



Mapleton rallies for FC victory over Flyers

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Sometimes there is no justice on the athletic field.

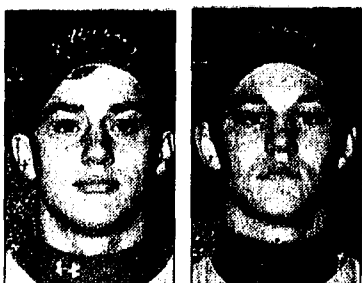
That certainly was the case Wednesday at Baines Park when St. Paul lost a heart-breaking 8-7 Firelands Conference decision to Mapleton.

The loss dropped the Flyers to 6-9 overall, 4-4 in the league. The Mounties improved to 8-2, 5-1.

St. Paul starter Brad Mutchler owned a 7-3 lead with two outs in the seventh only to have things fall apart.

But Mutchler gave up back-to-back walks, his only free passes of the game.

Mutchler then faced hard-hitting



Welfie

Schaffer

pitcher Tom Pummell, who had already ripped three doubles. The fourth time, Pummell settled for a two-run single that cut the deficit to 7-5.

But that also brought the possible winning run to the plate in first-baseman Josh Reynolds.

Reynolds hadn't hit the ball out of the infield all afternoon, striking out twice.

But when Mutchler made a fast ball too good, Reynolds hammered the pitch over the left-field fence to give the Mounties an 8-7 lead and eventually the win.

Ironically, before Reynolds hit the shot, he lofted a pop foul down the left field line, but Tony Coletta couldn't haul the ball in. "No one feels worse about the loss than Brad," St. Paul coach Jim Carper said. "These kind are hard to take. We battled back against their two best pitchers. Maybe I should of went out and got him earlier."

Carper replaced Mutchler for senior right-hander Donovan Platte. He threw two pitches and was out

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of the inning. Mapleton scored three times off Mutchler in the third, bunting five hits.

One was a home run from the No. 9 hitter Curtis Brown.

But Mutchler settled down after that, allowing just three hits over the next three frames. He allowed 13 hits for the game, while fanning five. St. Paul tied the game 3-3 in the fourth. Allen Rospert belted a and scored on a sacrifice fly by Platte. Adam Schaffer and Corey Sparr both singled, setting the table for ninth-hitter Josh Welfie, who rifled a two-run single to right.

The Flyers then chased Pummell

in the fifth, scoring twice to take the lead.

Dan Mutchler started the uprising with a double down the line in left. Rospert then reached when a fly ball was dropped in center. Schaffer hit a single to right for two RBIs.

Catcher Dan Mutchler gave his brother a four-run cushion going into the seventh when he slammed a long home run off relief pitcher Steve Roberts to left with Tony Coletta on board.

St. Paul tried to at least tie the game in the bottom of the seventh when Tyler Steffanni doubled to right with one out.

Welfie bunted him over to third, but Roberts had enough left in the tank to get Coletta on strikes to end the game.

Dan Mutchler, Schaffer and Welfie had two hits each. The other five hits were scattered among five players.

"We just have to stay positive no matter what is dealt us," Carper said. "We have been playing good enough lately to win every one but sometimes fate deals you a tough hand."

Mapleton coach Bob Hager admitted his team was most fortunate.

"That's what you call snatching victory from the jaws of defeat," he said. "We knew Mutchler would be tough. Generally, he does not beat himself. He must have tired."

St. Paul entertains Crestview on Friday.

Mapleton hosts Western Reserve Friday.

St. Paul beats Ashland for third win

St. Paul's tennis team picked up its third win of the season Wednesday, edging Ashland's "B" team 3-2 at Jaycee Park.

For the Flyers, Brandon Adelman defeated Drew Buford 6-4, 6-3 at first singles; Scott Hazelwood and Adam Reichert downed Justin Hall and Robert Kiplinger 6-2, 6-1 at first doubles and John Prack and Erica Reichert topped Dan Wells and Jordan Rowsey 2-6, 6-1, 6-4 at second doubles.

