

Adray Opens Sunday

No Breather For Baseballers

By TOM DONOGHUE
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Another school year is nearing completion with only a handful of schools still in varsity sport competition in the state baseball tournament. The regionals are this weekend with the state championship on June 17.

But there'll be no breather for area baseballers...

An 18 team Connie Mack and 10 team Adray league move into high gear this week with the Adray teams starting play Sunday.

The Connie Mack league

was scheduled to open on Tuesday but only some will begin play as the schedule had to be revamped due to the fact Bentley and Plymouth are still alive in state tournament action.

Dearborn Adray, Livonia Griffin Sport and Redford Adray are the favored power houses in the Adray league.

The breakdown of the Adray lineup with manager is:

Birmingham Varsity Shop - Al Bates; Redford Adray - Pat Sheridan; Garden City - Donald Ponte; Westland Burger King - Ernie Lyons; South Farmington - Mario

Sincola - Harry DeBash; Plymouth Bidwell Industries - Dick Schryer; Livonia Griffin Sport - Ron Heller; North Farmington - Koebel Diamond - Ray Carr; Northville Reef Mfg. - Richard Adams; Adray Dearborn - Frank Freeburn.

THREE GAMES are on tap Sunday with: Mario Sincola vs. Bidwell Industries at Plymouth; Redford Adray vs. Ref Mfg. at Northville; and Varsity Shop at Adray Dearborn. The opening pitch is slated for 1:00 p.m.

Ford Field in Livonia will be

the site of two evening games with Garden City against Koebel Diamond Tool at 6 p.m. and Burger King pitted with Griffin Sport at 8:30 p.m.

The Adray league picks up action again on Wednesday and Friday with the week wrap up each Sunday.

The Connie Mack league has been divided into two divisions, the American and National.

The nine teams in each division are takeoffs from the high school teams so for the favorites, look to your conference champions.

The breakdown of the American league is:

Livonia Optimist (Bentley JV) - De Vries; Reef Manufacturing (Northville) - Gary Emerson; Warholak Tires (RU) - Bob Atkins; Fancher's Janitor (Stevenson) - Frank Gregory; Plymouth Service (Franklin JV) - Lucky Birkett; North Farmington - Lew Doot; Red Holman Pontiac (Plymouth JV) - Mike Waller; National Pride (Churchill) - Roger Frayer; West Bloomfield - Carl Rowley.



Two Wolverine Greats, Oosterbaan And Weber End Long 'M' Careers

By W.W. EDGAR

Things never will be the same in Ann Arbor—especially on the University of Michigan campus.

Two of the venerable fortresses of Michigan athletics—Bennie Oosterbaan and Wally Weber—are moving into retirement and their like may never again be seen in the state of Michigan.

For the past several years Bennie, Michigan's only three time All-America, has served as secretary of the athletic alumni, and Weber, his roommate in the great '20's has been an ambassador of good will—always preaching the gospel of Wolverine supremacy to all and sundry who would listen.

Now, after years of service, they'll take their places in the special section in the press box, seated next to Ray Fisher, famed baseball coach; Cliff Keen, one of the all time wrestling coaches, and Fritz Crister, the keen football strategist, who guided the Wolverines in the wake of the immortal Fielding H. Yost and Len Shipman, two of the better public relations men in the Western Conference.

Oosterbaan rated by many as the greatest football player ever to wear the Marz and Blue, started his great career in 1925 on a team that the late Coach Yost called the best he ever had.

Ironically, he got his start in a game against Michigan State and scored the first touchdown of his career when he took a pass from Benny Friedman, to help beat State then known as the Michigan Aggies.

Oosterbaan claims it was just happenstance that he teamed up with Friedman as one of the country's greatest pass combinations.

"Friedman was one of the

few quarterbacks in the county," Oosterbaan explains, "who knew where the ball was going when he threw a pass. And I was just there to catch them."

ONE OF OOSTERBAAN'S greatest moments came in a grueling game with Minnesota up in Gopher country. While the teams were battling with little or no advantage Bennie picked up a fumble and raced more than 50 yards for the winning score.

He was accused of playing out of position on that particular play. But later Coach Yost admitted that he had so much confidence in Oosterbaan that he allowed him to play where he wanted.

Bennie also was on hand for the most unusual games in Michigan history—a 3 to 2 loss to Northwestern on a field where only the corners were dry, and the 9 to 3 victory over Ohio State in the driving snow of blizzard proportions in 1929.

And so, two of Michigan's stalwarts, fellows whose names belong with the legendary Hestons, Schulz, Harmon, and Yosts, are passing into the wings.

But they'll never be forgotten—not even in points far distant from Ann Arbor and wherever football is played.



NO. 1 MILE RELAY TEAM - Churchill's left junior mile relay clocked in at 3:25.4, the fastest time in the area, to earn the title of No. 1.

Left to right are: Ron Miller, Phil Damaska (bottom), Don Fillips, and Rich Kahn. (Observer photo)

THE BREAKDOWN OF THE NATIONAL league is:

Redford Tool (Churchill JV) - Jim Barr; Hines Mercury (Franklin) - Paul Hunt; Farmington's Little Caesars (Farm.) - Charles Smith; Harrison - Bruce Brewin; Thurston - Emil Majeski; John Glenn - Norm Hoenes; Lambert Sons (Stevenson JV) - Tony Lambert; Crowe Assoc. (Bentley) - Joe Berg; Plymouth Elks (Plymouth) - Wayne Sparkman.

