

Plymouth Whitewashes John Glenn, 4-0

Two teams remain undefeated in Connie Mack National League baseball action with Hines Park and Plymouth Elks sporting identical 3-0 records.

Plymouth beat John Glenn on John Owens four hits, 4-0, and Hines topped Harrison, 5-1. Thurston broke into the win column in National League play with a 3-4 triumph over Redford Tool.

Owens chalked up win No. 2 against Glenn with 10 strikeouts and three walks. Dave Wesley hurried for Glenn and gave up five hits, struck out four and walked two.

Plymouth did all of its scoring in the first two innings with one in the opening stanza and three in the second.

The first with a leadoff single. Steve Robb bunted his way on base and Jim Grimmer sacrificed with the runners moving.

The Glenn hurler fielded the ball but threw it away and Hines scored for the first tally.

The other half of the Hines attack in brother Dan started the second with a walk. Hines stole second and moved to third on a bunt single by Jeff Waller. Steve Crowther was safe on an error with Hines scoring and Owens forced Walker.

Dave Hines then lashed a hit to right with Crowther scoring and Owens was out at third attempting to advance on a throw to the plate. Hines stole second and scampered in on a single by Robb.

GLENN RALLIED in the fourth and fifth but Owens bore 'down and scored a shutout win.

Franklin High's Hines Park club crushed Farmington Harrison, 5-1, with Jamie Knapp scoring his first win.

The Patriot right-hander allowed seven hits, struck out seven and walked one. Brewin and Hickey worked for Farmington with Brewin taking the loss.

Dave Hines opened with two in the first. Jeff Weststone walked

followed with a run producing single as did Guy Burke.

The Thurston-Redford Tool game wasn't without frustration for Redford Coach Jim Barr. The Churchill junior varsity squad took a 4-0 lead into the fourth inning but Thurston woke up with one in the fourth, three in the fifth and four in the sixth.

Coach Barr went through four pitchers in his attempt to find a stopper but couldn't come up with one in Kevin Nelson, Andy Coppola, Kim Lokken or Dan Baumgarten.

Lokken took the loss while Thurston struck with Bob Ghanann the entire route.

Ghanann allowed six hits, struck out nine and walked six.

MIKE GOTTSCHALL started Redford Tool with a first inning single. Nelson was safe on an error and Jim Kumble singled in Gottschall. Eric Comini and Jim Foster followed with singles and the little Chargers were two up.

A walk to Doug Lloyd and hits by Joe Watson and Nelson gave Redford a 3-0 lead in the second with walks to Comini and Brubaker and a single by Lloyd scoring the fourth go-ahead run.

But things were soon to change...

A walk to Ghanann and triple by Dave Harding made it 4-1 in the fourth and the Thurston batsmen made it 4-4 in the fifth. Robertson walked as did Mark Miller and both moved up on a wild pitch. A wild pitch scored one, a sacrifice by Falvo another and Ghanann, finished with a single to notch it at four all.

FOUR MORE in the sixth put the game on ice for Thurston. Don Murdock walked, McCain singled and Robertson walked. Lokken walked Miller to force in one run and Falvo singled in two. Ghanann and Harding walked to force in the final run with Thurston a come from behind winner.



Farmington Wins On Wild Pitch

DAVE HEES got the Plymouth machine rolling in



Churchill's 'Pride' Remains Undeclared In Connie Mack Play

"This one makes up for the one we lost on a balky day," said Farmington Legion baseball Coach Wally Christensen after his basebatters squeaked past

Lake Orion in a nine inning affair.

The game was notched at two all in the end of regulation play and Lake Orion pushed

ahead in the top of the ninth. Farmington came back with two in the bottom of the stanza on a wild pitch and throwing error and the

Legionnaires stand with a 4-7 overall mark.

RICH STRINGER went the route in scoring his third win against one loss. He struck out 14 and walked three.

Lake Orion's Skip Anderson went the distance in the losing cause, allowing eight hits, striking out two and walking three.

Farmington opened with two in the third inning. Jeff Herman and Dennis Hagen singled and Rob Holton was safe on a fielder's choice with Herman out at third. Mike Flynn delivered a single to score Hagen and Holton scored on a passed ball.

Two singles, a walk and passed ball allowed Lake Orion to tie the contest in the

sixth. Don Jones drew a walk and Tommy Day singled. Both moved up on a passed ball and both scampered in on a single by Steve Wofford.

LAKE ORION broke the extra inning deadlock in the top of the ninth when Wofford was safe on an error, moved to second on a passed ball and scored on a single by Ted Sawicki.

Farmington bounced back in the bottom of the ninth when Randy Stringer doubled and Dennis Dorsch walked. Jeff Herman made the first out on a sacrifice to place the tying run on third and the winning run on second.

Lake Orion decided to walk Hagen and Farmington third

base coach Richard Roy yelled to Hagen that if it was near the plate... to take a swing at it.

