

Winning combination

Diamond duo finds success at every level

By Brad Emmons
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Austin and Krumm sounds more like a successful law firm than pair of good baseball players.

But make no mistake, when West Bloomfield natives Dave Austin and Todd Krumm play baseball together, their team usually lays down the law.

The winning combination was formed six years ago when the two played Babe Ruth baseball. Along the way were trips to the Mickey Mantle World Series, the state Class A prep championship and now a trip with Livonia Adray in the prestigious All-American Amateur Baseball Association (AABA) Tournament, which begins today in Johnstown, Pa.

Austin and Krumm are also teammates at Michigan State. Although the Spartans did not win the Big 10 title, the future appears bright for MSU, especially after the summer seasons the two enjoyed.

Krumm, expected to start this fall for MSU's football team (at a corner back), proved equally adept in baseball, capturing MVP honors in the Livonia Collegiate circuit.

SEVERAL PLAYERS in the league had outstanding seasons, including Redford Little Caesar's Mike Beis (3.38 average with 25 extra base hits) and Walter's Appliance pitcher Doug Doyle (6.2 record), but none could match the pitcher/outfielder Krumm, who batted .402 and led the league with a 7-0 record and a 0.63 ERA.

Krumm helped Livonia Adray to the regular season title, but missed the final playoff-clinching title game Friday, Aug. 2, against Walter's — a game he was scheduled to pitch — because of a football commitment.

"There was testing we go through for the defensive backs and linebackers (in

East Lansing)," Krumm explained. "I missed playing in the final because that's what you go through the whole season for."

"But it was only one part missing. Overall, I was personally disappointed, but I knew the other guys we had could get the job done."

AUSTIN, meanwhile, started the season slowly for Livonia Adray, but became the league's hottest hitter during the second half of play.

During one stretch, the left-hand hitting first baseman/outfielder went 20-for-20 and eventually finished the regular season with a .429 average, third best in the Collegiate League.

"My old coach, Carl Childress, gave me some tips about my batting," said Austin. "I was holding my hands wrong and he pointed out a few mental things."

Adds Krumm: "Dave works hard. He

stays in shape. We've gone out and taken a lot of batting practice at West Bloomfield High School."

Livonia Adray led a 25-5 overall record into today's first round of play. Austin believes this team, however, is a bit different than the one that played in Johnstown last year.

"The guys on this year's team have a lot friendlier attitude," he said. "It's been a lot of fun."

AS FAR AS his unique success along with Krumm, Austin calls it "an ongoing process."

"We've both been to World Series and I guess we've been lucky," he said. "But it's nice to go to a tournament every year."

"We always played ball," Krumm said. "It was always the thing to do. Our parents were involved and we just kept doing it."

They just keep laying down the law.

Huskies heroics nab Bakes title

By Chris McCosky
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With one mad dash down the ice, a division title was won and another lost.

A fitting conclusion to a pair of frantic division races in the Midwest Summer Hockey League.

Wednesday night the Huskies and Wolverines took to the Plymouth Cultural Center ice with each team needing a win to wrap up their division title — the Huskies in the Bakes Conference and the Wolves in the Tex Conference. The Wolverines' Derrin Schmitz knotted the score at 5-5 with a pretty goal with just under four minutes left in the game.

Nine seconds later, the Huskies' Jeff Dobek and Neal Carney broke in two-on-one on the Wolverine net. Dobek made a nifty pass to Carney. Carney, 14 years old out of Plymouth,

buried the puck into the net.

IT WAS all the Huskies needed. The 6-5 win gave them a 6-4-1 final record, one point better than both the Lakers and Wildcats (6-5) in the Bakes Conference.

The loss gave the Wolverines a 7-4 record, even with the Bulldogs. But the Bulldogs capture the title by virtue of their two wins over the Wolves this season.

Dave Bramble, the league's scoring leader, paced the Huskies Wednesday with a pair of goals and an assist. The Bulldogs could have won the Tex Conference outright with a victory Thursday night, but the Lakers played spoiler with a 3-2 win.

The game featured outstanding goaltending from the Lakers' George Abbott and Doug Brown and the Bulldogs' Jeff Saffran and Walter Edwards.

