



Southfield's Mike MacDonald snags a hard ground-ball as he prepares for upcoming contests in the Sandy Koufax Baseball League.

Regional title is goal

Southfield wins opener

Southfield began its quest for a regional championship in Sandy Koufax Baseball League tournament play by defeating Holland, 8-0, last Thursday.

The team moved into the second round of play in the double elimination tournament, playing the winner of the Dearborn Heights-Fairlane-Lansing game last Friday. Play continued on Saturday and Sunday.

In Thursday's game, Mike MacDonald fired a four-hitter and Dave Meyers and Paul Morgan chipped in with home runs to defeat the Holland team.

Meyers' homer came in the first inning after John Hetkowski had singled. An inning later, Morgan hit a solo shot to give Southfield a 3-0 lead.

In the third, Southfield added another run as Bill Hanis was safe on

an error and Dave Melek singled him home.

Southfield made it 8-0 in the fourth as Scott Scharg walked, Bob Maki was safe on an error, MacDonald doubled in one run, and Hanis singled in another.

Morgan and MacDonald led off the sixth with base hits and Hanis followed with a walk to load the bases. John Hetkowski then doubled to score two runs and end the game, as the mercy rule was put into effect.

Hetkowski and Meyers each had two runs batted in in the victory, while MacDonald allowed just four hits and four walks as he fanned five.

Southfield reached the tournament by winning the East Jackson district title. In the five-game district tourney, the Southfield team scored a total of 44 runs while giving up just nine. David Meyers was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

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Woodbrooke Hills wins final meet, prepares for NSSL championships

In the final Northwest Suburban Swim League dual meet of the season, Woodbrooke Hills swam past Heart of the Hills, 300-236, last Thursday.

The victory raised Woodbrooke Hills record to 3-4. Both teams will now prepare for the league championship meet, which will be held August 12, 13 at Beechwoods Sports Arena in Southfield.

Woodbrooke Hills had six double winners in the meet and established four new team records, although all four record-breakers finished in second place.

Double winners in 8 & Under competition were Jason Wolf in the boy's 25-meter back (20.4) and 25-meter fly (19.6) and Heidi Gasser in the girls' 25-meter free (18.1) and 25-meter fly (20.1).

In the 9-10 year-old bracket, Kathy Pierog was victorious in the girls' 50-meter fly (39.8) and the 50-meter back (41.2), while Scott Stilson won the boys' 50-meter breast (44.4) and the 50-meter back (41.5).

Betsy Leahy won twice in the 15-17

age group, capturing the girls' 50-meter free (28.6) and the 50-meter back (34.8).

Lori Arabian set a new team record in the 11-12 girls' 50-meter fly, going the distance in 34.8. Jill Andries also broke a team record in the 11-12 girls' 50-meter breast with a time of 40.8. Both girls finished second in their events.

Two of Woodbrooke's relay teams also set records, but also finished second. In the girls' 50-year medley relay, the team of Leah Wolf, Jill Andries, Lori Arabian, and Mary Dunigan were timed in 2:21.3. The girls' 64 yr. Free Relay team of Cheryl Richards, Cathy Gregory, Deb Houser, and Betsy Leahy established a new team mark of 1:57.2.

The league championship meet preliminaries will begin Saturday at 8 a.m. Finals will be on Sunday, also beginning at 8 a.m.

Farmington Glen vs. Bloomfield Surf Farmington Glen finished its first season in the upper division of the Northwest Suburban Swim League.

losing to defending champion Bloomfield Surf, 312-258.

"Surf has tremendous depth," Farmington Glen Coach Bob Smith said after the loss. "But I was a little disappointed with our performance."

Glen had three double winners in the meet while Surf had five.

Cindy Meili had the most impressive performance in the meet, winning two events in record-breaking time. Meili set a new team mark of 31.9 in the 11-12 girls' 50-meter free and also broke the team record in the girls' 50-meter breast, winning in 38.7.

Other double winners for Glen were Alec Campbell in the 11-12 boys' 50-meter free and 50-meter fly, and Jim Pogue in the 15-17 boys' 50-meter fly and 100-meter free.

In the relay events, the 40-year boys' free relay (Vik, Bainbridge, Polon, Campbell) established a new record with a time of 1:03.2, while the girls' 52 year medley relay (Stanton, Meili, Bainbridge, Richards) also set a new team mark, going the distance in 2:30.4.

Bloomfield Surf to defend swim crown; five others will provide stiff challenge

By C.J. RISAK

Bloomfield Surf Swim Club will try to retain its Northwest Suburban Swim League championship this weekend in a meet that many expect to shape up as a five-way battle for runner-up honors.

"Surf Club has too much depth—they're in a league by themselves," Forest Hills Coach Dan Batchelor said last week after his team had won its final dual meet. "Of course, everyone has a chance going into the meet."

Forest Hills, Cranbrook, Farmington Glen, Woodbrooke Hills, and Heart of the Hills are expected to give Bloomfield Surf a struggle, but the fight will most likely be for second place.

Coach Bob Smith of Farmington Glen agreed with Batchelor.

"The league meet is different than dual meets," Smith said. "You can't always go by the season's results. We'll look at the whole league tonight and figure out our best lineup."

