

# Holzer Ford earns trip to NABF World Series

It's not Johnston, Pa., but Tom Holzer Ford of Farmington Hills will be close by, vying for a shot at another national championship.

After missing a spot in the All-American Amateur Baseball Association Tournament by finishing second recently in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League playoffs, Holzer Ford is on his way to the National Amateur Baseball Federation College-Division World Series, which begins Friday in Youngstown, Ohio. Holzer will play the Maryland State Regional winner at 10 a.m. in the double-elimination tournament, which also includes teams from Louisville (Ky.) and host Youngstown.

Holzer, 27-11 this year, earned the trip by winning last weekend's NABF Regional at Livonia's Ford Field.

In Sunday's championship, Holzer dumped Macomb, 11-3, as Dan Hillard pitched a complete game, going seven innings. He faltered only in the third, allowing three runs. He scattered seven hits, struck out six and walked three.

Holzer trailed 2-0 through five innings before exploding for seven in the sixth and two more in the seventh. The game was halted in the seventh because of a mercy rule.

TRAILING 3-0 in the top of the fifth, Holzer narrowed the margin to one on RBI singles by Kevin Ritter and Andy Fairman.

Holzer then broke the game open in the sixth, scoring six times.

Bob Tatro singled and Rick Tavornia, the former Westland John Glenn High star now at the University of Detroit, followed with a game-tying double.

## baseball

Steve Rudelle then sent Tavornia to third with an infield single and scored on Chris Hansen's suicide squeeze bunt, which brought home the lead run.

Keith Dutkiewicz then doubled in another run. Ritter reached base on an infield error and Fairman followed with a walk. Tatro added a two-run double to open up the floodgates.

In the seventh, Scott Peterson and Dutkiewicz each walked to set the stage for Ritter, who double both home to end the game. Holzer's tournament quest began Friday against another Livonia Collegiate foe, Walter's Appliance, the league's third place finisher.

Walter's got the early jump in the opener, racing out to a 2-0 lead before rain suspended play until the next day.

ON SATURDAY, Holzer trailed 4-3 through four innings, striking for five runs in the fifth and seven more in the seventh. (The game was halted in the seventh because of the mercy rule.)

Holzer unleashed a 15-hit attack led by Ritter, who was 3-for-5 with three RBIs; Dutkiewicz, 2-for-4 with three RBIs; Paul Hewitt, 2-for-3 with three RBIs; Peterson, 2-for-4; Tatro, 2-for-2; and Rudelle, two-run double.

Rick Karcher, the former North Farmington standout, led Walter's to three hits. Teammate John Knittel, formerly of Farmington Churchill High now at Kalamazoo

College, added two hits.

Chris Kloc, the former Redford Thurston High ace, was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Mike Salach. A pickup from LCBL champion Livonia Little Caesars squad, Kloc allowed no earned runs on seven hits during the final five innings.

Walter's, however, bounced back in a rematch on Saturday, downing Holzer Ford, 7-4, as Mike Rudin's solo homer won it in the eighth inning.

RUDIN, WHO also played at North Farmington, went 2-for-2 for the winners.

Starter Steve Owens, who allowed four runs over the first five innings, was the winning pitcher. Joe Mackiewicz, a member of Redford Catholic Central High's 1987 state Class A champion squad, pitched four scoreless innings to earn the save.

Chris Willer, the Holzer starter, suffered the loss. He was lifted in the third in favor of reliever Brett Loomis, who allowed just one run on two hits over the final 6½ innings.

Offensively, Stu Hirschman, a pickup from Westland's of Ann Arbor, went 3-for-4 in a losing cause. Dutkiewicz added two hits, while Hirschman, Rudelle and Tavornia each knocked in a run.

After a coin flip, which gave Holzer a bye into Sunday's final, Walter's was eliminated by Macomb, 13-1. The Livonians left a pair of runners stranded in the bottom of the ninth.

Walter's finished the season with an overall record of 17-15-1.

