

Les Anders Finale Favors Wayne Over Falcons

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The date, Tuesday, June 6 ... time, 7:30 p.m. ... place, Ford Field in Livonia featuring the championship game in the Les Anders baseball tournament between Wayne Memorial and Farmington High.

A total of 16 teams entered the tournament two weeks ago and now there are two and by Tuesday night, there will be one.

Art Mach will be on the mound again for Wayne after his no-hit performance against Bishop Borgess in the semifinals. Farmington Coach Richard Roy will be calling on his senior righthander Jim Harte.

WAYNE has maneuvered past Farmington Harrison, Thurston, and Borgess to move into the

finale and Farmington toppled Bentley, John Glenn and Stevenson.

Neither team is sporting an overly impressive record but that's the kind of year it's been. Wayne finished fourth in the Mid-Wayne conference with a 6-6 mark and stands 13-10 overall.

Farmington finished Inter-Lakes action with a 5-4 accounting and stands 9-7 overall. The Falcons are still in state tournament competition Saturday in the Southfield districts.

It's been an up and down year for Farmington and Coach Roy sees his Falcons as the definite underdogs in the championship bout.

"This is the first year Farmington has made it into the Les Anders finale," said Coach Roy. "After seeing Wayne beat Borgess, it's going to be a tough one."

THE FALCONS will be resting their hopes on Harte who is noted for wearing sunglasses while

pitching but will surely retire them in the Tuesday twilight hour. Harte is boasting a 6-2 record with an earned run average of a little over one per game.

Farmington has four batsmen hitting over the coveted .300 mark and a received all conference honors. The foursome is made up of Rick Pauline in the outfield, Mike Flynn at third base, Tony Wenson catching and Harte on the mound.

Mach struck out 12 in the semifinal game with Borgess and Coach Roy sees this as a key in the matchup.

"If we can hit the ball and stay away from a lot of strikeouts, we'll do all right," added Roy. This marks the second time in five years that Wayne has made it to the finals. Under Coach Gary Green, Wayne surprised a favored Redford team in 1969 by a score of 5-2.

Jim Chronowski is being the reins now and

will be going with his ace senior righthander in Mach.

MACH SPORTS an overall record of 5-5 but holds an earned run average of .069. His losses have been: 1-0 to Ann Arbor and Taylor; 3-2 to Graden City East; 3-1 to Lutheran West; and a state tourney loss to John Glenn, 3-1.

"We just don't get the clutch hitting when Mach is on the mound," said Coach Chronowski. Wayne has two all league players in Mach and Bruce Davis.

Davis is swinging a bat to the tune of .400 and plays outfield. Three other players received honorable mention in the Mid-Wayne picks: Kim Herbert at shortstop; Tim Berdue pitching; and Chuck Slammer at first base.

"I consider the game a tossup," said Chronowski. "It will be our best against their best."

Tips Edsel Ford, 4-2

RU Moving Towards Crown

Redford Union took a giant step towards the Suburban Eight baseball crown with a 4-2 triumph over Edsel Ford. The Panthers pushed their mark to 9-1 to remain tied with Belleville for first place.

A showdown between RU and Belleville was rained out Thursday.

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Edsel Ford slipped to third in the standings with an 8-5 record.

RU's junior righthander Gary Fuks led the distance against Edsel Ford to chalk up his seventh win against one setback.

Fuks allowed seven hits, struck out seven and walked three.

RANDY OWEN went the

route for Edsel Ford, allowed seven hits, struck out seven and walked none.

RU opened the scoring with a solo tally in the top of the fourth. Mark Durance singled and was sacrificed to second by Mike Johnston. Kurt Frits singled in Durance and the Panthers were on the board.

Edsel Ford came back in the half of the inning to capture a 2-1 lead. Owen was safe on an

infield hit, Rob Berce was hit by a Fuks fastball and Greg Domolek singled to load the bases.

FUKS struck out the next batter and with one out, a slow roller down the third baseline resulted in two runs scoring when Fuks threw to the plate but hit the runner.

Edsel Ford threatened in the fifth but failed to score.