That's just what Hagen did and the ball bounced back to the Lake Orion mound where Anderson checked the runners and threw him out.

Then with two balls on Holton, Anderson uncorked a wild pitch with Stringer dashing in with the tying run. The relay from catcher to pitcher went astray and bounced back into the infield with the winning run in Dorsch scampering in with Farmington the victor.

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National Pride remained undefeated in American League Connie Mack baseball action with an explosive 9-1 win over Holman Pontiac.

The Churchill varsity squad in disguise stands with a 3-0 mark with Holman's Plymouth junior varsity team slipping to its first loss to stand 2-1.

Franklin High's junior varsity team in Philippi triumphed over Livonia Optimist (Bentley JV).

Mike Keller and Gary Sobkowak combined for a two-hitter in the National Pride win with starter Keller getting the victory. Wayne Williams and Carl Thompson hurried for Plymouth with Williams taking the defeat.

Holman opened with its lone walk in the top of the first on walks to Mark Ensor and Dan Somerville and a single by Mark Stevens. But that was the extent of the Plymouth offense with National Pride going to work.

THE CHURCHILL basebatters scored three in the second, four in the third and one in the sixth to tacky away another victory.

Rod Hawreny walked and Al Leirstein singled in the National Pride second. Then with one out, Keller moved the runners to second and third with a sacrifice. Bob Blais ripped a single to right to score two and Phil Skender drew a walk and stole second to place runners on second and third.

Rick Dreher delivered a hit up the middle and Blais scored the third run of the inning.

BRIAN KELLY singled to open the third, moved around to third base on a bunt single by Hawreny and Bruce VanWagoner drew a walk to fill the bases.

Leirstein walked to force in Kelly, and Keller lofted a fly to center to score Hawreny. Skender singled and two more Chargers scored to make it 7-1.

A single by Steve Chlenko, a stolen base and a hit by VanWagoner accounted for the eighth and final tally.

TERRY BIRKETT hurled a four-hitter in his first outing and Philippi ousted the Livonia Optimist team, 4-1. Birkett struck out six and walked one while Larry Gayleard and Dan Venzla worked for Livonia with starter Gayleard taking the loss.

Philippi came up with its entire output in the top of the first. Tony Datillo, Dan Longway and Dave Young all drew walks with none out. Dave Beers was safe on an error with two scored and Tom Heller lined a single into center to score two more and it was 4-0.

Livonia came back with one in the first on a single by Bruce Boudick and two-bagger by Steve Houghton but that was the extent of the game's scoring.

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

With a slight edge over Windsor in the head-on battle for the greater share of the betting dollar, Northville Downs will make a strong bid to add that margin Saturday with a star-studded 10 race program of nothing but pacers.

Heading the card are two

events that bring out the best on the grounds in a \$7,500 invitational and a \$5,000 preferred.

There isn't any doubt but that the featured race could be one of the best of the first week of the meeting. It tracked only six starters; they comprise a field of stacks up with any offering Michigan this season.

Heading the cast is Trench Coat, the speedy four year old from Tom Wilburn's barn which was only half length back in the invitational a week ago when scribeamate Parley Hanover won in 2:04.2.

Local Time, pride and joy of Ray Forsythe and one of the better four year olds in the land, will go after his first victory at the Downs. Local Time was a recent winner at Wolverine Raceway in 2:00.2 and has been flirting with 2:00 in most of his starts.

Then there are: Tricky Dale, ace of the strong Bob Kalis; of Southfield string which won three rich events at Wolverine; Knight Desire, Spring, a winner who has a winning time at the DRC; and the always dangerous Johnny G.

The secondary feature is equally as impressive and also a victory field of six. And the starters include all of the middle class pacers with each hoping to collect the winner's share of the \$5,000.

Scram, another of the members of Wilburn's powerful string, could be the one to beat off its performance of last Saturday when it lost to Johnny G in a tight stretch duel.

Shawassie Squire, Gaviland, Culver Cadet and Dave Butler.

Gaviland, a pacer which has had operations on each of its legs, could make things interesting in the final quarter. Owned by Sid Lockhart of Pontiac, Gaviland has as much late speed as any horse at the track and could overhaul the leaders in comparatively short stretch at the Downs.

Just to add a bit of flavor to the program. Racing Secretary Harry Peterson scheduled a \$2,800 conditioned pace and found eight entries in the box...all about even in speed.

And once again it is Tee Cee, another of the Wilburn horses, that figures to be the choice of the bettors. Tee Cee, a four year old, has won four of its last five starts, including a 2:00.1 at Wolverine.

The son of Shadow Wave isn't going to have things his own way since Be Alert, from the Forsythe barn; Able Night, from the Jim McGary string; and Corky Hammell's Esmond Hanover have to be considered as definite threats.

Then there is Dujill, winner of \$11,440 this year who has been freshened up for the Northville, who will make his first start in three weeks and could be troublesome.

Others going postward are: Bedford Jet, Knox Abbe and Prince Knox.

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