

Franklin Bombards Ypsilanti Twice

Livonia Franklin broke out of its shell with baseballs flying every which way.

The Patriots unleashed 26 hits to sweep both ends of Ypsilanti doubleheader, 11 to 8, and 9 to 6. Franklin sits on a 7-6 overall mark, well above its 2-4 Northwest Suburban record.

Coach Ron Heller sees his young team coming to age and is looking to the Les Anders and state tournament with a gleam in his eye.

Steve Crowe and Gar Frantz were the hitting standouts for Franklin. Crowe delivered three hits in four at bats in the first game including a home run and came back with another four bagger in the second game.

Frantz went one for three in the opener and laced three singles and a solo round tripper in the second game.

DENNIS WATSON and Ken Oliver worked for Franklin in the opener with Watson getting the win. Ypsilanti pounded out 13 hits to 11 by Franklin but the Patriots got their hits when they counted. Mike Bower and Fred Nowling hurled for Ypsilanti with starter Bower taking the loss.

Franklin opened the scoring with two runs in the top of first on singles by Karney Devin, Frantz, and Kevin Palmer. Dervierian scored on a passed ball for the first of 34 runs in the twin bill.

A Wayne Darragh single and a double by Jeff Waterstone produced another run in the second and Franklin was up, 3-0.

YPSILANTI got two back in the bottom of the second on back-to-back home runs by Richard Sattler and Jay King.

The Patriots exploded for four in the third to take a 7-2 lead. Frantz and Darragh walked, Crowe singled and Dave Hollandsworth doubled. Ypsilanti committed two errors and four runs had scored.

Singles by Bob McSpadler and Sattler scored a Ypsilanti run in the bottom of the third to make it, 7-3. Franklin added one in the fourth on a three bagger by Crowe and single by Palmer.

Ypsilanti sliced it to one run with four tallies in the fifth on three singles and two errors. Franklin wasn't content with its one run lead and in the top of the sixth, with two outs, the

Patriots erupted for three runs. CROWE BLASTED his first of two homers, Palmer walked, Tim Livesey doubled and two errors scored two to make it 11-7.

McSpadler led off the Ypsilanti sixth with a solo homer but that was the extent of the scoring with Franklin outlasting Ypsilanti by three.

It appeared that the Franklin bats were cooling off in the opening innings of the second game while Ypsilanti tallied one in the second on an error and a single by Dave Raymond.

The Patriots got the one run back in the top of the third on a home run by Frantz. Ypsilanti

sprinted ahead in its half of the inning on a walk to Don Farquharson and singles by Frank Trovsky and Jim Lockhardt and it was 2-1 Ypsi.

COACH HELLIER must have done something to his Patriots' big in the top of the sixth inning. Frantz lashed out six hits to score six runs and a clean sweep looked easy.

With one out, Bob Fallow and Larry Casey singled. Jamie Knapp drew a base on balls, Waterstone singled and Dattilo tripled. Dave Watkins followed with a walk, Frantz singled, Dan Longeway was hit by a pitch and Fallow singled for his second hit of the

inning and six Patriots had crossed the plate before Casey struck out to retire the side, with Franklin up, 7-2.

Franklin didn't stop at that but came back with two more runs in the top of the seventh. Knapp singled and Crowe hit his second round tripper to put the Patriots up by seven.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, two walks and an error loaded the bases. Marvin Alexander and Bill Moffet singled and the margin was sliced to three runs.

The Court Jester

by BILL CAMERON

The Court Jester is off to London - playing tennis at Wimbledon I imagine. Being one of his ex-pupils of tennis, I thought maybe I could be a morale booster this week for his present league of beginners.

What ever happens - don't become discouraged. Tennis is one of the cleanest, most graceful and gratifying sports to engage in.

It is also one of the most awkward and demoralizing sports when you are just a beginner. The thought of ever being able to treat a tennis racket as an extension of your arm and gracefully greeting the ball with it seems like a sports writer's hallucination to all beginners - not just you!

