

Sport About in world series

Three down, one left for NFWB Ruth team

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staff writer

It's three down and one to go for the North Farmington-West Bloomfield Babe Ruth Senior Division baseball team named Sport About.

After winning league, state and district titles, Sport About is now qualified for the national Babe Ruth World Series scheduled to get under way this weekend in Newark, Ohio (just outside of Columbus).

NFWB begins the eight-team tournament 3 p.m. Saturday with a game against Cape Cod, Mass. — winner of the New England Regional. Sport About qualified for the World Series by winning the Ohio Valley Regional

championship last week in Cross Town West, Va.

"The last two years the Ohio Valley regional winner has won the Babe Ruth tournament," said NFWB coach Carl Childress, hoping there is an omen in that statement.

"I think we have a great chance at the World Series title. Our pitching is deep and we have rested pitchers. I think we have outstanding pitching, but, obviously, when you get the next step further to another tournament, it's going to get harder.

"We have a talented club in terms of ability," he said. "What we really need now is some good luck."

SPORT ABOUT is a team composed

baseball

of nine players from West Bloomfield High School which won the state class A baseball title only two months ago. There are also a number of players from the Farmington area.

The talented pitching staff includes three members of that Laker team — Todd Krumm, Jay Bobel and Zac Childress. Other spots on the staff are owned by Mike Ignasiak (Orchard Lake St. Mary's) — the only left hander — Paul Wenson (Farmington), Dan Zang (Farmington) and Todd Williams (North Farmington).

Childress said NFWB's offense has been stagnant lately. He's hoping that it will resurrect this weekend.

"It's kind of disappointing because I think we have a fine hitting team," he said. "But, we start to hit (at the regional) and I hope it continues."

NFWB won four straight games in gaining the regional championship. The eight-team tournament included squads from West Virginia (two), Ohio, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois.

Childress' team won the championship game, 7-3, over the Cincinnati Storm. Zang hurled the first six innings, allowing only three hits, and Wenson took over in the seventh and got the final three outs.

"IT ENDED UP being our easiest game, but our boys were up for it because they (Cincinnati) were the team to beat going in," he said. "They had a good reputation, but we had a good game against them."

Sport About took a two-run lead in the third inning then virtually wrapped up the game with a barrage of four-inning long balls. Krumm led off with a hit and Childress followed with a home run.

The next batter, Erik Kahkonen, then

hit another home run. After a Dave Austin double, Bob Fish capped the outburst with the inning's second two-run home run.

Austin finished with three hits, and Fish, Kahkonen and Childress each had a pair of hits.

Sport About's three other wins were over Kentucky (7-6), West Virginia (4-3) and Wisconsin (7-6). Wenson had a big hand in the tournament, finishing with one win (over Kentucky) and two saves.

Kahkonen, who attended Detroit Country Day school last year, and Fish, from West Bloomfield, were Sport About's leading hitters in the tournament with 500 averages. Childress was right behind with six hits, including two home runs, two doubles and five RBI.

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WMU LETTER WINNERS

A resident from Farmington and two from Farmington Hills were among the 32 members of the Western Michigan University track team who received varsity letters in a ceremony last month.

Junior distance runner Paul Welch from Farmington Hills is a graduate of Farmington High School. John Winterbottom, a freshman middle distance runner graduated from North Farmington High School. Tim Yates, a junior middle distance runner from Farmington Hills graduated from Bishop Borgess High School.

● **GOLF ACE**
Donna Greenbury of Farmington Hills shot a hole-in-one on Aug. 9 at the 153-yard 14th hole at Southfield's Plum Hollow Golf Club.

Greenbury used a four iron to shoot her ace. She had an 18-hole score of 59.

SOCCER SIGN-UP

Attention girls: There's still time to sign up with the Farmington Soccer Club.

Late registration for the club will continue through Aug. 24. Girls born between 1967 and 1974 are eligible. Teams compete in age groups under 10, 12, 14 and 17.

Call coach John Bailey, 471-7298, for more information.

Grabowski shines in 'Salad Bowl'

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Chuck Davey (Birmingham), 65:30; 60 and over: Fred Guro (Farmington), 72:33.

Lucy Graff (Ypsilanti), 73:11; 40-44 years: Marilyn Morehead (Detroit), 71:30; 45-49 years: Sylvia McCann (Warren), 78:45; 50-59 years: Melba Hatch (Canton), 78:10.

WOMEN'S DIVISIONS

19 and under: Patty Smith (Bloomfield Hills), 77:07; 20-24 years: Nancy Nesbitt (Southfield), 64:15; 25-29 years: Ella Willis (Detroit), 63:35; 30-34 years: June MacDonald (St. Clair Shores), 64:29; 35-39 years:

SPECIAL DIVISIONS

Wheelchair: Larry Dillworth, 2 hours, 4 minutes; Corporation Teams: Butts and Natta (All Men's Division), Three is Company (All Women's Division), Federal Mogul (Coed Division).

Local baseball star off to Saginaw Valley

Saginaw Valley State College baseball coach Walt Head added some punch to his lineup with the signing of a letter of intent recently by Tim Filary of Westland.

The 6-foot, 210-pound first baseman racked up impressive statistics during his three-year career at John Glenn High School, including a .387 career batting average, seven home runs and 64 RBI.

During his senior year, Filary batted out 10 straight hits en route to a .537 average, while scoring 24 runs for the Rockets.

He burned up the Northwest Suburban League with a .610 average and was All-NSL two straight seasons.

Filary was named to the All-Observers squad this season as a senior and received All-State mention.

"He bats," stated Head. "He doesn't strike out a lot, and although he has only seven career home runs, I believe he will provide us with power. He also gives us the opportunity to field an all-lefthanded hitting infield."

Filary, who has been on the honor roll since the seventh grade, plans to major in criminology at Saginaw Valley.

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION

A Special Election will be held in the Farmington Public School District on the 20th day of September, 1983 for the purpose of submitting the following proposition:

In order to renew the five (5) mill operating tax increase which expires in 1983, shall the limitation on the total amount of general ad valorem taxes which may be imposed for all purposes in any one year upon real and tangible personal property in the Farmington Public School District, Oakland County, Michigan, be increased as provided in Section 6, Article IX, of the Constitution of Michigan, for a period of ten (10) years from 1984 to 1993, both inclusive, by five (5) mills on each dollar (\$5.00 per \$1,000) of assessed valuation of property as finally equalized for the purpose of defraying a part of the operating expense of the school district?

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the last day upon which unregistered persons may register in order to be able to vote at said election is

Monday, August 22, 1983
up to 5:00 P.M. Eastern Daylight Saving Time

Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city or township in which the elector resides. Registration will be received during regular office hours Monday through Friday of each week. Farmington City residents may register at City Hall, 2560 Liberty Street, Farmington Hills residents may register at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 31555 Eleven Mile Road, West Bloomfield Township residents may register at the West Bloomfield Township Hall, 4460 Orchard Lake Road.

Persons already registered upon the registration books of such city or township need not re-register.
Absentee ballot applications will be available at the Board of Education Offices, 32500 Shawwassee, until 2:00 P.M., Saturday, September 17, 1983.

Dated: August 2, 1983

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Secretary, Board of Education

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