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Rocks On The Move; Shut Out Panthers

"We finally put it all together," said Plymouth baseball Coach Wayne Sparkman after watching his Rocks shutout Redford Union in a Suburban Eight battle, 2-0.

"The team is starting to play together as a team and we are going to win some ball games," added Sparkman.

PLYMOUTH stands 2-3 in the league and 3-6 overall. All the scoring was in the bottom of the second inning. Senior catcher Jim Grimmer led off with a single. Dan Hees blasted a drive over the right fielder's head for a triple with Grimmer scoring from first. Larry Graves followed with a single and Hees danced home with the second and final run.

Plymouth's Steve Robb started on the mound and hurled five and two-third innings, allowing no runs, three hits, walking three and striking out two.

GRAVES worked in relief and struck out three in his one and a third innings.

Tom Miller went the route for RU and gave up six hits, struck out three and walked one in taking the loss.

Plymouth has one anxious moment in the sixth. Mark

Durance walked and was forced out at second on a close call with Glenn Richmond safe at first.

KURT FRITZ singled with Richard stopping at second. Robb had Richmond picked off second but threw the ball away. Mark Yourchok fled out for the second out but Rob

Campbell was hit by a pitch to load the bases.

Sparkman replaced Robb with Graves and the Rock hurlers proceeded to retire the last RU batsman on three strikes to halt the threat.

Graves handcuffed the Panthers in the seventh to chalk up a save with Robb getting the win.

IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

The Detroit Woman's Bowling Association which covers most of the suburban areas has taken a triangle hold on the honor of being the largest city group in the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Although the membership year still has more than a month to go, the Detroit roster has passed the 100,000 mark for the first time. As of last Friday the exact membership totaled 100,137.

"This is a goal we thought almost impossible to reach some years ago," Mrs. Agnes Ekstrom, President of the DWBA, commented in releasing the figures.

For years Detroit and Chicago fought it out for top membership honors, but in recent seasons Detroit pulled far out in front—and seems destined to stay there.

With the women's membership growing, the men's association is being pressed for honors. At last count the male members totaled more than 130,000.

Aside from the combined membership of 230,000 the Youth Bowling Associations—YBA and the ABC—boast a combined membership in the area of approximately 20,000. All of which proves again that Metropolitan Detroit still is the nation's bowling hot bed.

THE MOTOWN RECORDS team, newly crowned champion of the Ladies Major League, is the only Detroit team to finish on the national honor roll.

Its high single game of 1107 was good for sixth place and its 3129 series was third in the nation for the season.

EVELYN HUBBELL and Margie Brothers, each of whom works on the counter at Westland Bowl, know their way around on the approaches, too.

Bowling in the WIBC tournament at Kansas City last week they put together an 1144 count to take eighth place in doubles on the big board.

Should these scores hold up Westland Bowl will have more representatives on the national boards than any other establishment in the state.

Three of the men representatives—Ted Bakatselos, Ray Williams and Jim Macomber, along with Lou Haydu—are on the ABC board at Long Beach, Cal.

LYLE GIBBS, who served as secretary of the Post Office League in Detroit for many years, still is hitting them in great style.

Now bowling with Plymouth Senior Citizens group at Plymouth Bowl, he is high average man with 171, has a 620 for second high series and

his team is leading the league. He was honored as the average champion at the banquet Thursday noon and Harry Hunter, the blind bowler, and his wife were special guests.

THE GREATER DETROIT Bowling Association is going to revive an old custom this year by having a "big day" at a golf course. However, because of the wide spread membership, it will be held on two courses—Washtenaw and Hillcrest—late in August.

Years ago the season officially closed with a golf outing at the now defunct Clinton Valley course.

TOM GALBRAITH is one of the happiest sponsors in the area—and for a good reason. His teams have won the championship in two of the top leagues at Bel-Aire Lanes.

The team topped the Classic with a 915 average and repeated in the Businessmen's League.

The members of the team include, aside from Galbraith, Ray Peterson, Larry Ledwith, Tom Leonard and Jim Behrnter.

THE BOWLERS will strike a blow for charity Monday noon at Farmington Lanes.

At that time the Bowling Proprietors Association of Greater Detroit, will present a check for \$500 to New Horizons, an organization that cares for retarded persons.

MILLIE REYNOLDS topped the Ladies Classic at Farmington with a 599 and Gloria Mertz had a 247. Among the other high scores were Jean Dembeck with 575 and Jo Osborne with 237.

ANOTHER NEW face popped up among the winners in the Livonia Lanes Ladies Classic when Emily Piper showed the way 483-135-618. This total included a high game of 198-45-243. Other high game winners were Loretta Reid with 174-45-222 and Lois McAllister with 213-21-224.

JERRY HOLT is reaping a reward for the blistering pace he has set in the past few weeks, especially in the Classic at Westland Bowl.

In his most recent appearance he fashioned a 694 on games of 224, 234 and 226. This boosted his average to 207 and top place on the individual lists.

Other high scores in the Classic included: Rick Capaldi, 670, and Clarence Stevens 668.

ONLY 30 PINS separated the top four bowlers in the Garden Lanes Classic. Tom Ranes showed the way with 687, Harvey Wilson Sr., was next with 681 and was followed by Dick Preston with 659 and Tom Gibbons with 656.

Over in the St. Linus League, Richard Foster was the top man with 683.