Ashland wins came from Grant Dekken over Bryan Allard 7-6(8-6), 6-1 at second singles and Jacob Brindley over Gaby Bechtler 6-0, 6-0 at third singles.

"It's great for the kids to get a win," Flyers coach John Fell said.

St. Paul is scheduled to play in the NWOCSA tournament Saturday at Tiffin Calvert.

Tri-County meet

ATTICA — Monroeville, South Central and Plymouth all competed in the six-team Tri-County track and field meet Tuesday at Seneca East.

On the boys' side, Monroeville finished second with 127.5 points. Plymouth took third with 80 points, while South Central checked in fourth at 77.

Seneca East won with 154 points. Old Fort placed fifth with 61 points, while Mohawk claimed sixth at 54.5.

Earning first for the Eagles were Josh Perry in the shot put at 53-9 1/2 and discus at 138-1 and Nick Wise, 100-meter dash, 11.4 and 200, 24.0.

Jordan Ray and Clint Hackney recorded a first for the Trojans in

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the pole vault at 13-6 and 1600, 4:54.6, respectively.

Collecting the top spot for Plymouth were the 3200 relay in 8:58.1; Lucas Keaton, 110 hurdles, 11.70 and 300 hurdles, 42.3 and Skylar Branstool, 800, 2:10.8.

In the girls' competition, Monroeville finished second with 109 points, behind Mohawk's 172.

Old Fort registered third with 99 points, followed by Seneca East at 71; Plymouth, 53 and South Central, 29.

First for Monroeville were the shuttle hurdle team in 1:15.6; Kate Bores, 100, 13.7 and Stephanie Stang, 200, 24.4.

Plymouth attained first in the 400 relay at 55.6.

Meanwhile, South Central ran against both St. Paul and Mapleton Wednesday in a rescheduled meet.

The Trojans won the meet with 79.5 points. Mapleton finished with 42 points, followed by St. Paul at 40.

Ray won the long jump at 19-1; 100, 12.1 and 200, 24.6. He was also the anchor on the 800 relay team also involving Casey Ehler, Cody Roswell and Tyler Wilhelm in 1:40.5.

Mike Coburn claimed the top spot in both the 100 and 300 hurdles in 17.4 and 45.1, respectively.

Derek Dittman won the shot put at 43-5 and Tyler Wilhelm at 5-6.

Seconds were earned by Jeff Sweating in the shot put at 40-10; Ehler, long jump, 18-7; Wilhelm,

110 hurdles, 18.6; Roswell, 100, 12.2; Hackney, 1600, 5:11.9; Jordan Lucal, high jump, 5-4; Dittman, discus, 143-2; Ehler, 300 hurdles, 46.6 and Jason Hale, Brad Clark, Sweeting and Dittman, 400 relay, 57.3.

Thirds went to Tom Rhine in the 400 at 60.8; Sweeting, discus, 123-5 and Wilhelm, 200, 25.2, while Robert Hanshaw was fourth in the 800 at 2:30.7.

For the Lady Trojans, Robin Eastman finished second in the 100 at 14.7 and Kali Gahring ran a 28.8 in the 200, 400 relay at 59.7 and 800 relay, 2:07.

Ashley Green, Kaileigh Lykins and Eastman ran the relays with Gahring.

Gahring also had a 4-2 effort in the high jump for third, as did Lykins in the discus at 68-0 1/2.

Green finished fourth in the long jump at 13-0.

Plymouth is slated to go to Crestline with St. Peter today, while South Central is at the Mount Gilead Invitational Saturday.

Results of the Tri-County meet are listed below.

BOYS

Shot put: 1. Perry (Mv) 53-9 1/2. 2. Dittman (SC) 45-1. 3. Bumb (SE) 45-0. 4. Hale (SC) 39-8 1/2. 5. Featherhill (SE) 38-0.

Discus: 1. Perry (Mv) 138-0. 2. Kurtz (Mo) 124-4. 3. Dittman (SC) 123-1. 4. Bumb (SE) 121-1. 5. Kimble (P) 118-9. 6. Scharte (SE) 105-6.

