

Concealed Security controls its destiny

Beating Concealed Security's 12-year-old travel baseball team once in the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional in Toledo was difficult enough.

Consider the challenge facing New Lenox, Ill., in the final round Saturday. New Lenox, with one loss in the double-elimination tournament, had to beat undefeated Concealed in two straight games to win the regional and advance to the World Series in Sylvania, Ohio.

Concealed had swept through its first four games with victories and needed only to beat New Lenox once in the final round for the regional title and World Series berth.

Results of Saturday's action will appear in the Thursday, July 15, Observer edition.

The regional included eight teams from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.

Concealed, which improved its record to 61-12 overall, won its first three games by the eight-run, four-inning mercy rule.

Concealed opened with a 12-2 win over the Oregon (Ohio) Seals Thursday morning.

Winning pitcher Eric Driesman (Garden City) moved his record to 10-1, allowing two hits, two walks and striking out three in three innings. Alan Hagedorn (Westland) pitched the fourth inning.

Jeff Richard (West Bloomfield) was 3-for-3, including a triple, with two RBIs. Eric Vojtkosky (Wayne) also was 3-for-3, including two doubles, with two RBIs. Mark Pirronello was 2-for-3, both hits being triples, with three RBIs. Chris Russin (Canton) was 2-for-3, including a double and triple. Ryan Shay (Garden City) also had two hits.

In the second game Thursday, Concealed crushed Madison (Ohio), 19-0, behind a 17-hit attack and the pitching of Joey Fatovic.

Scott Szypka (Orchard Lake) was 3-for-3 with a home run and six RBIs. Matt Rodeghier (Farm-

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ington Hills) hit a home run and finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs. Hagedorn was 3-for-3 while Richard and Shay had two hits each; Shay collected five RBIs.

Patelevic (6-1) threw a one-hitter with six strikeouts in four innings.

The Toledo Renegades were next, and they brought in an impressive 68-2 record into the second day.

Concealed eliminated the Renegades with consecutive wins, 9-0 and 13-8.

Russin (8-4) earned the pitching victory in the first game, throwing a one-hitter with one strikeout in four innings.

Shay was 2-for-2 with a home run and five RBIs.

Concealed broke an 8-8 tie with five runs in the fifth inning to win the next game against the Renegades.

The winning pitcher was Hagedorn, who pitched one inning in relief. Russin also pitched one scoreless inning.

Rodeghier's RBI single gave Concealed a 9-8 lead, and the Dodgers also benefitted from many errors and walks in the go-ahead rally in the fifth.

Shay finished 2-for-3, including a triple, with four RBIs. Pirronello was 2-for-2.

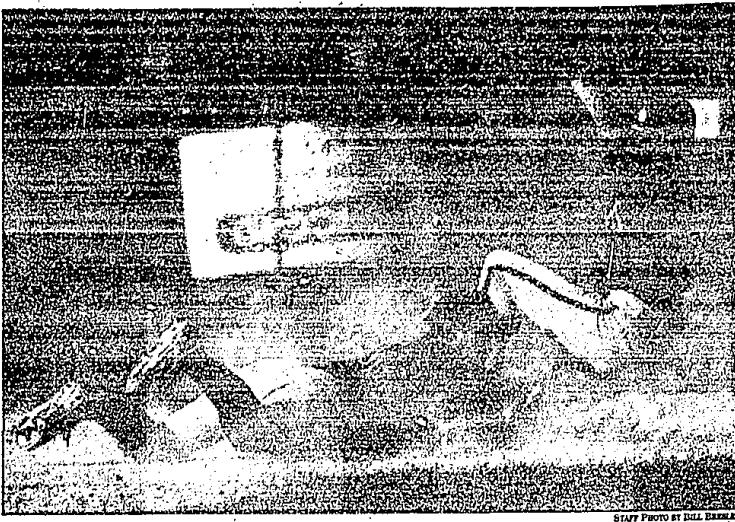
Travel splits games

Livonia Travel 15 split a pair of Mantle Division (18-under) games in the Little Caesars Amateur Baseball Federation.