The Lakers, on goals by Dominic

Nelto, Tony Esser and Bobby Moise, built a 3-1 lead and then held on for dear life.

THE BULLDOGS got goals from John Doehr and Plymouth's Joel Kovak and had numerous near misses. Doehr hit the goal post twice on one shift, rested, then came back on and hit the post again.

The victory sealed a second place finish for the Lakers in the Bakes.

Tuesday night the Wildcats snapped a five-game losing streak by upsetting the Broncos 5-3. Mike Helber, Tim Helber, Mike Dolan, Scott Reinhold and Greg Stedman scored for the Cats. Fritz Brown, Rich Hutchinson and Pat Marody countered for the Broncos.

The MSHL playoffs, which began Saturday, will conclude with the championship game at 8:30 p.m. Monday.

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MIDWEST SUMMER HOCKEY LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

TEX CONFERENCE	
Bulldogs	7-4
Wolverines	7-4
Falcons	6-5
Broncos	4-7

BAKES CONFERENCE	
Huskies	6-4-1
Lakers	6-5
Wildcats	6-5
Spokane	2-8-1
*win division with 2-0 record vs. Wolverines.	

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MERCY NEEDS FROSH COACH

Farmington Hills Mercy needs a freshman basketball coach for the fall season. Anyone interested in this non-teaching position should contact Mercy athletic director Elton Sekerak at 8020 ext. 238, or head coach Larry Baker at 348-0565.

COACHES SOUGHT

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Resumes should be sent to Ron Holland, 32500 Silaswasse, Farmington, 48024; or call 471-6337 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

C'ville club 5th in long course swim championship

Sheila Taormina racked up three first place finishes in the girls 15-16 age group and teammate Jennifer Knapp snared a pair of firsts in the girls 10 and under division as the Clarensville Swim Club finished fifth overall in the State Long Course Swim Championships last week in Southfield.

Taormina, who will be a junior this fall at Livonia Stevenson, captured first in the 100 and 200-meter butterfly, and the 400 individual medley. She also finished second in the 200 IM and 200 freestyle, and fourth in the 50 and 100 freestyles.

Based on her performances, Taormina qualified for the National Junior Olympic meet over the weekend at the University of Alabama.

Knapp, meanwhile, took firsts in the 50 and 100 breaststrokes and added a fourth in the 200 IM.

CLARENSVILLE SWIM CLUB FINAL RESULTS (Places 1-6)

Girls 10 and under: Jennifer Knapp — first, 50 and 100-meter breaststroke; fourth, 200 IM. Knapp, Rebecca Wemy, Nancy Noche and Rebecca Campos — second, 200 medley relay; fourth, 200 freestyle relay.

Boys 10 and under: Wendell Tucker — fifth, 50 breaststroke; 100 breaststroke; Tucker, John Kenshaw, Jason Kohler and Rob Struffler — first, 200 freestyle relay; Tucker, Kenshaw, Kohler and KJ Green — third, 200 medley relay.

Girls 11-12: Pam Holsinger — second, 50 and 100 butterfly; third, 200 IM; sixth, 200 freestyle. Katie Knipper — second, 50 breaststroke; third, 200 IM; fifth, 50 breaststroke. Katie Knapp — third, 400 freestyle; fifth, 200 freestyle; sixth, 100 freestyle. Liz Tucker — fourth, 50 and 100 breaststroke. Knipper, Holsinger, Knapp and Holsinger — third, 200 freestyle relay; Tucker, Julie Farabee, Jill Murray and Stacie Tomaszewski — fourth, 200 medley relay.

sixth, 200 freestyle relay. Krantz, Knipper, Holsinger and Tucker — second, 200 medley relay. Boys 11-12: Eric Newton — third, 400 freestyle; fourth, 100 butterfly; fifth, 100 freestyle; sixth, 200 IM. Newton, Bob Holsinger, Mike Hoffman and G.T. Maki — fifth, 200 freestyle relay. Hoffman, Newton, Holsinger and Chris Roosevelt — fifth, 200 medley relay. Boys 13-14: Mark Papalari — second, 200 IM; third, 200 breaststroke and 200 breaststroke; fourth, 100 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke and 400 IM; sixth, 100 freestyle. Girls 13-14: Sheila Taormina — first, 100 and

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