

NFWB Pony All-Stars Win Regional

One more tournament win and it's on to the Pony World Series in Washington, Pa. The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Pony All-Stars scored three consecutive wins to capture the regional at Lafayette, Ind., and now move into the North Divisional finals at Kankakee, Ill. this weekend.

Four teams including the NFWB squad in addition to the world club Kankakee will vie for the right to represent the north in the world series the following weekend.

NFWB edged the Kentucky sectional winner Evansville, 4-3, in the opening round behind the four hit pitching of Paul Chatlin.

Chatlin struck out 10 but walked eight to score the victory.

EVANSVILLE STRUCK first in the opening stanza with one run on a walk and two singles but NFWB bounced back in the last of the inning when Pete Hurlin walked and Mike Doerr bunted back to the Evansville hurler. The pitcher tossed it

back in the last of the inning on a solo round tripper by Mark Salisbury.

NFWB spurred ahead in the last of the third when Pete Hurlin walked and Mike Doerr bunted back to the Evansville hurler. The pitcher tossed it

into right field with Hurlin scoring and Doerr moving around to third. A passed ball scored Doerr and it was a 3-1 margin.

Evansville sliced the difference to one in the sixth on a single, stolen base, walk and

double steal but again NFWB jumped on another Evansville mishap to score.

Mike Scantlin drew a walk and moved to third on a sacrifice by Hurlin. A passed ball allowed Scantlin to score to push the margin to 4-2.

Evansville rallied in the top of the seventh on a walk, two stolen bases and wild pitch but the victory belonged to NFWB with only two games remaining to score a regional championship.

NFWB collected only three hits in the Evansville contest, two by Bill Lowman and the other a home run by Salisbury, with NFWB capitalizing on its opponents' mistakes.

MARK SALISBURY was the story in the Lafayette game with the young hurler tossing a one-hitter and that a solo four-bagger in the fourth inning.

Salisbury recorded 14

strikeouts and walked seven in scoring the second NFWB win.

NFWB opened with one in the first when Mike Doerr singled, moved to third on an error and stole home. A single by John Slack, passed ball, error and another passed ball made it 2-0 in the second.

A single by Steve Morrison opened the NFWB third. Lowman and Chatlin followed with walks to fill the sacks and Scantlin doubled to right to push the lead to four.

LAFAYETTE SCORED its lone tally in the top of the fourth and it stood, 4-1.

NFWB put the game on ice in the last of the inning when Hurlin walked, Doerr reached base on a bunt single and Salisbury walked to load the bases. Cullen doubled to score two and Morrison sacrificed in Salisbury.

A walk to Scantlin, fielder's choice and two stolen bases

coupled with a wild pitch completed the scoring in the fifth with NFWB a seven run victor.

LAFAYETTE BOUNCED back in the losers bracket to meet with NFWB in the championship round. Lafayette needed a win sweep with NFWB needing just one victory.

Cullen and Chatlin worked the NFWB mound with reliever Chatlin picking up the win.

Lafayette drew first blood with a solo home run in the first and NFWB tied it in the last of the first when Cullen singled and scampered around when Lowman was safe on an error.

A homer by NFWB's Slack made it a 2-1 score in the second with Lafayette scoring twice in the fourth to gain command, 3-2.

NFWB tallied three times in

the fifth to edge that much closer to a regional title. Cullen walked, Morrison singled and Lowman singled in Cullen. Burke Petak doubled to score Lowman after Morrison dashed home on a passed ball.

Lafayette was not about to win and die.

THE WINNER of the losers bracket notched it five all in the top of the sixth and two singles, two walks and an error.

Lafayette advanced a runner to third in the last inning but failed to push him across with NFWB getting a shot to break the deadlock in the last of the seventh.

Cullen doubled, Morrison was safe on an error and Lowman walked to fill the bases with no outs. Scantlin bunted back to the pitcher and Cullen scored to win the regional.



Boasts 14 Lettermen

Defense The Word At Churchill High

Football talk at Livonia Churchill High School is centered around three words: defense, defense, and more defense!

"We are building our '72 squad around defense," said football coach Ken Kaestner. "Churchill has a history of good defensive clubs and this year will be no exception."

A total of 43 football candidates turned out for the first practice with Kaestner looking 41 pounds lighter from last season.

"I am ready for a good season," added Kaestner. "Haven't felt better in many a year."

Churchill has 14 returning lettermen with its first scrimmage coming up Sept. 7 against Redford Union, Catholic Central and Southfield at Southfield.