Four games are scheduled for Tuesday (June 13).

In the National league, Farmington Little Caesars plays John Glenn at Haggerty Field, 6 p.m., and Harrison plays Thurston at Thurston High at 6 p.m.

In the American league, Reef Manufacturing plays Red Holman Pontiac at Plymouth at 6 p.m., and Warholak Uniroly Tires contests with North Farmington at NF, at 6 p.m.

FOLLOWING ARE THE diamonds which will be hosting Adray and Connie Mack baseball:

Henry Ford Field (lighted baseball diamond); Northville High (on Eight Mile Road in Northville); Garden City Park (Merriam and Cherry Hill); Plymouth High (Canton Center and Joy); Thurston High (Schoolcraft between Inkster and Beech); Northville Athletic Field (Cass Benton); Dearborn Community College (9101 Evergreen); Birmingham Lakes High (12 Mile and Lahser); North Farmington High (13 Mile and Farmington Rd.); Franklin High (31000 Joy Rd.); Haggerty Park at Haggerty Road; John Glenn High (Wayne Rd. and Marquette); Redford Union High (17711 Kinloch); and Harrison (12 Mile and Middlebelt).

Borgess finished with 49 1/2 points with Madison Heights Bishop Foley second at 27, Harper Woods Bishop Gallagher placed third with 11 and Redford St. Mary fourth with 8 1/2.

Southgate Aquinas followed with eight, Regina four, Holy Redeemer and St. Francis Cabrini two each.

Patricia Pajic headed Borgess with three firsts. She won the 40 yard dash in 1:02.9, the high jump with a leap of four feet, 11 inches, and the long jump at 15'2 1/2".

ANN KLEIN of Borgess was a double winner with a 50 yard dash triumph of :06.5 and a 100 yard dash victory in :12.4.

BERTHA SIMONSEN had them talking at Bel-Aire Lanes with her latest series in the summer league.

She came through with a 590 series and didn't have a 200 game.

How come?

She started with 199, followed with 198 and closed with a 193.

Meanwhile, in the same league, Millie Reynolds opened with a 208, then slipped to 189 and 146 for a 325.

Tom McCullough was the man of the hour in the Bermuda Shorts League. He linked games of 246, 183 and 213 for a 642 to beat out Don Stult, who had games of 226, 210 and 180 for 606.

Among the Gals in the summer league Marge Richardson was high with 594 and Mary Lou Radcliff converted the 6-7 split.

In the Thursday Mixed League, Hugh Humpert profited a 236 start to post a 614 series, and Danny Feloni had a 605.

THE THIRD ANNUAL WAYNE State Invitational Track Meet May 6, 1972, will match the host Tartars with Eastern Michigan, Ferris State, Kent State, Kentucky State and Southern Illinois-Edwardsville. It's the largest field in the Meet's brief history.

But Wally's main forte was

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Borgess Girls Win Track Championship

The Bishop Borgess girls kept pace with the boys in winning the first annual city track championship for parochial schoolgirls. Borgess also won the boy's First Division title this year.

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New Coach

Fred Snowden, former Wayne State University basketball and baseball captain and four-year assistant at Michigan, has been named Head Basketball Coach at Arizona.

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IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

Penny McClain, the youthful bowler who set a fast pace in the ladies all-star leagues during the winter season, is proving her showing then was no flash in the pan.

Continuing where she left off at the end of the regular schedule, she has shot to the top in the summer doubles league at Garden Lanes and show no signs of slipping.

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3 WAYS TO CHARGE

She opened the league this past week with a 656 series to lead all of her rivals and, paired with Jan Kazella, took over first place in the standings.

With her big series she beat out Ann Selock who fired a 650 for second place and Mary Mohacsi who landed in the third position with 615.

Others among the high scorers included Thea Hales, Linger with 597 and Pat Lisowski with 593.

WELL ON HIS way to what could have been a 700 series in the summer league Westland Bowl, Larry Franz waddled under pressure and had to settle for a 650.

He opened with games of 225 and 264 and needed only a 211 finisher to break the 700 barrier. But he wasn't equal to the task and rolled a mere 161.

Meanwhile, Ken Beattie improved each of his three games in fashion to rank second place. Ken started with a 201, followed with 216 and then closed with a 232.

In the women's division the spotlight went on Pat Hales each game she came through with a 249 in 537.

Imagine that - 249 in one game and then only 288 in the next two.

CH Goss was the pacemaker with a 216 in 603.

The hottest item in the rumor department along the eight-star classic front has several sponsors throwing the sponge and retiring from the game. High on the list of rumors is Alexander - Horning that has sponsored top ranked teams for more than a half dozen years.

MARY CROSWELL got her name on the Oddsies Board at Merri-Bowl when she rolled identical scores of 137 in each of her three games. She carries a 145 average and couldn't come much closer to equalling it in her latest series.

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