SAFE AT HOME -- Bentley's Bob Deacon slides under the throw to Lathrup's Mitt Thackaberry in a pre-district game on the Bulldog field. Bentley ousted Southfield 7-0. (Observer photo)

Bulldogs Blank Rocks But Blow 6 Run Lead In Edsel Ford Loss

Bentley recorded its second straight shutout with a 6-0 victory over Plymouth but blew a fifth inning 6-0 lead to Edsel Ford to drop its Suburban Eight finale, 9-6.

The Bulldogs finished with a 5-9 conference mark and stand 9-12 overall. Bentley is still kicking up its heels in state tourney action in the district finals at Southfield.

Bob Couch and Joe Kearney combined for a three hit shutout over Plymouth with Couch picking up the win. John Owens and Steve Robb worked for Plymouth on the mound with starter Owens taking the loss.

Bentley rallied for five runs in the fourth with the help of a fluke play.

With one out, Bob Wasilowski drilled one deep to left field. Plymouth's Dave Hees moved back on the warning track and was pounding his glove ready to make the catch when the ball struck a tree branch hanging

over the fence and the Bulldog batsmen was safe at second on a two bagger.

"The ground rules stout old ball park are that the ball is live if it hits a branch in the outfield," stated Plymouth Coach Wayne Sparkman.

"Wet conditions at our new field forced us to return to the old park."

BENTLEY added a run in the fifth on a single by Bob Deacon, walks to Wasilowski and Gentz and a sacrifice by Sevonty.

Singles by Sevonty and Houghton and an error scored one in the second and consecutive hits by Pat Perlo, Deacon and Wasilowski scored two in the third.

The Bulldogs went up by five in the fourth on a walk to Houghton and singles by Dan Vezina and Perino. The final Bentley run came in the fifth on a single by Gentz and a three-bagger by Sevonty.

BENTLEY COACH Marty Klozik started replacing his first unit with reserves and Edsel Ford went to town.

Edsel Ford scored nine times in the final three innings on seven hits, four walks and five Bulldog errors.

Coach Klozik went through four pitchers trying to find a stopper. Vezina started and was replaced by Steve Marlow, Paul Roshirt and Alex Carrayannopoulos.

Roshirt took the loss with Edsel Ford's Roger Wiedman the winning hurler.

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Borgess Fumbles Away State Bid

Jim Cameron singled and Tim Burke walked. Owen singled to left but a Johnston throw to the plate nailed Cameron attempting to score.

RU scored two in the top of the sixth to hold a slim 2-2 advantage. Rob Campbell was hit by an Owen pitch and Durance was safe on a sacrifice that Edsel Ford bobbled and with two outs, Steve Friedman singled to left to score Campbell with the tying run.

Glenn Richmond singled to score Durance with what proved to be the deciding run.

RU ADDED an insurance run in the seventh with Mark Yourchock safe on an error. Mike Kallil was safe on a fielder's choice with Yourchock out at second and Rob Campbell singled in Kallil.

Fuks retired Edsel Ford in the bottom of the seventh on two strikeouts and a grounder and the Panthers stayed on top of the Suburban Eight with the final showdown to come with Belleville.

Bishop Borgess fell victim to its own errors and dropped out of the state tourney race with a 4-1 loss to Henry Ford.

Henry Ford scored two unearned runs in the opening frame and added two in the bottom of the sixth to make it a total of four unearned runs.

REESE DOBRICK went the distance for Borgess, giving up only four hits, striking out six, walking four and hitting two batsmen.

Ken Hamann worked for Henry Ford and had a three hitter to his credit. He struck out seven Borgess hitters and

walked three in chalking up the win.

Henry Ford first with a ground to left and the rally was ball that slipped away from Paul Davis at second. Mike Pului walked but was cut down on the bases and with the two outs, Hamann tripled to score Krowk. An error by Dan Kelly allowed Hamann to scamper in first. Terry Yackly walked and Vic Bowman drew a base on balls to force in Macklom.

Borgess went down, 1-2-3 in the final two innings and Dan Kelly moved onto the district semifinals.

Davis connected with Kelly to retire Jerry Sharon on a fly to left and the rally was halted.

HENRY FORD added two insurance runs in the last of the sixth. Doug Macklom singled and moved to third on an error by the Borgess third baseman, with Paul Desrochers safe at first. Terry Yackly walked and Vic Bowman drew a base on balls to force in Macklom.

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