In a game July 5 at Churchill High School, Livonia Travel (8-5) erased a 7-0 deficit to defeat Livonia Travel Blue 8-7.

In a game July 6 at Redford Union, Livonia Travel 15 fell to the North Redford Yankees, 8-2.

Top hitters for the two games were Billy Marack, 3-for-4 with three runs; Jake Viane, 3-for-7 with four RBIs; and Dan Wilks, 2-for-5 with two RBIs.



Stole reversal: Usually, it's the baserunner who's sliding head-first and kicking up dust, but that was turned around on this play Thursday in an American Legion game. Andy Gutierrez (left) of the Farmington Post 346 team dives toward second base in an attempt to put a tag on Chad Holton, who managed to get there safely.

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behind and being used to winning." Their past success earned the Farmington players the nickname of The Comeback Kids, according to assistant coach Larry Rospierski.

"The kids rally to that, but there's only so many miracles you can pull out of your pocket," he said. "It's not always there. We're starting to think we have to get behind to win a game."

Deary went the distance, allowing seven hits while striking out seven. He didn't walk anybody, though he hit one batter.

In the fifth, the Renegades scored all of their runs with two outs. Brad Roumays, the No. 9 batter, hit a two-run single. Dennis Kubik knocked in a run with a base hit and Rob Fish, who reached on an error, scored on a balk.

Farmington scored its last three runs with the benefit of a hit. In the fifth, Marc Berling walked, stole second, went to third on Lou Hadley's strikeout-passed ball and scored on an infield error.

In the sixth, Blake Bosky roched on an error and Brad

Baker walked. They scored on Justin Gerwatowski's RBI squeeze bunt and passed ball.

McDonald was relieved by Ryan Smith after hitting Hadley to lead the bases with two outs in the sixth.

Smith promptly ended the inning and throat, and he finished the game, retiring Farmington in order in the seventh following a leadoff walk.

Post 346 scored first. Andy Gutierrez drew a two-out walk in the first inning, moved up on two wild pitches and scored on a double steal-error into the throw from home sailed into center field.

Walled Lake tied the score in the second on Smith's leadoff double and Chad Holton's RBI single.

Holton was the only player with two hits. Bob Austin and Baker had the only Farmington hits.

"Once we start to execute close to 100 percent, then we can get some dynamite baseball out of these guys. They did it last weekend."

CHIEF PONTIAC 8, FARMINGTON 6: Chief Pontiac II scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings Wednesday to break a 6-6 deadlock and defeat Farmington Post 346, which made five errors.

Chief Pontiac took a 6-3 lead against starting pitcher Lou Hadley, who went the first four innings. Zach Burton pitched one inning and John Walsanen the last two.

Bob Austin, Chris Deary, Brad Baker and Nick Hipster had two hits apiece for Farmington. Austin had a solo home run and scored three runs. Hipster had two RBIs. Blake Bosky and James Clarsan one each.

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relief and was the winning pitcher as Post 346 defeated Ann Arbor, 7-4.

Austin was 3-for-3 and scored two runs. Bosky, Hipster and Deary had two hits and two RBI apiece.

Farmington outlived Lynchburg, Va., 13-10, and won the game, 8-7. Baker drove in the winning run with his second hit of the game.

Hipster was 3-for-5 with three RBIs. Austin and Bosky had two hits apiece and scored three and two runs, respectively. Deary pitched a complete game.

Post 346 won a so-called game with the Jackson-Rose City post, 13-12. Farmington rallied from 6-2 and 12-8 deficits, scoring five runs in the bottom of the seventh to win.

Gerwatowski was 3-for-4 and scored three runs. Burton was the winning pitcher and also batted in the winning run.

Hadley, Austin, Andy Gutierrez, Baker, Gerwatowski and Clarsan had RBIs.

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A regular meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order by Mayor Bush at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 1999, in Council Chambers, 23800 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 287-1978.

PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, Attorney Donohue, Director Cook, Director Gushman, City Manager Leuhoff, Assistant City Manager Richards.

The Agenda was approved as revised. Minutes of the Special and Regular meetings of June 21, 1999 were approved as submitted.