Bentley Grad A Busy Tartar

Wayne State junior Geoff Lane was among the busiest of the Tartars in a dual meet loss at Cleveland State, taking the mile run with a personal best of 4:23, winning the half-mile run in 1:58.0 and anchoring a rebutil mile relay team that finished second.

The Livonia Bentley product shattered WSU's indoor half-mile record this season with a 1:53.5 clocking and is now aiming at John Heller's 1965 WSU outdoor mark of 1:50.8.

Coach Dan Watkins looks for the veteran to notch that mark which would easily surpass the NCAA College Division Meet's qualifying mark of 1:53.5. That meet will be held May 26-'27 at Ashland College.

Equals Mark

Wayne State University's 19-8 fencing victory over Milwaukee Tech in 1972 equalled the school's single-season mark set in 1966. The Tartars had two matches remaining.

Wolverine Eyes Million; 3 Rich Events On Card

With perhaps the finest harness racing card of the season, Wolverine Raceway officials are looking for perfect weather Saturday and the possibility of the first million dollar handle in Michigan history.

Thus far, harness racing has had only two \$300,000 nights, both at Wolverine Raceway, one earlier in the season on a Saturday when the weather and the wagering mood of the patrons were at their best.

The same situation may prevail Saturday (tonight) with 10 races on the card including an invitational worth \$7,000 and a preferred which has a value of \$6,000.

The invitational could turn into one of the fastest and closest races of 1972 with a field of seven including the former track record holder Knox Patch.

MATTER OF fact, each of the seven is capable of bettering 2:00 and it could well be that as many as four will

break that clocking in the one race.

Shiaway Lad was the one with the most week ago in the invitational and sped under the wire a winner by a long nose.

However, most of the attention will be turned on Ray Forsyth's Local Time, one of the fastest three year olds in 1971 with a clocking of less than 1:58, who will have the services of Driver Ted Taylor for only the second time of the Wolverine campaign.

Local Time has been taking things easy for two weeks after suffering a leg injury in a mishap. It took more time to heal than originally thought and Forsyth decided to give his star the rest and send him back in top shape.

There isn't any question that Taylor makes a big difference in the performances of the son of Good Time. He made the cut one of the tops on the Grand Circuit a year ago and expects Local Time will make

abig bid for his first victory at Wolverine Saturday.

THE INVITATIONAL field includes, in addition to Shiaway Lad and Local Time, Game Gene, Blaze Pick, Baby Tears, Tricky Dale and Knox Patch.

The seven starters in the preferred are equally as impressive and include: Baron Phillip, Winter Dean, Aksel Hanover, Keystone Aaron, Mighty Fire, Apropro, who was clocked in 1:59.3 a week ago, and Gaviland.

Just to make the program even more inviting, there are: almost \$6,000 preferred with Hickory Adonis, Shado Travel, D. Judge, Chief Okemos, Prince Knox, J.P. Bristol and Johnny G; three events for \$4,600 each; two for \$3,100; one for \$3,000; and two for \$2,200.

That should add up to a night of harness racing that will have the entire attention of one of the season's largest turnouts from the start of the first to the finish of the 10th.

Rocks Win Triangular

Plymouth scored six firsts and seven seconds to win top honors in a triangular track meet with Northville and Walled Lake Central.

The Rock trackmen totaled 60 1/2 points with Northville second at 47 1/2 and Central third with 42 points.

Hooker Wellman paced Plymouth with a first place vault of 13 ft.

Plymouth won the mile, 180 hurdles, high jump and long jump, 440 yard relays and pole vault.

NORTHVILLE-PLYMOUTH CENTRAL MEET RESULTS

880 RELAY: 1 - Northville; Time 1: 37.3

880 YARD RUN: 1 - Atkinson (W); 2 - Coran (N); 3 - Newitt (N); Time 2: 06.8

HIGH HURDLES: 1 - Cole (N); 2 - Martin (P); 3 - Winkler (W); Time 1:16.3

ONE MILE RUN: 1 - Webber (P); 2 - Cole (N); 3 - Wernsapp (P); Time 4: 42.2

100 YARD DASH: 1 - Hummel (W); 2 - Guider (N); 3 - Harter (P); Time 20.8

440 YARD DASH: 1 - Atkinson (W); 2 - Law (P); 3 - Cardinal (W); Time 23.3

160 HURDLES: 1 - Martin (P); 2 - Gigg (N); 3 - Fox (P); Time 21.8

TWO MILE RUN: 1 - Searing (W); 2 - Dixon (N); 3 - Hawley (W); Time 10: 24.9

220 YARD DASH: 1 - Hummel (W); 2 - Guider (N); 3 - Fox (P); Time 23.3

MILE RELAY: 1 - Walled Lake Central; Time 3:42.2

440 RELAY: 1 - Plymouth; Time 1: 17.8

SHOT PUT: 1 - Porterfield (N); 2 - Campbell (P); 3 - Harmon (W); Distance 45' 0"

LONG JUMP: 1 - Pederson (P); 2 - Jarrows (N); 3 - Whitehead (W); Distance 19' 11"

HIGH JUMP: 1 - Fox (P); 2 - Hammond (P); 3 - Wink (W); Height 5' 5"

POLE VAULT: 1 - Wellman (P); 2 - Zonder (P); 3 - Wink (N); Height 13'

Former Coach

Charles McCaffree, Michigan State's director of men's swimming programs and former Spartan head coach, will serve as assistant manager for the U.S. Men's Olympic swimming team at the Games in Munich in 1972.

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