"You know, there are seven teams in the lower division that we don't know that much about. They could make a big difference in this meet."

The 14-team league is divided into upper and lower divisions. The divisions never compete against each other until the championships. A good showing by a lower division team at the league meet can push it into the upper division.

"As far as teams switching divisions, Beverly Hills was the weakest team in the upper level—they may drop down," Smith said. "I think Village, Orchard Valley, and Woodside are the strongest in the lower bracket. I don't know if they're as strong enough to get into the upper level or not."

Neither Batchelor nor Smith were willing to concede anything to Bloomfield Surf.

"We may be able to surprise them," Smith said. "We'll give them all they can handle."

"We have some strong relays. If we can beat them there, we'll be right in the thick of things."

With 14 teams competing, the amount of variations multiplies. A team which may not have looked good during the dual-meet season could be strong at the championships. It makes the coaches' work much tougher, because they have so many more swimmers to work with.

Added to that the inconsistency of swimmers kids swim between the ages of seven and 17 and it can turn into a coach's nightmare.

"I know which of my kids will place in the top six," Smith explained. "It's the second swimmers

that have to come through."

"We have to have the second swimmers get points for us, they have to place in the top 12 if we are going to beat out Bloomfield Surf."

Batchelor plans on preparing his charges psychologically.

"They're really physically," he said. "But they got to be ready mentally. They have to be psyched up for the meet, they've got to believe they can win."

The coaches both had a list of swimmers they were impressed with during the season who they expect will do well in the league meet.

"Guy DeFranco of Bloomfield Surf will do well, no matter what he swims," Smith said. "Jim Pogue and Alex Campbell, both on Glen's team, could be double winners. And Paula King on Beechview is real good."

Batchelor agreed with Smith on his choosing of DeFranco as one of the league's top swimmers.

"There are a lot of good swimmers at Surf," he added. "But I got some real good ones of my own. I think Rob and Rich Kramer, 12-year-old twin brothers, are going to do well."

"Suzy Coykendall of Cranbrook Anita Rival from Surf, you'll hear from them, too."

A new twist to the championships this year is the location. In past years, the league meet was held indoors at a local high school. But that led to problems; the dual meets were held in meter pools, while the league meets were in yard pools.

Preliminaries stretched over three nights, with the finals held on a Saturday afternoon.

This year, league officials decided to move the meet outdoors to the Beechwoods Sports Arena with the preliminaries all on Saturday and the finals on Sunday.

"I think it's better this way," Smith said.

"The kids swim all summer in a meter pool outside, then they move the finals indoors to a yard pool. That didn't make any sense. Now we have to worry about the weather, but I think it will work out."

Batchelor wasn't so sure about the new format.

"I swam in this league before and I liked the indoor finals. But it'll be interesting to see how this works out."

The preliminaries will begin at 8 a.m. on Saturday, with the finals getting underway Sunday at 8 a.m.

Beechwoods Sports Arena is located at 22200 Beech Road in Southfield.



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Lapham wins golf title

THE WOMEN'S District Golf Assn. match play championship ended Friday at Orchard Lake Country Club. Mrs. Trish Lapham of Meadow Brook defeated Mrs. Emily Gail of Grosse Pointe Park, 3-2, in the championship flight.

In consolation round of the championship flight, Miss Sue Conlin of Barton Hills defeated Mrs. Natalie Gamble of Lochmoore, 4-3.

In first flight action, Miss Margaret Menard of Essex defeated Mrs. Sandy Byrne of Birmingham, one up after 21 holes. Mrs. Alice Scott of Plum Hollow took the first flight consolation

honors by beating Mrs. Elaine Quirk of Washtenaw Country Club, 2-1.

Mrs. Ann Alexander of Meadow Brook defeated Mrs. Sue Sprague of the Country Club of Detroit, 7-6 in the second flight final. Mrs. Mary Whirns of the Country Club of Detroit won the second flight consolation bracket by default over Mrs. Karen Smith of the Detroit Golf Club.

Third flight winner was Mrs. Flo Brown of Washtenaw Country Club who defeated Mrs. Marilyn Keyes of Red Run, two up. In consolation play, Mrs. Carol DeArment of Red Run beat Mrs. Alice Gillatt of the Detroit Golf Club, 4-3.

MITCHELL BLEZACK defeated Barry Solomon, 5-4, in a 36-hole match play final of the Knollwood Country Club Championship Sunday at the West Bloomfield club.

Blezack had reached the finals by beating Larry Berman, while Solomon defeated Ron Kane in semi-final play.

BIRMINGHAM YOUTH City Golf Championship will be held Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 14-15, at Springdale and Lincoln Hills golf courses.

Youngsters will play nine holes at Springdale Aug. 14, followed by nine

holes at Lincoln Hills Aug. 15.

Age groups for the tournament are: 16-17, 14-15, 12-13 and 10-11.

All participants must have a leisure activity card which can be obtained from the Birmingham Parks and Recreation office.

BAY POINTE Golf Club's Bryan Crum won the Hagen Cup by beating Jim Cousins two and one in a 72-hole match play tournament which ended July 16.

FRANKLIN HILLS Country Club's Ladies Invitational A Flight winners were Jean Wilens (Continued on page 2C)