Pole vault: 1. Ray (SC) 13-6. 2. Nichols (SE) 13-0. 3. Greggs (OF) 13-0. 4. Stanfield (SE) 12-0. 5. Roberts (SC) 10-0.

Long jump: 1. Nichols (SE) 19-2 1/4. 2. Robinson (Mv) 19-1 1/4. 3. Burks (OF) 17-1 1/2. 4. Garlock (SE) 17-7 1/2. 5. Rettig (Mo) 17-4 3/4. 6. Heyman (Mv) 17-0 1/2.

400 relay shuttle hurdles: 1. Seneca East 1:06.5. 2. South Central 1:11.9. 3. Monroeville 1:16.2. 4. Plymouth 1:20. 5. Mohawk 1:20.7.

3200 relay: 1. Plymouth 8:58.1. 2.

Seneca East 9:07.0. 3. Mohawk 9:17.2. 4. Monroeville 9:18.3. 5. Old Fort 9:27.5. 6. Seneca East 10:42.1.

110 hurdles: 1. Keaton (P) 17.0. 2. Coburn (SC) 17.1. 3. Nichols (SE) 17.7. 4. Garlock (SE) 17.8. 5. Robinson (Mv) 19.2. 6. Hill (Mo) 20.8.

100: 1. Wise (Mv) 11.4. 2. LaCroix (P) 11.7. 3. Laibe (SE) 11.9. 4. Bernard (SE) 12.0. 5. (tie) Pierce (Mv) and Rettig (Mo) 12.1.

800 relay: 1. Seneca East 1:37.3. 2. Mohawk 1:40.5. 3. Monroeville 1:43.2. 4. South Central 1:43.6. 5. Plymouth 1:52.7. 6. Old Fort 2:01.2.

1600: 1. Hackney (SC) 4:54.6. 2. Siesel (Mv) 5:00.3. 3. Keller (Mo) 5:02. 4. Joseph (OF) 5:09.7. 5. Dull (OF) 5:14.1. 6. Fackler (P) 5:14.3.

400 relay: 1. Monroeville 45.8. 2. Seneca East 46.7. 3. Mohawk 48.3. 4. Plymouth 50.9. 5. Old Fort 53.8.

400: 1. Hansen (SE) 54.9. 2. Hahler (SE) 55.2. 3. Burks (OF) 56.0. 4. LaCroix (P) 57.3. 5. Distel (Mo) 58.4. 6. Nowak (Mo) 59.4.

300 hurdles: 1. Keaton (P) 42.3; 2. Bernard (SE) 43.7. 3. Ehler (SC) 46.7. 4. Wilhelm (Mv) 47.5. 5. Ross (SE) 48.3. 6. 6. Wilhelm (Mv) 49.2.

800: 1. Branstool (P) 2:10.8. 2. Perkins (SE) 2:16.2. 3. Schaffer (Mv) 2:17.2. 4. Miller (SE) 2:18.9. 5. Fiehm (OF) 2:20.1. 6. Keller (Mo) 2:20.9.

200: 1. Wise (Mv) 24.0. 2. Hancock (Mv) 24.4. 3. (tie) LaCroix (P) and Scherley (SE) 25.2. 5. Laibe (SE) 35.3. 6. Hellman (Mo) 25.8.

3200: 1. Miller (OF) 10:32.7. 2. Rodriguez (OF) 10:39.2. 3. Siesel (Mv) 10:42.1. 4. Hackney (SC) 10:58.7. 5. Fackler (P) 11:15.7. 6. Walton (Mo) 11:19.3.

1600 relay: 1. Seneca East 3:41.6. 2. Plymouth 3:49.3. 3. Monroeville 3:56.6. 4. Mohawk 3:56.7. 5. Old Fort 4:23.9.

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Discus: 1. Bass (OF). 2. Poths (Mv). 3. Lofay (Mo). 4. Reinart (Mo). 5. Ruffing (Mv). 6. Stoller (P).

