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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Incredible All-Star game

The Incredible Girls Softball League will have its Third Annual All-Star Game at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Massey Field in Plymouth. There is no charge for admission. The league-champion Farmington Hills Diamonds have six players on the National team: Melanie Cheney, Allison Stein, Becky Thurasam, Kate Mackle, Amy Kelman and Wendy Roy. They are joined by Nicole Kovachevic, Laura Logsdon, Jamie Sikora, Amy Rogiasart and Heather LaGrow of the Canton Cobras; Jaclyn Dean, Sarah Wojtowicz, Ann Bagazinski and Julie Simpson of the Livonia Lasers; Courtney Pines, Debbie Pelton, Heather Meyers and Shannon Bradshaw of the West Bloomfield Bombers. The American all-stars hall from the Northville Niners: Sarah Johnson, Andrea Moretti, Melissa Petrosky, Mandy Sabo and Jenny Sheehan; Farmington Hills Hornets: Erin Lacosse, Amy Geary, Jenny Myellinski, Kathy Schneider and Kristen Kozlars; Farmington Hills Majestics: Heather Joana, Lindsay Moeller, Kim Sanders, Debbie Sobczak; Canton Commanders: Jenny Sikora, Amy LaGrow, Amber LaGrow and Shelley Butske; Farmington Fantastics: Wendy Novak, Dian Aon and Suzanne Major. Dave Brubaker of the Diamonds will coach the National team, and Frank Priem of the Niners will direct the American stars. Commanders coach Jim Arnold will provide the voice for the public address system. The final league standings: Diamonds, 16-0; Niners, 11-4-1; Hornets, 11-6; Majestics, 9-6-1; Cobras, 9-7; Lasers, 6-9-1; Bombers and Fantastics, 4-12; Commanders, 3-12-1.

SC women's basketball

The Schoolcraft College women's basketball program has two roster positions open with scholarships for the 1993-94 season, coach Jack Grenan announced. The loss of two players created the openings. Becky Piotruchowski will not attend SC because of transportation problems, and Tonya Bedoin joined the navy. SC students, athletes who might be interested in attending SC or area high school coaches should call Grenan (631-0377) regarding the positions.



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Hockey playoffs: Stacy Kitlin of the Wildcats skates away from Christo Henry of the Wildcats in a Metro Summer Hockey League semifinal game Tuesday. The Bulldogs won 7-4.

MSHL to decide '93 champ

Tonight's Metro Summer Hockey League championship game matches a team that expected to be there against one that's surprised to be there. The Bulldogs, who won the Bakes Conference regular season crown, will meet the Wolverines, who placed last in the Eagle Conference regular season race. Game time is 8 p.m. at the Plymouth Cultural Center. There is a \$1 donation taken at the door to benefit the Neil Cornes Scholarship Fund.

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The Bulldogs advanced to the final with a 7-4 semifinal victory Tuesday over the Wildcats. Chris Smith scored two goals and had one assist and Chuck Carrey added three assists for the Bulldogs. The winning goalkeeper was John Weidenbach. Kevin O'Connor had two goals and two assists and Andre Sioul (Westland) contributed four assists for the Wildcats.

The Wolverines advanced with an 8-4 upset win in Tuesday's semifinal over the Huskies, the Eagle Conference regular-season champion. The Wolverines outscored the Huskies 3-0 in the third period to add to a 5-4 lead. Matt Corriveau (Livonia), Jason Weber (Livonia) and Matt Brush (Birmingham) scored a goal each in the third period. Corriveau finished with two goals and three assists and

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Blues set for zone tourney

While many summer baseball teams are finishing up, one South Farmington team is still going strong, winning a Pony regional and heading for the zone tournament. The South Farmington Blues Bronco baseball team is in the midst of a serious post-season tournament run and entertaining thoughts of a possible world championship. The Blues, who won their fifth straight state title two weeks ago, added a Pony regional championship last weekend and qualified for zone competition in Joliet, Ill. South Farmington is one of 16 teams still alive in the tournament and divided among five zones. The Blues will compete against two Illinois teams, including one from host Joliet, and another from Omaha in the zone. If they win that tournament, they advance to the Pony World Series along with four American zone winners and the Far East champ next week in Monterey, Calif. "I think our chances are above average," South Farmington coach Dan Avery said regarding the zone tournament. "We have very good defense and pitching. Our hitting is more than adequate, but we have the pitching and defense to carry us when the bats go soft. "We might run into a good pitcher or hitter, but our feeling is our 14 kids are better than anyone else's 14." The Blues, competing against the Kentucky and Indiana champions and host Westland, won three straight games to capture the regional title.

