

Local Ruth team wins State Championship

By Chris McCook
staff writer

When they were 13 and 14 years old, they won the state championship in Sandy Koufax baseball. That was in 1980.

In 1981, they won the state championship in Junior Babe Ruth baseball.

Last year, as 16-year-olds, they were runners-up in Mickey Mantle baseball.

This summer, the team coached by Carl Childress and comprised of some of the best baseball talent in the West Bloomfield-Farmington area moved up into the Senior Babe Ruth League for players 18 and under.

GUESS WHAT? They won the state championship last weekend in Alpena. Childress' team is named Sport-about and they play in both the Oakland Division Babe Ruth League and in Connie Mack. Overall, the team has compiled a 22-3 record this season.

By winning the state championship, Sport-about will compete in the Regional Championships, Aug. 6 through Aug. 13, in Charleston, W.Va. The ultimate goal is the Babe Ruth World Series Aug. 20 through Aug. 28 in Newark, Ohio.

It's no wonder the team is successful. On it are seven players from last year's high school state baseball championship West Bloomfield: Dave Austin, Jay Bobel, Bobby Butler, Todd Williams, John Kiriak, Rob Patter and Todd Krumm.

Other area stars on the squad include Mike Ignasiak from Orchard Lake St. Mary, Eric Carrier, Todd Williams, and Mike Brown, from North Farmington; Derek Kerr from the University of Michigan and Farmington; Paul Wenson and Don Zang from Farmington; Scott Routs from Catholic Central; Arthur McWood from Brother Rice and Eric Kakkonen from Detroit Country Day.

TO EARN the right to compete in the state championships held July 16 through July 19 in Alpena, Sport-about had to win a best-of-three district

playoff against Grosse Pointe.

After dropping the first game, 4-3, three Sport-about hurlers combined to no-hit the Pointers, 7-0. Wenson, Zang and Krumm all contributed to the no-hitter. Krumm pitched the district championship game and won it 5-4.

Seven teams made it to the double-elimination state championship tournament in Alpena: Sport-about (representing Farmington-West Bloomfield), Macomb, St. Clair, Niles, Lansing and two teams from Alpena.

In the first game, Wenson pitched a no-hitter against Niles. Sport-about winning 5-0. Wenson walked two and struck out 12. Patter got the team off and running with a first-inning, two-run home run.

The excellent pitching continued for Sport-about in game two. This time the opposition, Alpena All-Stars, could manage just one off Ignasiak in a 7-0 drubbing. Ignasiak struck out 11. Austin and Butler had two hits apiece. Butler hit a home run.

TODD KRUMM was the hero of game three. Against Lansing, a team comprised mostly of players from Class C state champion DeWitt High School, Krumm pitched a three-hitter, fanned 11, and went three for three at the plate. Austin added a clutch two-run single as Sport-about won 7-1.

The three victories put Sport-about into the finals. They had to win one out of two against Lansing last Tuesday to win the title. However, they lost the first game, 4-3. Bobel pitched well for Sport-about, allowing just five hits and striking out 11. His defense faltered behind him and the team left eight runners stranded on base. Kerr's double in the third inning tied the score at three, but an unearned run in the bottom of the seventh won it for Lansing.

Kakkonen's clutch two-run double put Sport-about ahead early, and the team coasted to an 8-3 win in the championship game. Zang was the winning pitcher with relief help from Wenson. Childress and Kakkonen had two hits each for Sport-about.



FILE PHOTO

Tim Fox, last year's Michigan Runner of the Year, won the 1992 Fox Trot 10K run in a time of 30:46. This year's run, included among the long list of Farmington Founders' Festival activities, is set for July 30.

Founders Festival

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The softball tournament is sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

THE TENNIS tournament, open only to residents and workers in Farmington and Farmington Hills, is suffering from a lack of participants this year. Parks and Recreation director David Justus said he expects competition in just one division: the 19-and-over singles.

Matches will be played at Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge campus beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday. The Michigan Panthers are scheduled to conduct a clinic and autograph session from noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Sara Fisher Home, located at 12 Mile Road and Inkster.

Throughout the day Thursday and Friday appearances will be made by several Detroit Tiger stars and their wives. Lance Parrish, Alan Trammell and Tom Brookens are scheduled to appear.

Detroit Express players will make an appearance 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Downtown Farmington Center.

Founders' Festival fun runs throughout the week. Contact the Farmington Chamber of Commerce for a complete listing of activities.

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● FIREMEN'S BALL (GAME)

The Farmington Hills firefighters have sent out a challenge, and the West Bloomfield firefighters have accepted. The firemen will square off at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Farmington High School's north field, located opposite the Elks Club on Orchard Lake Road. Proceeds from the ballgame will go to the Ann Arbor Burn Center.

● THE KING IS COMING

The King against Count Scary, who could ask for a better softball showdown?

The showdown will take place at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Southfield Civic Center. The Breakfast Optimist Clubs of Southfield and Farmington are sponsoring a benefit softball game pitting Eddie "The King" Feigner and his Court against an All-Star team which includes Tom "Count Scary" Ryan and other radio personalities.