High jump: 1. K. Weimerskirch (Mo) 4-10. 2. A. Weimerskirch (Mo) 4-10. 3. (tie) Ryan (Mv) and Gahring (SC) 4-8. 5. Hedeon (P) 4-6. 6. Frankhart (SE) 4-4.

Pole vault: 1. Benner (SE) 9-0. 2. Swainson (OF) 8-6. 3. Ruffing (SE) 6-6.

Long jump: 1. Spittler (Mo) 14-8. 2. Ebersole (SC) 14-7 1/2. 3. Clouse (Mo) 14-6 1/4. 4. Green (SC) 13-7 1/2. 5. Stoodt (P) 13-7. 6. Weaver (SE) 13-4 3/4.

Shot put: 1. Reinhart (Mo) 36-0. 2. Tooley (Mo) 29-1. 3. Benz (OF) 27-10. 4. Stoller (P) 26-5 1/2. 5. Lysa (Mv) 23-3 1/2. 6. Smith (SE) 23-3 1/2.



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St. Paul's John Prack hits a shot during second doubles action in Wednesday's action.

400 shuttle hurdle relay: 1. Monroeville 1:15.6. 2. Seneca East 1:16.4. 3. Mohawk 1:18.3. 4. Plymouth 1:23.1.

3200 relay: 1. Mohawk 10:47.6. 2. Old Fort 11:02.8. 3. Seneca East 12:15.1. 4. Monroeville 12:15.2. 5. Plymouth 13:21.7.

100 hurdles: 1. Lucius (OF) 17.1. 2. Keaton (P) 17.7. 3. Weimerskirch (Mo) 17.7. 4. Ackerman (Mv) 18.0. 5. Schaffer (Mv) 18.2.

100: 1. K. Bores (Mv) 13.7. 2. S. Bress (Mv) 13.7. 3. Stang (Mv) 13.8. 4. Burks (Mo) 14.1. 5. Carter (P) 14.2. 6. Ebersole (SC) 14.2.

800 relay: 1. Seneca East 1:59.1. 2. Monroeville 2:00.8. 3. Mohawk 2:01.2. 4. South Central 2:02.7. 5. Old Fort 2:20.

1600: 1. Molyet (OF) 6:13.0. 2. Frankhart (Mo) 6:21.1. 3. Mastrolanni (Mv) 6:23.4. 4. Schaffer (Mv) 6:23.7. 5. Farrell (SE) 6:36.4. 6. McVey (P) 6:56.4.

400 relay: 1. Plymouth 55.6. 2. Seneca East 55.7. 3. South Central 56.0. 4. Monroeville 56.2. 5. Mohawk 56.4. 6. Old Fort 1:04.3.

400: 1. Weimerskirch (Mo) 1:06.5. 2.

Clouse (Mo) 1:08.2. 3. Ryan (Mv) 1:09.3. 4. Ellis (OF) 1:10.5. 5. Hedeon (P) 1:12.5. 6. Flitz (SE) 1:13.6.

300 hurdles: 1. Weimerskirch (Mo) 50.3. 2. Keaton (P) 51.2. 3. Lucius (OF) 53.7. 4. Myers (Mv) 55.3. 5. Watin (Mo). 56.4. 6. Wilhelm (Mv) 59.4.

800: 1. Daniel (Mo) 2:32.5. 2. Mager (OF) 2:34.3. 3. Weimerskirch (Mo) 2:35.2. 4. Ruffing (SE) 2:54.3. 5. Mastrolanni (Mv) 2:57.1. 6. Lucius (OF) 2:59.2.

200: 1. Stang (Mv) 24.4. 2. Bores (Mv) 30.0. 3. Cleveland (OF) 30.1. 4. Gahring (SC) 30.2. 5. McClain (Mo) 30.5. 6. Green (SC) 30.7.

3200: 1. Ortiz (OF) 12:42.0. 2. Keller (Mo) 13:54.0. 3. J. Farrell (SE) 13:57.0. 4. Downing (Mv) 14:40. 5. Miller (SE) 15:21. 6. S. Farrell (SE) 16:50.0.