Farmington Harrison captured the Western Six gridiron crown last season with a 4-0 mark. Waterford Motl placed second at 3-1, with Churchill third at 2-2.

CHURCHILL FINISHED an even 500 mark last season, 4-4.

"Motl will be the team to beat this year," said backfield

coach Roger Frayer. "Harrison was all Dave Manos and Manos has graduated to end its reign."

"We are not as big as past Churchill teams," added Kaestner. "But we have good speed and what is so important these days... good attitude."

"OUR STRENGTH will be in our defense and we will go from there," added Kaestner.

Jim Foster, Kevin Arnold, Craig Allen and Marty Bay are the top prospects at defensive end with Arnold doubling up at fullback.

The tackle berths seem nailed down by senior Rocky Heckle and junior 6-5, 210 pounder, Don Forest.

The nose guard slot is up for grabs," said Kaestner.

JUNIOR TIM McMAHON and seniors Jim Stephenson and Mark Osenko are working out for the position.

Senior All-Conference Paul Black heads the linebacker candidates with Doug Lloyd, Mike Fabian, Ron Hawraney and Dan Eckout other

prospects. Eckout is a transfer student from Divine Child. Four hopefuls in the defensive backfield are Dan Lamarand, Al Leirstein, Ron Miller and Phil Skender.

"From this defense we will build," said Kaestner.

COACH KAESTNER has two quarterbacks returning in Bob Blaes and Brian Kelly. Senior Blaes started the first five games last year before breaking his collar bone and then sophomore Kelly took over. Mark Roncoli is also another quarterback contender.

The fullback slot will be a hard one to fill with the graduation of All-Leaguer Mick Crom. Arnold and Ernie Comini will be vying for the job.

Phil Damaska, Tom Moore, Phil LeFave and Phil Skender are the halfback candidates with Jim Foster and Kevin Murray set in the tight end berths.

Kaestner has no one returning in the offensive tackle slot with Mike Zacker, ski and Jim Stevenson still question marks.

Doug Lloyd and Dan Eckout

appear stable in the guard positions with John Bechtel the starting center.

Churchill opens with Thursday on Sept. 15 and meets John Glenn and Waterford before beginning Western Six action against Harrison on Oct. 7.

It's All Over 'Til Next... For Women



FOOTBALL TALK at Churchill is centered around a tough defense. With assistant Coach Roger Frayer is the backbone of the Charger defense. Front (left to right) Kevin Arnold, Rocky

Heckle, Tim McMahon, Don Forest and Jim Foster. Standing are Doug Lloyd, Coach Frayer and Paul Black. (Observer photo)

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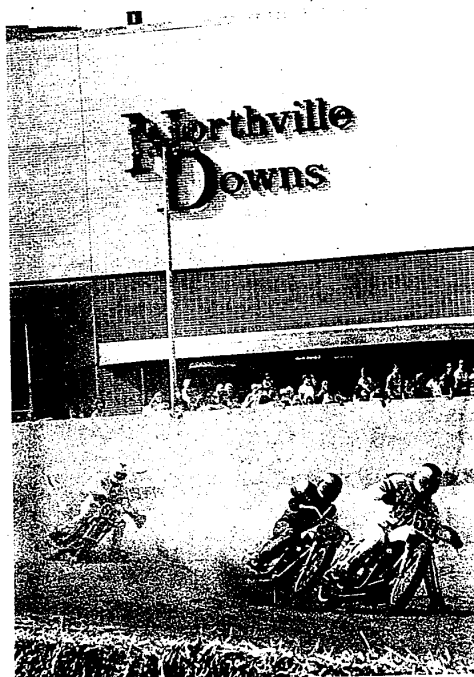
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RACING AT NORTHVILLE DOWNS-Professional motorcycle racing will take over at Northville on Saturday night, Aug. 19, with junior novice starting at 7 p.m.

Alumni Club Hosting Annual Grid Excursion

The M.S.U. Alumni Club will host its 11th annual excursion to the Michigan - Michigan State football classic in Ann Arbor on Oct. 14.

Proceeds from this event are donated to the Ralph H. Young Scholarship Fund which provides financial assistance for qualifying student-athletes at Michigan State under Big Ten regulations.

Price per person is \$16.50 and includes game ticket, transportation and box lunch. Charter buses will leave from the Livonia City Hall parking lot, 3300 Five Mile at 10:30 a.m. and return immediately after the game.

Tickets are available on a first come, cash basis due to the demand. Checks should be forwarded to H. Dow Tunis, 16811 Pollyanna Dr., Livonia 48154. Please include a self addressed, stamped envelope.