



CLOSE CALL AT THE PLATE -- Farmington Harrison catcher Sam Pink (left) finds it hard to believe that the umpire has ruled Churchill's Rick Dreher safe on a passed ball

play with pitcher Gary Morrison looking to see if Dreher touched the plate. (Observer photo by Tom Donoghue)

## GC West Making Its Move

Garden City West made its move in the Tri-River baseball race with victories over Froot running Southgate and Taylor Kennedy.

The Tiger baseballers knocked off Schafer and Riverside and stand at 9-3 in the conference, tied with Southgate and Kennedy.

West tipped Kennedy, 4-3, and blasted Southgate, 10-4. Bob Dropp's squad kept on winning with a 4-1 Schafer triumph and 9-7 Riverside victory.

The Tigers stand 13 - 6 overall and open state tournament play with Livonia Franklin Friday at Franklin.

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RIVERSIDE came back in the fourth with a slam of its own. Jerry Syrlu blasted a bases loaded round tripper to slice it 8-7.

Volas held his own on the West mound and held off Riverside to score his fourth victory with Tim Adams taking the loss, and the Tiger baseballers concluded a week in which it scored 34 runs on 61 hits.

## RU Headlines Area Baseball

LEAGUE OVERALL PER RECORD RECORD CENT		
REDFORD UNION	4-4	14-4 .783
GC EAST	5-3	7-3 .700
FARMINGTON HARRISON	6-1	9-4 .692
GC WEST	9-3	13-6 .684
BROTHER RICE	4-4	12-4 .667
CHURCHILL	4-3	7-5 .583
ST. AGATHA	3-5	7-5 .583
SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	5-2	5-4 .555
BISHOP BORGESS	4-3	10-8 .555
THURSTON	5-2	7-6 .539
BIRMINGHAM GROVES	5-3	7-6 .539
FARMINGTON	4-3	5-5 .500
FRANKLIN	3-5	8-8 .500
JOHN GLENN	4-2	7-8 .467
BENTLEY	4-4	6-7 .461
N. FARMINGTON	3-4	5-6 .454
STEVENSON	4-4	4-6 .444
PLYMOUTH	4-4	5-6 .437
CLARENCEVILLE	5-5	6-10 .375
SOUTHFIELD	1-6	1-12 .077

## Churchill Tips Western, 7 1/2-0

Churchill blanked Wallied Lake Western to capture its third tennis victory in Western Six competition. The Charger netters scored a perfect 7 1/2 to 0.

FIRST SINGLES went to Mark Osenko who defeated Pat Munson, 6-2 and 6-4. Rick Boehms won second singles against Tom Ruhde by scores of 7-5 and 6-1.

Third singles went to Churchill's Ray Purdy with 6-0 and 6-3 scores over Jim Miles. Kris Schulz captured fourth singles against Kurt Kessler, 6-3 and 6-2.

First doubles went to Chargers Dave Little and Doug Bar at 7-6 and 6-1. Paul Thomas and Rick VanWagoner took second doubles and Jay Igou and Ken Patterson captured third doubles to make it a clean sweep.

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# Oak Park Makes Northwest Race A Little Tighter

Thurston had a notion and an opportunity to capture a commanding lead in the Northwest Suburban baseball race but Oak Park didn't see eye to eye with Eagle Coach Emil Majeski's thinking.

Thurston knocked off John Glenn, 4-2, but fell victim to a three hitter in a 2-0 loss to Oak Park. The front running

Eagles find themselves on top of the conference with a half game lead over Birmingham Groves is second at 5-3 with Thurston having a makeup game with Franklin. Glenn is third at 4-4 with North Farmington fourth with a 3-4 record.

Mark Miller went the distance against Glenn, allowing seven hits, striking out eight and walking seven.

THE ROCKETS were on the loose in the final stanza. Roger Sanders singled and advanced on an error. Rayburn singled and J.P. McBride singled with Rayburn thrown out at third.

Hodgkins walked but was forced at second with Jim Langhron on first. Miller got tough and struck out Lee to end the game with Thurston a two run victor.

## Centers Hurls Three Hitter; Spartans Win

Tom Centers hurls a three-hitter with Stevenson scoring an Inter-Lakes conference baseball win over Pontiac Northern, 1-0.

The Spartans lone run came in the second inning. Bob Bialy walked and stole second. An error advanced the Spartan to third and Don Finn drove him in with a single.

For Centers it was his first decision on the mound. He struck out six and walked two in the seven inning contest.

JEFF HODGKINS and Steve Kaufman worked for Glenn with starter Hodgkins taking the loss.

Thurston struck first with four runs coming in the sixth inning. Larry Poma drew a base on balls, followed by singles by Bob Ghanann and Don Murdock.

With two outs, Dave Harding laced a double to center to score Poma and Ghanann. Mike Robinson followed with another hit and Murdock and Harding, scored to put the Eagles up by four.

Glenn came back with one in the bottom of the inning on walks to John Lee and Mike Borders. A fielder's choice and single scored Lee with Borders and Brittain cut down on the bases.

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