1600 relay: 1. Mohawk 4:34.4. 2. Plymouth 4:44.1. 3. Old Fort 4:53.0. 4. Monroeville 5:01.6. 5. Seneca East 5:19.0.

Plymouth pulls away from South Central for Firelands Conference win

GREENWICH — Plymouth broke the game against South Central late for a 13-8 win Wednesday in Firelands Conference action.

Plymouth improved to 13-3 overall, 9-1 in the league.

Leading 8-6, the visitors erupted for five runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Plymouth also scored four runs in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Cathy Kanney rapped out four hits for the winners. Andee Reeder, Kristy McVey and Rachel Smith posted two hits each, while Katie Coon and Abby Whittington checked in with one apiece.

Reeder hit two doubles, while Coon and Smith added one each.

Whittington knocked in four runs. McVey notched three RBIs, Kanney had two and Coon and Reeder came in with one each.

Coon went all seven innings for the win. She allowed eight runs, eight hits and four walks with three strikeouts.

Ashley Ebersole and Robin Barre paced the Lady Trojans with two hits each. Rachel Hamman hit a double. Ebersole and Jessica Brazie drove in two runs each.

South Central scored single runs in both the first and second. They came on strong with four runs in the sixth and two more in the seventh.

Both teams are in action Friday as Plymouth hosts New London, while South Central is at Monroeville.

Mapleton 12, St. Paul 4

Mapleton scored nine runs in the first inning, en route to the FC win Wednesday at Baines Park.

The Lady Mounties added two runs in the sixth and one more in the seventh. Meanwhile, the Lady Flyers were shut out for the opening three innings, but scored four

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over the final four.

For St. Paul, Petra Bechtler led the way with two hits. Jen Barman, Megan Centers, Stacia Fritz and Michelle Schaffer contributed one hit apiece. Barman, Fritz and Bechtler had one RBI each.

Heydinger went all seven innings for the loss.

Crestview 7, M'ville 4

Monroeville got the bats going, but it was too late Wednesday in a FC loss.

Crestview scored seven runs by the time the Lady Eagles touched home.

Trailing 7-0, Monroeville scored four times in the top of the seventh.

Emily Bischoff, Tarah Faren, Liz Tyler, Nichole Brown and Kristin Kemper all had one hit for the Lady Eagles, who dropped to 7-11, 3-6.

Bischoff had two RBIs, while Kemper and Tyler collected one each. Tina Kerner, Faren, Tyler and Kemper scored runs.

Jenny Stang took the pitching loss.

Sandusky 7, Norwalk 4

SANDUSKY — A seven-run second inning was the difference as the Lady Streaks claimed a non-league win Wednesday.

Norwalk scored single runs in the first and sixth innings and two in the fifth. Nikki Fannin was the losing pitcher. The Lady Truckers are slated to host Upper Sandusky today in Northern Ohio League action.

Edison 12, Margaretta 1

CASTALIA — Edison pounded out 12 hits and scored in four

innings Wednesday for the Sandusky Bay Conference win.

The Lady Chargers improved to 7-8 overall, 3-4 in the league.

Edison plated five runs in the fourth, three each in the third and seventh and one in the first.

Amanda Salmons gained three hits, including a double, and two RBIs. Lorin Koch had two hits, with a double, and one RBI. Amy Moore drove in three runs, while Lisa Tom added one RBI.

Shawna Fannin was the winning pitcher. She allowed one run and five innings with five strikeouts over seven innings.

The Lady Chargers are slated to

play at Sandusky St. Mary Central Catholic Friday.

Mapleton 21, St. Paul 12

ASHLAND — Mapleton won a slugfest over St. Paul Wednesday in jayvee action.

For the Lady Flyers, Ryan Centers and Rhiannon Light recorded two singles each, while Brittany Rospert, Courtney Smith and Carolyn Hemenway had one apiece. Brittany Rospert took the pitching loss. St. Paul is scheduled to play a doubleheader at 4:30 p.m. Friday at Crestview.

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