Joe Derak, Farmington Hills City Naturalist, introduced the 1999 Trout Derby Winner, Eric M. Peterson.

Jim McQuillan and Penny Lehto, Co-Chairs of the Warner Mansion Development Committee, updated Council on activities of the Committee. Minutes of other boards were received and filed.

Council accepted the resignation of Richard H. Bostrom from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council granted permission to Salep, Richard Church of Christ to use Memorial Park for an ice cream social.

Council granted permission to the Farmington Public Schools to use Thisness Park for a cross country event.

Council granted the closing of Birchwood Street for a block party.

Council ratified a purchase agreement for the Farmington Civic Theatre. Council authorized a Civic Theatre Management Contract with M.K.A., Inc. of Wilcox, Michigan.

Council approved resolutions for City Charter amendment ballot proposition.

Council appointed Councilman Campbell to serve on the Election Commission.

Council authorized Construction Estimate No. 2 (final payment) for the 1999 Sidewalk Repair Program.

Council authorized Estimate No. 3 for the 1999 Concrete Paving Program. Public comments were heard.

Council comments and announcements were heard.

Council approved the Monthly Payments Report for June, 1999. The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

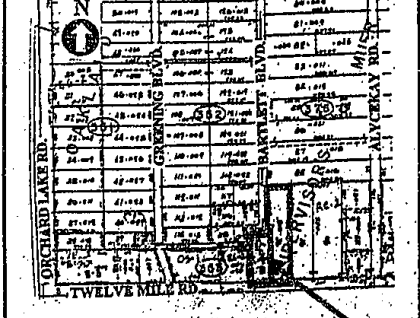
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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

DATE: JULY 22, 1999
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
PLACE: Farmington Hills City Hall
15254 Eversen Mills Road
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

ITEM: Special Approval 72-6-99

The City of Farmington Hills Planning Commission will give formal consideration to an application for Special Approval 72-6-99 which requests approval for a Funeral Home facility in an OS-2 Planned Office Service District classification. The property involved is located on the north side of Twelve Mile Road, east of Greening Road, Lot 92 & 93 of Supervisor's Map Estates No. 1, Sidwell #23-1-870-017 & 018. The applicant in this matter is William LaKris, DWEL, L.L.C.



Any person who is interested is invited to participate in the discussion of the Special Approval request. The application for Special approval and the Zoning Text and Map may be reviewed at the Farmington Hills Planning Office on any business day between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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showing that included Danny Graham's 13th home run of the year. Lantz had a big game at the plate, going 4-for-5 with five RBIs. Matt Clark, Zerbe and Petry collected three hits apiece.

Sternberg pitched three innings of no-hit ball before the mercy rule was invoked. He struck out six of the nine batters he faced to earn the win.

The Cobras faced the Devil Rays again in the championship game and won the tournament with a 7-1 victory.

Graham pitched a strong game three five innings, and Lantz provided solid relief pitching over the last two innings.

Lantz also led the offensive effort, going 3-for-4. Sam Grossman contributed two hits as the Cobras cruised to their 10th consecutive win.

Clark and Lantz led the Cobras with tournament batting averages of .667 followed by Darga at .625 and Petry at .600.

Lantz knocked in a team-high nine runs; Petry had seven RBI and Clark six. Petry also led the team with eight runs scored.

The Cobras are currently 18-0 in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation and 88-3 overall.

The team is coached by Dan Petry, Randy Rodriguez, Bill Clark and Jim Darga. The team is sponsored by Leo's Coney Island and Ford Motor Company.

CITY OF FARMINGTON SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the Governor Warner Mansion Development Committee was held on Tuesday, July 6, 1999, in Council chambers, 23800 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 287-1978. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Leuhoff.

GOVERNOR WARNER MANSION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND BEAUFORTIFICATION COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Anhut, Gajewski, Halos, Lehto, Lindblad, McQuillan, McLaughlin, Twykes, Wright.

Council met with the Governor Warner Mansion Development Committee and members of the Beaufortification Commission who are working with the Development Committee to discuss development and revitalization efforts, current projects, capital improvements and fundraising related to development and promotion of the Mansion.

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

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