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Women's 18-hole medal play: Saturday, Aug. 13. Entry fee is \$20 (includes golf gift). Handicap maximum is 40.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 6. For starting times, call 476-4493 after 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. Rain make-up date is Aug. 20.

Men's 36-hole medal play: Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 17-18. Entry fee is \$35 (includes golf gift). Handicap maximum is 36.

Entries close at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 10. Shotgun start on Saturday, Sunday mornings. For pairings and starting times, call 476-4493 after noon Wednesday, Sept. 14. Rain make-up dates are Sept. 24-25.

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Send entry blank with check (no cash) payable to tournament director Gary Whitener, Whispering Willows, 20500 Newburgh, Livonia 48152.

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Open to all residents of Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Garden City, Westland, Redford Township, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Farmington Village, Birmingham, Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Franklin, West Bloomfield, Bloomfield Township, Bloomfield Hills, Troy, Rochester and Avon Township.

Walter's stuns Holzer Ford

By Brad Emons
staff writer

It didn't take long for an upset to take place in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League playoffs.

In Friday's opener, the first game of a double-header at Ford Field, third place Walter's Appliance (15-14-1) of Livonia surprised second place Tom Holzer Ford (23-7) of Farmington Hills, 5-3.

In the second game, regular season champion Livonia Little Caesars (25-5) hammered out a six-inning, 15-5 mercy rule victory over Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury of Plymouth-Canton.

Play continued Sunday at Ford Field with three games slated in the double-elimination tournament. The championship is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and 8 p.m. (if necessary). The playoff champion advances to the All-American Amateur Baseball Tournament, Aug. 15 in Johnstown, Pa. More playoff LCBL results will appear in Thursday's Observer.

A fired-up Walter's team got some sterling relief help from Dave Houghtby, a senior left-hander who just graduated from Livonia Stevenson High, to beat Tom Holzer Ford.

HOUGHTBY, who came on for starter Joe Mackiewicz in the fifth inning, set down eight of the final batters before to preserve the win. The only baserunner he allowed was a walk in the final inning.

Mackiewicz got credit for the victory, while

baseball

Holzer starter Tom Colter, the North Farmington High product, took the loss.

Holzer jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-run single by Andy Fairman.

Walter's got a run back in the bottom of the inning on Rick Karcher's RBI double. Ironically, Karcher and Colter were teammates at North.

In the third, Walter's tied it up when John Knittel (Livonia Churchill High and Kalamazoo College) triples and came home on Karcher's single.

Both Knittel and Karcher, each going 3-for-4 on the night, weren't finished.

In the next inning, the fourth, Walter's exploded for four runs after Steve Rudelic's solo homer had given Holzer a short-lived 3-2 advantage.

KNITTEL KNOCKED another run with a single to tie it up and Karcher followed with the big blow of the game, a three-run double.

But Holzer would not quit, scoring twice in the fifth thanks to an RBI single by Fairman followed by a Walter's infield error.

But Houghtby slammed the door to get the final

out and then relied on his defense as third baseman John Stoltis (Churchill High and Eastern Michigan University) made three straight assists to close out the inning.

Caesars, meanwhile, broke away from a 6-5 advantage in the fourth, scoring three times followed by five more in the fifth and one in the sixth as Shawn Uzarski, who went 3-for-4 and knocked in four runs, drove home the final run off Hines Park reliever Jeff Lyle (Canton High and Kent State) to end the game.

Caesars out-hit Hines Park, 12-10. Second baseman Art George (Redford Thurston High and the University of Evansville) added three hits and scored three runs, while Steve Loney chipped in with three hits and Ken Wandzel (Redford Catholic Central High and MSU) added an RBI double.

ROB ADAMS went 4-for-4 in a losing cause, catcher Dwayne Bennett (Canton High and the University of Detroit) added two hits and three RBIs. Second baseman Kevin Leaned (Canton High) also had two hits.

Rob Jamula, the 6-foot-4 right-hander from Taylor, worked five innings to pick up the win. He struck out 10 before giving way to Tony Yandura.

Todd Marion, who went to Salem High and is bound for the University of Michigan, was the losing pitcher. He worked the first four innings.

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SOCCER SIGNUP

The final date to sign up for the Farmington Soccer Club's fall season will be Saturday, Aug. 6, at the Farmington Hills City Hall. A \$30 fee is required at the time of registration, scheduled for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Boys born between 1975 and 1980 and girls with birth dates from 1970-80 are eligible to sign up. Call Bob Wiesner (477-8815) or Ken Habich (553-3153) for information.

SPORTS CHALLENGE

Detroit-area businesses will compete against each other in the First Sports Challenge on Saturday, Aug. 20, at the Oakland Community College Orchard Ridge Campus.

The charity event will benefit the

Metro-Detroit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's "Battle For Breath."

Corporations, as well as individuals, are forming 10-member, co-ed teams that will compete in five events: basketball shoot, obstacle course, running relay, tug-of-war and standing long jump — from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a lunch, with entertainment and an awards ceremony, following the Challenge.

For registration information contact Deborah Laurie of the CF Foundation at 552-9616.

NBA ALL-STARS

Detroit Pistons all-star guard Isiah Thomas will have his annual all-star basketball game at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12, at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall.

The game will offer a rematch be-

tween Thomas and Los Angeles Lakers guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson, who opposed each other in this year's NBA finals. Others expected to participate are Mark Aguirre of the Dallas Mavericks and Dominique Wilkins of the Atlanta Hawks.

The game will benefit the Cyprian Center of Detroit, a home for handicapped adults. Tickets priced at \$9 are on sale at the Calihan Hall Box Office, which is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. For further information, call 927-1705.

SWIM PRACTICE

Farmington High School's girls swimming team will begin pre-season practice Monday, Aug. 15. Team members are asked to call coach Ross Bandy after 7 p.m. at 474-5887.

Slosar chosen top female athlete

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blending with the other starters to give Mercy a balanced team.

As the center, she became a strong rebounder and capable scorer for the Marlinas, who nearly upset Plymouth Salem in a regional final and finished 15-3.

"I worked hard that summer," Slosar said. "We were losing (all-star) Yvette Mason, and I knew I'd have to work real hard if we were going to have a good season."

Slosar excelled the most in basketball and volleyball, but an easily overlooked fact is that she also was

on the golf team all four years.

"I felt bad this year, because I was playing Junior Olympic volleyball, and practices were at the same time as the matches," she said. "I told (Mercy coach Vickie Kowalski) 'Volleyball is No. 1 right now.' So I really didn't get into that many matches."

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