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Hills angler tops in tourney

Steve Gutuskey of Farmington Hills and Canadian teammate Steve Shields split a \$10,000 first-place prize for winning the GM Pro Bass tournament last weekend. Gutuskey and Shields won the two-day event — part of a professional circuit in Ontario — with a total catch weighing 31 pounds, 4 ounces on Rice Lake near Peterborough. Gutuskey, an electrician at the Ford Motor transmission plant in Livonia, has been fishing professionally for five years and met Shields three years at a pro tournament. Each team was allowed to catch

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15 fish per day during an eight-hour session. Anglers can return fish to the water in hopes of catching bigger fish. Gutuskey and Shields had the biggest bass catch on Sunday at 18 pounds, 4 ounces. Gutuskey has won nearly 30 amateur tournaments in Michigan, but it was his first pro victory. This was the second of four Pro Bass events for the team. The win also increased their chances of qualifying (individually) for the Pro Bass Classic at Rideau Ferry in September. The top 40 anglers from the four preliminary tournaments will advance.

"We've got a comfortable margin," Gutuskey said. "It really boosted our standing in the Classic. If we have a mediocre tournament and one more good one, we should make it. We're probably around seventh or eighth now, so we're comfortable." The individual who wins the Classic will receive \$80,000. Gutuskey has qualified for the big event four of the last five years. The two will try to hold their ground in tournaments this month at Tri-Lakes near Peterborough and Parry Sound on Georgian Bay. They finished 30th in the first event.

NFWB captures regional title

North Farmington-West Bloomfield I advanced to the American Amateur Baseball Congress regional tournament in Battle Creek this week. NFWB earned the trip and extended its season by winning the AABC district tournament at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti with a 5-0 record. The title-clinching contest was a 15-4, mercy-rule victory Sunday night over the Detroit Hornets. NFWB batters produced 14 hits, including three epiques by Mark Rutherford and Brian Kalczynski who had five and three RBI, respectively. Mike Jehle contributed a two-run double and John Heller a

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two-run single. Marcus Sarnovsky and Jeff Ross added two hits and one RBI each. Andy Kummer, a draft choice from NFWB II who closed out a 9-7 victory over Jackson Wendy's earlier Sunday, was the winning pitcher. He worked 4 1/2 innings in relief of starter Greg Turco, a post-season pick from Garden City. Kummer allowed three hits and no earned runs, struck out five and walked one. Dan Pydyn and Adam Woods pitched three innings each against Wendy's. Pydyn allowed

five runs in the third inning but left with a 6-5 lead as home-team NFWB scored three runs in each of the first three innings. Kummer entered in the seventh with no outs and the bases loaded. He retired the first three batters he faced. Heller had two hits and four RBI. Aaron Babicz hit a two-run double and Martin Stonehouse a two-run single. Sarnovsky also had two hits, and Jehle (single) and Ross (walk) added one RBI apiece. NFWB, one of 16 teams in the Battle Creek regional, began the tournament Wednesday against Flint Grossi.

Hines Park drops opening contest

Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury's pitching staff broke down in Tuesday's All-American Amateur Baseball Association opener at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Altoona, Pa. The Washington, D.C. club mounted a 16-hit attack, including four homers, in an 11-6 victory over the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League champions. "We didn't play our best game

of the year, but with 13 hits you should expect to win," said Hines Park manager Ken Wandzel, whose team tried to stave off elimination Wednesday against Milford, Mass. (results of that game will appear in Monday's Observer). "But we also left a lot of guys on base." Saginaw Valley State's Jeff Paluk, the losing pitcher, went 4 1/2 innings, allowing five earned

runs and a homer. Jason Tempo and Todd Bolke finished up. Leading 7-5 after five innings, Washington, D.C. put the game away with three runs in the top of the seventh inning. Outfielder Brian Burns led Hines Park's offensive attack with three hits. Scott Kapla added two hits and two RBI. Catcher Heathie Fowler also collected two hits for Hines Park, which fell to 22-7-2 overall.

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