

South Farmington wins softball tourney

The South Farmington Wildcats, behind some strong pitching and solid defense, rallied from a first game loss to capture the Inter Lakes Traveling League softball tournament last weekend.

Betsy VanDeusen pitched all but the final 1½ innings of the last game for

the Wildcats in the double elimination tourney. At one point, VanDeusen had a string of 42 scoreless innings during the two-day event.

"Our defense was outstanding," said Wildcat coach Chuck VanDeusen, Betsy's father. "We went five complete

games and held our opposition scoreless."

After losing their opening contest, the South Farmington team rallied to win, 13-0 over Novi, 15-0 over Bedford, 9-0 over Jakes, 1-0 over E.D. Construction (of North Farmington), 11-0 over Garden City and 9-8 over Garden City

again, in the finals.

Key games, according to the elder VanDeusen, were the Wildcats' 1-0 win over E.D. Construction and the final 9-8 victory over Garden City.

The contest against E.D. Construction was scoreless until the bottom of the 11th inning. Jean Zuhorski was safe at

second base on an error by the center fielder, and Cathy Lewis sliced a clutch single to score Zuhorski with the game's only run.

In the final game of the tournament, the Wildcats, winners of the league title during the regular season, built up a 9-2 lead before Garden City rallied with a six-run fifth inning to close to 9-8. But Zuhorski relieved VanDeusen in the seventh and shut out Garden City the rest of the way.

LINDA BACHE, KAY Deeg and VanDeusen each drove in a run in the fifth inning for the South Farmington team, with VanDeusen's proving to be the game-winner.

Wendy Dierkes, Marilyn Goyette, Deeg and Lewis had two hits apiece in the contest, with Dierkes collecting two runs batted in and Deeg, Goyette and Lewis one each.

In the squad's 11-0 whitewashing of Garden City, Lewis and VanDeusen both had two hits and two RBIs. Deeg, Dierkes and Sue Carruthers also had two hits each.

Zuhorski tallied 42½ innings of work to lead the team with a 1.24 ERA. Goyette averaged 15.9 average.

The South Farmington team will participate in the Inter Lakes Traveling League softball tournament this weekend at the same venue. The Wildcats will be looking to defend their season win and the league title.

Angels tie, 1-1

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Wagering increases at race track

FIVE WEEKS INTO the 1979 thoroughbred racing season at the Detroit Race Course in Livonia, business at the mutuel windows is booming.

The daily average tops the \$830,000 mark, a leap of almost nine percent over a year ago.

In addition, per capita wagering is setting an all-time record at the DRC. After 24 days, the average fan bet \$138.52 per day with the single-day high coming Aug. 4 when the per capita soared to \$152.

DRC FANS STILL are talking about how a \$40,763.20 payoff on a trifecta last week went a begging when not a single fan purchased a ticket on the winning combination of 10-4-3, topped by the 41-1 shot Brother Alibi crossing the finish line in front of the field.

As a result, two fans who had boxed

the various numbers in the race, each with a \$144 investment, collected \$20,381. That was before state and federal withholding tickets, amounting to more than \$5,000, were deducted.

The trifecta payoff was the largest in DRC's history, topping the former record of \$20,493.20 set four years ago. What was unusual about the victory by Brother Alibi? Aboard was Susan Martin, a mother of three and wife of the horse's trainer, Wayne Martin.

Martin explained she hadn't had much time to handle horse in race of late because in May she gave birth to a son who joined two other daughters.

"This was only my second ride of the year," Martin said. Her previous mount came in a race at Hazel Park, where she finished out of the money.

Martin now expects to ride more frequently at DRC.

WHAT'S HAPPENED to another woman jockey at DRC, Jeanne Maxwell, and her trainer-father, Pete Maxwell?

They were two of the big stars at the recent Hazel Park meeting. Pete Maxwell topped 50 winners to capture the trainers' title for the second straight year.

Jeanne Maxwell, winning mostly for her father, booted in 70 victories for a personal one-season high.

At the DRC, the two of them have

posted 30 winners in 25 days of racing.

IT'S QUITE A battle that jockeys Wayne Catalano and Elvis Perrodin are staging at the DRC this summer.

Catalano, the recent champion at Hazel Park and top overall jockey in the Detroit-area scene for the last four years, will be married this Saturday to Renee Slonkowski.

Catalano has arranged for the ceremony to take place after Saturday's racing program.

Parks and Recreation sets fall sports schedule

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor the Third Annual Farmington Open Golf Championship at San Marino Golf Course.

The men's tournament will be 36 holes, 18 played on Sept. 8 and 18 more the next day. The women's competition will be 18 holes, nine on Sept. 15 and nine on Sept. 16.

The first place finisher and the medalist will each receive a trophy and a \$50 gift certificate, while the second place finisher will be presented a trophy and a \$25 gift certificate. All certificates will be redeemable at the San Marino Pro Shop.

Deadline for entries is Aug. 31 for men and Sept. 5 for women. The fee is \$20 for men and \$10 for women and will include all greens fees. Participants must be 13 years of age by Aug. 1, 1979, to be eligible to compete.

Registration may be made, in person, at San Marino Golf Course, or by mail or in person at the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation office, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, 48018.

For further details, call the Parks and Recreation Department at 474-6115.

YOUTH SOCCER

Soccer registration for the Parks and Recreation Soccer League is scheduled through the end of this week for children from kindergarten through fifth grade.

The league is open to any children

who live or attend school in the Farmington area. The entry fee is \$8.

Registration can be made at the Parks and Recreation Men's Touch Football league should attend the manager's meeting Wednesday, Aug. 22, at 7 p.m. in the Farmington Hills City Hall.

The meeting will pertain to playing dates, schedule, rules and regulations and registration dates. The Hills city hall is located at 31555 Eleven Mile Road.

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TOUCH FOOTBALL

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