Jim Davies gave up four.

Taylor's double in the sixth drove in both the Northville runs.

THREE-HIT pitching by Tim Whitson enabled McKay to beat the Plymouth Elks, 4-1, for McKay's first victory after two losses. Don Gullekson scored the lone Elks' run on a walk, sacrifice and wild throw.

McKay tallied once in the

fifth when Kevin Wilkison was safe on an error and came around on a single by Rick Click and another miscue.

In the sixth McKay tallied three times on a single by Ed Pulaas, an error, a double by Tim Morrissey and another error.

'Horse' Inducted

MADISON--Alan (The Horse) Ameche, former University of Wisconsin and Baltimore Colt great, has been inducted into the Wisconsin Hall of Fame at a city banquet.

Lerchen is no stranger to the baseball wars. He spent more than a dozen years in organized professional play and almost five campaigns in the majors with the Tigers and Cincinnati Reds as an outfielder.

Now in the construction business in Garden City, he turned to sandlot managing last year by handling a Little League team. He found he wasn't happy with the younger kids, so he's moved up and finds the older boys "a joy to deal with."

WEST CAPITALIZED on four errors to score seven times in the first inning Thursday to down Hubert Realty of Livonia, 7-0, after West topped Livonia Optimists, 3-2, in its opener.

Jim Furry, one of the aces in the West High team, held Hubert to one hit--a single by Don Greger in the sixth inning.

Two errors, a walk and fielder's choices had enabled Hubert to tally both its runs.

Chuck Evans, Ray Poland and Craig Sylvester singled in succession to get West rolling in the first inning. Then the Hubert defense fell apart with four miscues before Pat McHugh tripled in two runs.

Clark Colton replaced Hubert starter Mike Swift in the first inning and allowed only one hit the rest of the way.

REDFORD'S Earl Morrall matched West's 2-0 record in the Mack's American League by whipping Hubert Realty, 12-3.

Morrall took a 10-0 lead and coasted behind the pitching of Alaud Bjorko and Kevin Fox, who fanned 11 between them.

Bill Howe tripled in two runs for the winners in the first inning and they never were in trouble.

Bass Are Biting In Area Lakes

Fishing pressure increased last week. Probably because the weather has improved. Waters are becoming warmer. Despite the recent rains all streams and rivers are clear and remain at near normal levels reports the State Conservation Dept.

Panfish: Spinecasting with worms into and along the weed beds near shore is proving to be effective for bluegills. Good lakes to try now are Pontiac, Big, Crooked, Alderman, Moon, Lower Pettibone and Lakeville Lakes. Some crappies were caught from Stony Creek Lake. Perch have been slow but a few have been taken from Elizabeth and Lower Trout lakes.

Bass: Good catches have been reported from Pontiac, Lakeville and Orion Lakes. Both smallmouth and largemouth have been biting artificial jugs at Mitchell Bay of Lake St. Clair. Nice smallmouth were taken from the Huron River at Proud Lake Recreation Area late evening and after dark on crabs and poppers.

Trout: Teeple Lake is still producing rainbows early mornings. At Cooley Lake fishermen are having success using worm lures for bait.

Pike: Best reports are from Mitchell Bay and Anchor Bay of Lake St. Clair, also Walled Lake. The yielding some good ones. A few muskies and Walleyes are coming out of Anchor Bay although activity has slowed down compared to the previous two weeks.

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