

It's Back To Old Ways For Farmington Legion

Just when things were starting to look good, the old menace of a doubleheader flop turned back the winning tables.

Farmington's American Legion squad tipped Berkley, 5-3, for its fifth win in six games and stood at the .500 mark with an 8-8 record.

But the baseball has been known to bounce in many directions and an afternoon twin bill with Berkley again went by the wayside and the Legionnaires dropped their third doubleheader.

Berkley came back with an 8-4 win and a two-hitter 2-0 victory to drop the Farmington squad to a fifth place 8-10 mark.

"Anything can still happen," remarked Farmington Coach Wally Christenson with 10 games remaining before playoff competition.

FARMINGTON'S Jeff Herman evened his pitching mark at 2-2 in the 5-3 single game win. The righthander allowed five hits, struck out eight and walked three.

Brian Zott and Jammi Flynn hurried for Berkley with relief Flynn suffering the loss.

Farmington spurred up by two in the third when Herman walked and stole second. Mike Flynn drove in Herman with a single and scored on a ground rule double by Rich Stringer.

Berkley rebounded with three in the fifth off Herman. Jamie Flynn blasted a two run homer and Steve Gombar singled in another after a walk and error.

FARMINGTON RALLIED for three in the top of the seventh to capture a two run margin. Rob Holton opened with a three-bagger and scampered in on a wild relay toss. Mike Flynn singled and Rich Stringer delivered his fourth home run over the left center fence some 350 feet from home plate.

Farmington outbait Berkley in the opening game of the twin bill but fell victim to its own mistakes, 8-4.

Jim Harte took the blunt end of the win-loss column, giving

up five hits, striking out six and walking seven, and allowing no earned runs.

Dan Weldon hurried for the winners, giving up eight hits and striking out 10.

ROB HOLTON gave Farmington a run lead in the first on a solo four-bagger but the lead was soon to vanish.

Berkley scored three times in the third on singles by Walton and Flynn and two errors, after two outs. Two walks, an error and a home run by Mike Perkowski pushed the Berkley lead to 6-1 in the fifth.

A Farmington rally fell two shy in the sixth when Mitch Thomas and Randy Stringer singled, Mike Flynn walked and Bill Platko doubled.

HOLTON SINGLED but Platko was thrown out at the plate to halt the threat.

Berkley scored two insurance runs in the top of the seventh on two walks, a wild pitch and an error.

Steve Gombar was the story in the second game on the

Berkley mound. The Brother Rice hurler threw a two-hitter with Rob Holton and Dennis Dorsch the lone Farmington batsmen to click in the hit column.

Hagen went the route for Farmington and gave up only four hits, struck out five and walked one.

BERKLEY scored both runs in the second stanza on a solo round tripper by Gombar and a single by Bob Stanton after a walk and stolen base.

18th DISTRICT STANDINGS

Waterford	16	2
Rochester	13	3
Troy	12	6
Berkley	10	8
Farmington	8	10
Walton Lake	5	11
Auburn Heights	3	15
Lake Orion	2	16

WEDNESDAY'S GAME
Walton Lake at Farmington, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY'S GAME
Farmington at Auburn Heights, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Farmington at Troy, 12:15 at 2 p.m.
(Home games at Drake Field)



MOTHER-DAUGHTER COMPETITION -- Plymouth is hosting the state's first Mother-Daughter Doubles Championship starting July 21. The meet is sanctioned by the United States Lawn Tennis Association with entries closing on

July 19. Out getting in practice rounds are Mrs. Janet Warrick and daughter Ceci (left) and Mrs. Margaret Koeninger and daughter Chris of Plymouth. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

National Pride Remains In Race

Churchill's National Pride remained in American League Connie Mack baseball competition with a 5-1 decision over Fancher's of Stevenson High.

Ken Wood went the distance for National Pride in scoring his second win against one defeat and allowed only three hits, struck out 10 and walked three.

Churchill's Pride now stands with a 6-1 record, second only to Redford's Warhola at 8-1. Nelson Cady worked for Fancher's and suffered the loss, allowing nine hits and striking out five.

NATIONAL PRIDE jumped to a two run lead in the top of the fifth inning. Bruce VanWagoner drew a base on balls and Ken Wood attempted to bunt VanWagoner on to second.

walk and Rick Dreher singled in Wood.

Pride added three in the top of the seventh on two walks and three singles. Skender drew a walk, Bob Blais singled and Brian Kelly walked to fill the bases.

DREHER came through with his second run scoring single and Rob Hawraney delivered a single over the bag at third with Blais and Kelly scoring.

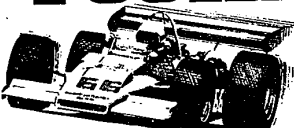
Fancher's broke into the scoring column in the last of the seventh. Donn Finn and Dan Price walked and, with two out, Mark Temby singled to score Finn.

Price attempted to reach third on the hit but was thrown out by Pride's centerfielder Dreher to end the contest.

Co-Winners

Senior All-American back-stroker Dale Baggett and junior diver Steve Reeves have been named co-winners of the 1972 Wayne State University coach's award in swimming. Baggett also won the award in 1971.

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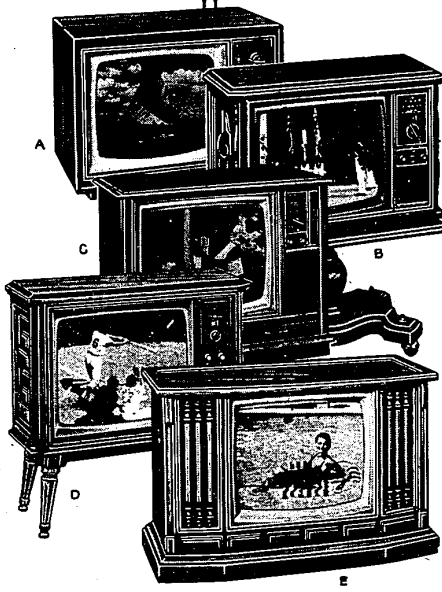
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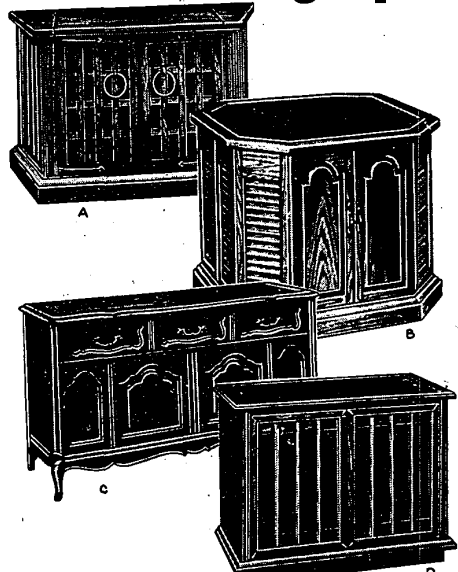
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