Feigner is the world's top softball strikeout artist. In his career, he has pitched 7,341 games. His record is 6,078-970-293. He has struck out 112,356 batters, threw 801 no-hitters, 1,716 shutouts and 237 perfect games.

If that's not amazing enough, he pitches with only three fielders behind him. He also pitches blindfolded a

great deal, striking out 4,216 of the 4,319 batters he's faced while blindfolded.

Count Scary might be overmatched. Tickets, \$2 and \$5, may be purchased from the Southfield or Birmingham recreation departments by calling 354-9003 or 644-1007. Tickets are also available at the Birmingham YMCA by calling 644-9036. Tickets at the gate are \$2.50 and \$4.

● SOUTHFIELD TENNIS

The ninth annual Southfield Parks and Recreation Department Open Tennis Tournament will take place Friday through Sunday, Aug. 5-7, at the Southfield Civic Center tennis courts.

The tournament is open for the general public. Application deadline is 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1. A \$5 application fee for Southfield residents and those who work in the city and a \$9 fee for non-residents is required.

The age categories are as follows: boys and girls 14-16, 18- and under; men and women 19-29, 30-44, and 45-and-over.

Participants must register at the Parks and Recreation Building, not the Tennis and Arts Center. For more information, contact Fred Strika or Michael Mossberg at 354-9603.

All-American golfer

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qualify for the final two rounds. "If not, I can go into business with my dad."

"I know I have to work hard and get my golf game down," he said.

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"He's a good golfer, but he'll have to improve in college to make it big time," said Link. "With his performance at the nationals, it should be a big confidence booster for him."

"Anytime you go away from your home course and shoot under 75 you're doing good," he said. "That's what all big-time scouts are looking for."

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Public Library Board

The following described parcels of improved real estate, being the main library building at 5030 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan, and the land on which it stands, is no longer necessary, appropriate or required to carry out the essential purposes of West Bloomfield Township Library Board, the statutory owner of said parcels described as follows:

PARCEL I: Part of the S.E. ¼ of Section 22, T.3N., R.9E., West Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan, described as beginning at a point on the E. line of Sec. 22, T.3N., R.9E., W. Bloomfield Township, Oakland County, Michigan (said line being the approximate center-line of Orchard Lake Road N. 0° 15' 00" E. 231.39 feet from the S.E. corner of said Sec. 22, thence continuing N. 0° 15' 00" E. 174.16 feet to the S.E. ¼ of Sec. 22, thence along the S. line of the A. E. Green property, thence S. 89° 48' 00" W. 167.80 feet; thence S. 89° 48' 00" E. 239.50 feet to the point of beginning, containing 1.00 acre or less.

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The above property is zoned R-15.

The above described property is hereby offered for sale subject to general laws after delivery of deed if the buyer is not a governmental entity using the building for governmental purposes, and subject to building and zoning ordinances, easements, restrictions and covenants of record, if any.

The Board of Trustees of the West Bloomfield Township Public Library Board, a legal governmental entity, will convey by quit claim deed and will furnish evidence of title, but will pay no commissions to brokers.

A certified check or cashier's check payable to the Board of Trustees of the West Bloomfield Township Library Board for 10% of the amount of the bid must accompany the bid, which will be returned if the bid is not accepted within a reasonable time. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved by the West Bloomfield Township Public Library Board.

Bids for the above-described property are hereby solicited. Said bids must be submitted in person or by a representative; do not mail. All bids must be stamped as to date and time of deposit with the libraries at 5030 Orchard Lake Road. Bids must be on forms furnished by the librarian and accompanied by an economic disclosure statement and a bond. Both documents are to be sealed and deposited with the librarian at 8:00 p.m. on September 7, 1983.

Said bids will be submitted to the Library Board at 8:00 p.m. on the 7th day of September, 1983, at which time they will be opened and the contents announced and meeting of the Library Board on the 14th day of September, 1983, at 7:45 p.m. After consideration at that time, a purchaser will be selected.

Dated: July 16, 1983

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THE FATIGUE OF ARTHRITIS -PART TWO

Last week's column brought to your attention that extreme fatigue is an anticipated accompaniment to arthritis. This week's discussion will consider ways to fight this enemy, which like a saboteur, acts to disrupt your plans and expectations.

Your basic defense is rest, what rheumatologists call "articular rest." That means you should stop activities before excessive strain and accompanying fatigue develop. You need to plan your day so that each period is a regular part of your schedule.

Equally important is taking your medicine as prescribed. Forgetting a dose lowers its level below what is effective; taking more than what is directed can lead to the risk of drug toxicity.

Finally, you must persevere. Your best efforts may fail and leave you feeling trapped by fatigue. At such times, if possible, have a good cry and begin again to plan the next day carefully.

Fatigue is part of arthritis. What it causes you to lose in physical strength, you need to make up with a resilient mental attitude.

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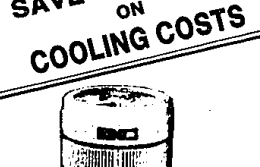
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