## sports shorts

### SENIOR GOLF

Competitive golfers 55 and older are eligible to compete in the 36-hole Senior Olympics Golf Tournament Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25 and 26, at Glen Oaks Golf Course.

The cost is \$15 per person, and there is a 140-person limit. Starting times range from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Glen Oaks is located on W. 13 Mile between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads. Call 851-8355 for information.

### SWIMMING SHOW

Kendallwood Swim Club will perform a synchronized swimming show entitled "TV Tunes: A Saturday Morning Lineup" at 9 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 16-17.

The club is located on Farmington Road, south of 13 Mile Road. The show is open to the public. Ticket prices are \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

### HOLES-IN-ONE

Glen Oaks Golf Course was the site of two holes-in-one last week.

Tom O'Brien, 47, of Westland aceed the 148-yard, No. 8 hole Wednesday, Aug. 3, and Patrick Irving, 37, of Farmington Hills aceed the 185-yard, No. 15 hole Saturday, July 30. Both golfers used a 6-iron for their first hole-in-one.

### GOLF TOURNEY

Couples are invited to participate in the Fifth Annual Whackie Hackie Golf Tournament at 11 a.m. Satur-

day, Aug. 20, at Brooklane Golf Club, located at Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

The tournament is an 18-hole, scratch event. The cost is \$45 per team and includes greens fees, dinner and prizes. Call the pro shop at 348-1010 for a tee time.

### AMATEUR TENNIS

Amateur mixed doubles tennis teams can enter the Fourth Annual Ford-Sports Tennis "A" Championships slated for Aug. 19-21 at the Detroit Tennis & Squash Club in Farmington Hills.

The 59-city nationwide tournament is open to amateur players 21 years of age and older in two divisions — A for teams with combined National Tennis Rating Program scores of 8-10 and B teams with ratings of 8 and under.

The winning team in each division advances to the national playoffs at Saddlebrook Golf & Tennis Club in Tampa Bay, Fla., Sept. 22-25. Ford will donate \$5 from each entry to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

### SPORTS CHALLENGE

Detroit-area businesses will compete against each other in the First Sports Challenge on Saturday, Aug. 26, 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.

### K-O-F-C SOFTBALL

The Knights of Columbus are organizing their fall softball leagues. Division I will play on Mondays and Wednesdays, Division II on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The entry fee for eight-week, 16-game season is \$400. The season begins the week of Aug. 22. Call 476-1100 or 476-1101 for information.

### SWIM PRACTICES

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 474-5867.

Harrison High School girls interested in being members of the varsity swim team should call Karen Murray at 474-6184. The team begins practice Monday, Aug. 15, from 7-9 a.m. at Farmington High School.

### COACHES NEEDED

Farmington Public Schools is accepting applications for non-teaching, coaching positions in swimming (varsity and assistant) for the 1988-89 school year.

Applicants should send a resume to Ronald G. Holland, athletic director, 32500 Shilwaukee, Farmington, 48064, or call 471-5337 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays.

## Domako ponders future

By Steve Kowalski  
staff writer

Tom Domako's goal is to play in the National Basketball Association, but this year he might have to play in France.

It all depends on what the NBA's Houston Rockets offer him. If the Rockets contract offer is not guaranteed, Domako said he has an opportunity to play professionally overseas.

The 6-foot-10 Domako, who prepped at Livonia Stevenson before playing four years at Montana State, was the leading scorer at the Rockets' rookie camp held last month. Domako was not selected in June's NBA draft, but Houston invited him to its camp as a free agent.

AFTER CAMP, Houston offered Domako a contract to return to the team's veteran camp in October but it was contingent on his making the club. Domako said his agent, Don DeJardin, expects to hear a final offer from Houston this week. Domako said a possible trade involving Rockets' small forward Rodney McCray could open things up for him.

"If the trade works out, then a small forward position would open up," said Domako from his fiancée's parents' residence in Billings, Mont.

## clarification

Due to inaccurate information provided to the Observer, a South Farmington Mustangs baseball player was incorrectly identified in a picture appearing on Page 1D of the Thursday, July 28, edition. The player in the photo was Nick Latra.

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