

Forest Hills Swim Team Ends with Win

The Forest Hills Swim Team completed the dual meets of the 1970 season by outswimming the Dolphins 405-194 at the Dolphins' pool last week.

Forest Hills won three of the four meets this year, losing only to Grandville, and also won two exhibition meets.

Triple winners for Forest Hills were Kim Preston, Robin Rens, Debbie DeVlieger, Marty Griffith, Kim Orr, Kim Wietke, Cheryl Bunda, Brad Bazuin and Jim Vandenberg.

The remaining events of the season are West Michigan Swim League Conference meets this week at the Forest Hills pool.

The conference includes Forest Hills, Grandville, Rockford, Seville (Coopersville) and Dolphins. Time trials were to be held on Wednesday to determine the five fastest swimmers in each event. On Friday, those qualified in the time trials will compete for conference honors in the finals. An unofficial team total of points scored is tallied, and last year Grandville edged Forest Hills 354-321.



COMPETE AT STATE MEET — Representing the Lowell swim team at the state meet held in Flint last weekend, were top, from left, Karen Reagan, Rusty Steffens, Margo Norton; middle, from left, Becky Gerard, Dave Christensen, Patty Curtis; and bottom, from left, Mari Denick, Nancy Kyser. They competed at the Wyoming City Meet last month to earn the right to go to State.

Lowell Clings to Lead Despite Tri-County Loss

In the Tri-County Baseball League, Hubbardston pushed across three runs in the ninth inning to edge Lowell, 8-7. Terry Slocum banged out a home run for the winners with Mel Byrne getting a solo blast for Lowell.

Sidney knocked off their closest rival, downing Belding, 8-4, in a Saturday afternoon contest at Sidney.

In another Saturday contest Perrinton made seven hits good for 17 runs as they downed Vermontville, 17-4. A total of 19 walks were issued in the game for a league record with Perrinton being issued 12 free passes. Mike Losse was the winning hurler. Jack Gardner banged out three hits for Vermontville while Conklin and McDaid banded out two hits each for Perrinton.

In Sunday's action, Vermontville played the role of a giant killer as they downed previously undefeated Sidney, 4-2. Bill Ried scattered eleven hits in picking up the win. Gary Baragar took the loss. Mark Lake with two hits including a two run homer and fifteen year old Gary Shipman's solo blast spelled the difference for the winners. Larry Petersen collected three hits in a losing cause for Sidney. Perrinton won their third straight game as they downed Sheridan, 14-3.

Elsewhere in the league, Belding pushed over 7 runs in the fourth inning and one in the ninth inning to edge Portland, 8-7. Steve Spitzley was the losing pitcher with Wes Shoen picking up the win for Belding.

	Northern Div.		Southern Division		
	W	L	W	L	
Sidney	10	1	Lowell	7	4
Belding	10	3	Portland	6	4
Perrinton	4	8	Vermontville	7	7
Sheridan	0	12	Pewamo	5	7
			Hubbardston	5	8

After Two Years, Longelie Finally Loses

In the Ada Softball League, Longelies lost its first game in two years at Ada as they were beaten by Banfills, 4-2. Bob Bergsma held the Longelies to just two hits in the third inning to upset the league champions.

Old Kent Bank evened its record at five wins and five losses as they beat Lowell Moose, 8-7. Don Finkler led the Moose's hitting attack with three hits and also scored three runs.

Here are the standing in the American League.

	W	L		W	L
*Longelies	8	1	Old Kent Bank, 8,	Lowell Moose	7
Banfills	7	3	Pfaffers 6,	Amway 3	
Pfeiffers	5	4	Banfills 4,	Longelies 2	
Old Kent Bank	5	5	* Indicates league champion		
LOWELL	4	6			
Amway	0	10			

Ball Park Tavern won its first Ada championship by holding off Kemp Furniture, 2-0. Ball Park got both of its runs in the fourth inning as their pitcher, Larry Hand, hit a triple.

Steelcase led the hitting of Doug Hanlon's two home runs and a single, went on to defeat Ada Valley, 9-6. Steelcase came up with five runs in the seventh to get the victory.

Here are the National League standings.

	W	L		W	L
*Ball Park Tavern	3	2	Ball Park Tavern 2,	Kemp Furn. 0	
Ada Valley	6	4	Steelcase 9,	Ada Valley 6	
Steelcase	6	4	R. J. Ide 7,	Collegiates 0 (for-	
R. J. Ide	5	5	* Indicates league champion		
Kemp Furniture	4	5			
Collegiates	0	9			

Teams interested in playing in the Ada Fast Pitch Softball Tournament have until Monday (Aug. 10) to get their entries in. Teams wishing more information can call Don Rogers, 676-2627 or Lenny Washburn, 676-1163.

