

NFWB tops Riverview

The North Farmington West Bloomfield Cobras were perfect.

The team of 13- and 14-year-olds went 18-0 during their regular season in the Little Caesars Closed Division, then defeated Riverview, 6-1, July 15 in the league championship contest.

Jeff Grant tossed a 5-hitter that needed only 73 pitches. He never went to a ball three count on any batter.

The team was coached by Ron Wolfe and Jason Thompson, former major league first baseman with the Detroit Tigers and other teams.

The pitching staff was led by Granat, Matt Thompson and Mike Thackberry, along with Mike Foon and Jordan Wolf. Thompson and Thackberry were credited with leadership by example in their steady play.

David Bowman was the team speedster.

Cleanup hitter Matt Williamson batted nearly .600 the last third of the season while Granat supplied an on-base percentage of nearly .600, failing to reach base in just two games during the season.

Thackberry, Thompson, Eric Hachen, Williamson, Justin Jacobs and Charles Pinkston were the home run leaders on the team. Pinkston suffered a broken hand which kept him out of action the last third of the season.

Catcher Hachen was outstanding behind the plate with Thackberry and Thompson anchoring the left side of the infield.

SANDLOT BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Bulls-Barons 1st in district

The Michigan Bulls-Barons 14-under team won the Little Caesars district championship at Canton Sorball Center to qualify for the regionals in Oregon, Ohio.

The Bulls-Barons will take a 37-14-3 record into today's regional match against the winner of the Indiana district after recording a mercy victory over every opponent it faced in the districts.

Rob Wilson was the winning pitcher in the first and third games while Garrett Ignasiak, son of former major league pitcher, won the second.

Pauy Price was the winning pitcher in the fourth game with Chris Davidson taking the fifth and Justin Ackerman the final.

For the districts, Mitchell Brooks hit .833 and drove in three runs, Wilson batted .625 and eight RBI, Scott Miller hit .645 with seven RBI and Ackerman batted .529 with three home runs and nine RBI.

Tommy Larson hit .626 and drove in five runs, Mike Walsh batted .454 with two RBI, Mark Lundquist hit two home runs and drove in six runs and Davidson also had a home run.

NFWB team advances

The NFWB tournament team for 13- and 14-year-olds has advanced to the state finals in Canton City this week.

The team defeated St. Clair Shores, 12-6, Sunday to complete a three-game sweep of its district tournament at Founders Park.

Left-hander Patrick Brady overcame the high humidity and

heat as well as St. Clair Shores to pick up the victory. He finished his complete game with a four-inning, fanning four of the final six batters.

"Pat was tremendous for us," team manager Michael Fleisher said. "He seemed to get stronger as the game went on, even though the weather was so energy sapping."

Fleisher also cited Blake Hurt for two spectacular diving catches in center field that squelched rallies.

Ryan Baxter and Jacob Miller produced runs with clutch two-out hits and "the top of our batting order was constantly on base," with Pat (Brady), Aaron Fleisher and Blake (Hurt) reaching safely 11 times in 15 at-bats.

The team, nicknamed "The Devils," defeated Grand Ledge July 25, 2-0, and Birmingham/Bloomfield Hills July 26 to reach the finals.

Hurt, Mike Rosenberg and Ben Herwood all had doubles in a four-run seventh that produced a 10-7 comeback win over Grand Ledge.

Norm Cohen, Sameer Walavalkar and Mike Artisan had key hits in a 15-14 second-game win. Hurt served as the closer in both games.

Team members also included Ethan Goodman, Sonny Guliani and Matt Newman.

Norm Cohen and Mel Newman assisted coach Fleisher.

NFWB 9-under wins

The NFWB tournament team for 9-year-olds completed a successful season with its third championship of the season.

It edged Saline, 10-9, to win four of five games in its final tournament of the season.

The team defeated South Farmington, 16-9, in the NFWB July Fourth tournament title game and two weeks later outscored St. Clair Shores, 17-14, in the host team's tourney.

Team members included Brandon Borsan, Jeff Feuerstein, Josh Glowacki, Drew Kahle, Robert Kozol, Max Manogiano, Skylar Raymond, Danny Richard, Vinnie Sarafa, Edward Stern and Brian Weberman.

Coaches were Alan Borsan, Alan Raymond and Halthem Sarafa.

South Bandits 2nd

The South Farmington Bandits, a team of 13- and 14-year-olds, closed a 33-6 season July 27 by finishing second in the Pony District 9 tournament in Grand Ledge.

The Bandits played host Grand Ledge three times in the tournament, losing the championship game by a 35-6 margin.

"In the (championship) game we had some very tired arms trying to pitch," manager Steve Pelletier said. "We played six games in four days and we were missing one of our best pitchers, Matt Whitmer. But give Grand Ledge credit, they have a great team."

John Waisanen pitched a complete game 7-4 win over Grand Ledge in the first game July 27 to force the third meeting between the two teams.

Grand Ledge had put the Bandits into the loser's bracket with a 12-3 decision.

The Bandits opened the tournament with an 11-4 victory over

Haslett before losing to Grand Ledge. Nick Hippler pitched a one-hitter to defeat Haslett again, 2-0, and an 18-8 squashing of Lakeland set up the rematch with Grand Ledge.

The Bandits captured their league championship for the second straight year, going 19-1 in the Livonia F-Major League.