I'LL NEVER forget my first "pre-tennis lesson" match. On the opposing side I had Miss Sally Leighton - Albion College tennis team member and Tom Newth - a former tennis team member. My partner was Ron Newth - you guessed it - another tennis team player.

It was the first time I had ever seen a "singles and a half" match. I mean - picture John Wayne in ballet shoes - that is how awkward I felt. Sally was executing her shots with such grace and poise and virtually looked like a ballerina on stage.

Tom and Ron presented themselves like olympic competitors. And then there was me. Oh, well, at least I got somewhat of a tan out of the afternoon.

With a tennis instructor (an expert at that) fr-a boss-I knew I had to take advantage of my situation so that I could rectify my social blunder.

Religiously I attended his classes and mastered my overhead serve. And that was about all I mastered. Oh - I knew about lobbing and the proper form for the backhand and the forehand - I could

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OUT AT SECOND -- Bentley's Bob Deacon is tagged out by Plymouth's Steve Robb on an attempted steal. The Bulldogs rebounded in the Suburban Eight battle to down Plymouth, 3-2. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

Stevenson Wins With 13 Firsts

Stevenson scored 13 firsts to topple Waterford in an Inter-Lakes conference dual meet, 95% to 26%.

The Spartan trackmen shutout Waterford in the shot put, pole vault, high hurdles, mile and two mile runs.

Neil Bowly and Paul Lulek were double winners for Stevenson lineup. Bowly won the low and high hurdles, and Lulek captured the 100 and 200 yard dashes.

MEET RESULTS STEVENSON (95%) WATERFORD (26%) SHOT PUT: 1-Fallow (S); 2-Shipley (S); 3-Huet (S). Distance 52' 11". LONG JUMP: 1-Schrock (S); 2-Fox (W); 3-Huber (S). Distance 27' 11". POLE VAULT: 1-D. O'Keefe (S); 2-Fordell (S); 3-F.O'Keefe (S). Height 12'

HIGH JUMP: 1-Baker (W); 2-Balcock (S); 3-Huet (S). Height 5' 10". 800 RELAY: 1-Waterford. Time 1:36.0. 800 YARD RUN: 1-Walker (S); 2-Bert (W); 3-Furment (S). Time 2:01.6. WIGHT HURDLES: 1-Bowly (S); 2-MacDonald (S); 3-Farwell (S). Time 1:16.0. MILE RUN: 1-Mathis (S); 2-May (S); 3-Galindo (S). Time 4:28.2. 100 YARD DASH: 1-Lulek (S); 2-Romanski (W); 3-Gardner (W). Time 1:15.5. 440 YARD DASH: 1-Lafave (S); 2-Balcock (S); 3-Bert (W). Time 1:02.7. LOW HURDLES: 1-Bowly (S); 2-MacDonald (S); 3-Rivara (W). Time 2:02.0. TWO MILE RUN: 1-Oppomony (S); 2-Kinzie (S); 3-Walshowski (S). Time 10:18.5. 220 YARD DASH: 1-Lulek (S); 2-Romanski (W); 3-Fordell (S). Time 1:22.0. MILE RELAY: 1 - Stevenson (Mathis, O'Keefe, Walker, Lafave). Time 3:37.0. 440 RELAY: 1-Stevenson (Schrock, Lulek, Hurd, Weber). Time 4:45.9

Aggies Boom Out 17 Hits; Crush Lourdes

St. Agatha boomed out 17 hits and Pat Brown hurled a five hitter as the Aggies crushed Lourdes, 10-3.

Mark Miron, Steve Willis and Tom Nemes banged out three hits apiece with a five run, third inning putting the game away.

Junior right-hander Brown walked only four and struck out six in scoring his second win against one defeat.

The Aggies stand with an even 3-3 mark in the Catholic Second Division West and boast an overall record of 7-4.

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