Silver Fox Farms Takes Polo Tourney

Silver Fox Farms won the 14th annual Ernest Nelson Memorial Trophy against Crestview Polo Club, 6-4, at Kentree Polo Field last weekend.

Going the sixth chukker, it was tied 4-4, and the game was won by two goals by Dr. Larry Allabem in the sixth chukker.

For the winners, Dr. Dasu contributed two goals. High scorer for the Crestview polo team was Scott MacIntyre.

Next Sunday, there will be the annual tournament for the Grand Rapids Chapter of the Physically Handicapped. All proceeds will go to that organization. For ticket information, call Bert Hathaway, 949-0337.

They're Getting Set Again at Forest Hills High

Conditioning sessions for Forest Hills High School freshmen and junior varsity football players will take place beginning Wednesday, (Aug. 12) at 7 p.m. on the gridiron at the high school.

On Monday (Aug. 17), any player who has not already received his football equipment can pick it up at the school gymnasium between 10 a.m. and noon.

At 9 a.m. on Wednesday (Aug. 19) varsity football players will take physicals at the school.

For more information contact Forest Hills High School football coach Frank Rosengren.

T.V. Football Starts Mon.

The Lowell region of the Thornapple Valley Youth Football League will start its conditioning camp Monday (Aug. 10) at 7:15 p.m., at St. Mary's School gymnasium in Lowell.

The meeting is called by Football Commissioner Bob Leasure who asked that players bring their own gym equipment. League play begins Sept. 19.

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The Village Smithy
BY FRAN SMITH

Once upon a time, when the Smithy was younger, we played a game known as softball.

Well, that's what it was called at first—until someone got the notion to rename it fastball.

No matter. The other night I was witness to a game of "slow pitch". Any resemblance to this sport, and the one at which I labored so hard to make my athletic presence felt, is strictly coincidental.

If the game was any slower, it would be played in reverse. I actually saw a strikeout. There was some suspicion that the umpire either was the friend of the pitcher or that ump's wife was a friend of the batter!

The final score was 20 for the other team and 5 for our team which is in reference to son Bruce's collection of misfits.

That's a big moment, too. A misfit is one that doesn't belong with the rest. Hell, those guys on that team are so bad they deserve one another!

The team, as a whole, is misfit. That was their 19th straight defeat. And they can break the all-time world's record for inefficiency if they get together next summer.

They could have done it this year but the league president figured 0-19 wasn't good enough for the playoffs.

That team is so bad I was tempted to come out of retirement and at midseason.

Worse yet, I thought about having Mac Fonger as playing manager.

The final score when it was posted came out 0-5. That's because the guy who designed the scoreboard never thought a team would get into the 20's. At the rate our team was playing, I thought the opponents would get into the 100's.

Good Friend Wife was spectating, too. It was the sixth inning and our team trailed by only five runs.

"Boy, said GFW (who had suffered through a 38-2 setback, and a 32-7 squeaker earlier in the season) "we should have a chance in this one. Usually we don't play until the last two innings."

After the other guys chased six runs across in the sixth, she wasn't quite so optimistic: "We'll need a big rally now!"

What a dope she is. Our team couldn't have won if they'd sent the ump home, turned off the lights and hidden the ball!

I've finally prevailed upon my wife to join me in the ranks of the "unhooked generation." But I get the feeling that she may not stick to her pledge.

In the three-week interval, since giving up the weed, GFW has been seen (1) trying out brother Dave's smelly old pipe, (2) casting covetous glances at a total stranger smoking a cigar and (3) breathing deeply whenever anyone around lit a cigarette. Stick to it, old girl, the worst is now behind you.

COMING EVENTS

The Stauffer Family Reunion will be held at Fallsburg Park Sunday, August 23. Dinner at 1 p.m.

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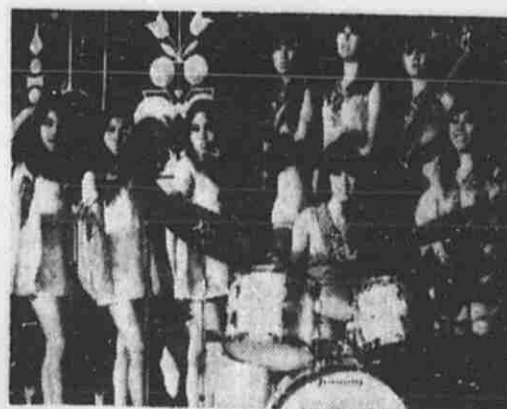
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