Kris Wong hit .510 to lead the team this season. Whitmer, Jon Kay and Waisanen hit over .420. Kay was 7-1 as a pitcher, Whitmer 7-2, Waisanen and Brad Hocking 6-1.

Other team members included Jake Ghannam, Tony Lutman, Adam Palletier, Marcus Menciotti and Sean Sargent.

Bandit coaches included Dan Whitmer, former major league catcher and Detroit Tigers' coach, and Bruce Wong.

South Blues sweep

The South Farmington Blues completed a sweep of the 8-under tournament season by taking the Elba Invitational championship.

South Farmington defeated North Farmington II, 11-2, Attica 9-4, Elba, 13-0, and North Farmington I, 9-4.

The Blues went 18-0 in July, winning tournaments in Farmington, Davison, Oxford and Elba.

Jon Falvo hit .705, Brooks Tuyn .661, Jon Castine .650, Andy Lantz .626, Andy Harris .612, Nick Hammer .571, Chris Egged .571 and Jeff Kaberline .565. Thomas Whiting, Harvey Martin, Paul Greenwood and Zack Crawford all batted better than .500.

The team was coached by Rick

Cobras from C1

some time, but we go to different points in between.

"But you live with it, roll with it, have a good time."

"A whole lot of teams wish they were in the same position."

One is. And win or lose, it's something to remember — for a 12-year-old and his family.

Team members also include Matt Clark, Anthony Falotti, Sam Grossman, Kevin Lamb, Matt Petry, Doug Pickens, Evan Rodriguez, Bryan Smith, Andy Wingert and Kevin Zerbo.

Coaching in addition to Petry are Randy Rodriguez, Terry Lomb, Joe Falotti, Bill Clark and Jim Darga.

Tuyn plus Don Egged and Larry Miller.

Reds unbeaten

The Pinto Division Reds recently completed a 15-0 season in the South Farmington Baseball League.

The 8-under team was coached Rick Tuyn, assisted by Larry Miller, Dennis Cebula and Ken Chesney.

Team members were Ryan Cebula, Paul Greenwood, Eric Haapaniemi, Richard Klotz Jr., Brooks Tuyn, Zachary Crawford, Josef Imoch, Matthew Scott, Ryan Young, James Chesney, Brian Grewe, Andrew Lentz and Kolt Kazakos.

Livonia Travel gains spot in NABF series

Livonia Travel is World Series bound once again.

The 16-year-old Mickey Mantle team will meet New York region champ at noon today at Madonna University Park in the first round of the National Amateur Baseball Federational tournament.

Action continues at 9 a.m. Friday at Northville High School against the Baltimore region champion. Coach Bill Rabe's team, making its second straight NABF World Series appearance, will also meet the Cincinnati region champion at 6 p.m. Friday at Northville.

(The tourney is scheduled to conclude on Saturday.)

Livonia Travel ran its record to 54-7 by defeating the Courtright Falcons, 16-4, in the finals last weekend at the University of Toledo.

The victors mounted a 16-hit attack led by Mario D'Horin

MANTLE

(Redford Catholic Central), who was 3-for-4; Mike Fisher (Farmington Hills Harrison), 2-for-4, including his second homer of the day and four RBI; and Dale Hayes (Westland John Glenn), 3-for-3.

Derek Fox (Farmington High) pitched the first three innings before giving way to reliever Jon Ritzler (Livonia Stevenson).

"This has been a great weekend going 6-0 and advancing to the World Series," Rabe said. "This is what you play for all year. Our intensity and focus was exactly where it needed to be."

"They knew that if we could clinch today and have a two-day layoff. These guys have all the traits of true over achievers — desire, work ethic and a will to

did not walk a batter.

Roy Rabe collected two of Livonia's five hits. Travel scored all three of its runs in the second inning on consecutive hits by Rabe, D'Herin, and Hayes.

In the third round, Livonia turned back the Boys of Summer from Akron, Ohio, 8-6, as Ritzler came on in relief to earn the victory, allowing just one run over the final three innings. He came on for Hayes, who allowed four runs over the first four innings.

Malek, Rabe and Casey Rogowski (Redford CC) each collected two hits for the winners. Chris Woodruff (Redford CC) added a two-run homer.

In a battle of unbeatens, Livonia routed Buffalo, N.Y., 20-6, in a six-inning mercy shortened game.

Nason, with relief help from Tim McMahon (Birmingham Groves), earned the victory.

Fisher had three hits and four RBI to pace an 11-hit Livonia Travel attack.

"The Buffalo pitchers had a hard time finding the plate," Rabe said. "And when they did, we hit the ball."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FARMINGTON HILLS CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 18, 1997
7:30 P.M.

THIS IS PUBLIC NOTICE that the Farmington Hills City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 18, 1997, for the purpose of receiving input on the city's acceptance of a Law Enforcement Block Grant for the U.S. Bureau of Justice Assistance. Funding from this grant is to be used in two program areas: 1) enhancing crime prevention programs and 2) equipment purchase.

Any person who is interested in invited to attend the meeting to provide input on this issue at the Farmington Hills Administration Building, City Council Chamber, 31655 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48333. Phone: (248) 474-6116. Anyone who cannot attend may submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk at the above address for inclusion in the public hearing record.

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Jeanne F. Liming	B-352	Household	\$597.24
Peter Kanuck	B-248	Household	\$726.34
Sharmyn Elliott	A-35C	Household	\$600.44

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