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Cynthia Giannamore, 9, of Farmington Hills listens intently as Tigers catcher Matt Nokes talks about baseball Friday.



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Patrick Spill, clutching a Matt Nokes baseball card, was part of the captive audience. The 7-year-old Spill plays in the Pinto Division.

Milford success ends CC season

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lined a 1-2 Hutchinson pitch to right field, scoring both runners.

Gibson beat the relay throw to the plate (Paul Pirronello to Pete Elezovic to Wheeler), but not before cluding the tag with a head-first dive.

"The ball was there in time, but our catcher was too far in front of the plate and couldn't get the tag down in time," Salter said. "The one inning cost us. The throw to second was a little low. We had a double-play ball, but all you should try to get is one (out). That's what we try to tell them."

But 'Hutch' held them close and he kept us in the game. We still had our chances."

CC stranded four runners over the final three innings.

The Shamrocks got their only run in the top of the seventh when pinch hitter Brett Welling walked one out. Pinch runner Bryant Holly advanced to second on a fielders choice and scored on Chris Tomasi's single.

But with two out, Pirronello ripped a hard smash that bugged the right field line, only to have Milford first baseman Darrell Davis knock the shot down and step on the bag for the final out.

"HIS (CARTER'S) fastball moves away from the hitters and his changeup with the curve keeps them off-balance," Shearer said. "Today Matt was pleasingly wild, but he was on the corners (of the strike zone) all day. He knows how to set up the hitters and when we played good defense again."

For the fifth straight game Milford went errorless.

CC, meanwhile, played solid defense for the most part, except in the pivotal fourth inning.

"I expected a tight game and I figured it would be one run," said the Milford coach. "Hutchinson, no doubt, is one of the top two or three pitchers we've seen this year."

"One break is all we needed and the CC error opened the door. We took advantage of that mistake."

Analyzing the outcome, Salter reflected back on his team's 1987 state championship run.

"I think we used up all of our miracles two years ago," said the CC coach. "With two good left-handers going I figured it would be a close game."

Bullach's pitches sink NFWB foe

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Connie Mack baseball team is 5-3 overall, thanks to a 4-2 win Thursday over West 7.

Bob Bullach earned the win for NFWB, tossing a complete-game three-hitter and striking out 10 batters.

NFWB, which plays Plymouth Canton on Wednesday in a make-up game, got an RBI single from Seth Petty. Scott Roose collected an RBI on a ground out and Jerry Hakala's sacrifice fly drove in another run.

Windsor defeated NFWB Wednesday 6-4, and the loss on the mound was suffered by Petty, who exited after 2 1/2 innings.

Roose, who relieved Petty and allowed just two hits the remainder of the game, helped lead NFWB's nine-hit attack with two hits, including an RBI triple.

Rick Rachner drove in two runs with a single and double, and Petty had an RBI single.

"I'm happy to get this far and happy with our season, but I guess you're always disappointed when you get this far and don't win it."

MILFORD CARRIED a deceiving 21-11 record into Saturday's state championship final against Harper Woods Notre Dame, which advanced with a 7-3 victory over Saginaw Heritage.

For Shearer, who never reached a district final in his 13 years at nearby Clarensville, it's been a sweet ride, regardless of the final outcome.

"I told our hometown newspaper guy (Matt Seidl of the Milford Times) all I'm doing is sitting back and watching some great athletes playing at the top of their games. And we're having fun playing."

Thanks to Carter's outing and a break from CC, Shearer's view has been a pleasant one.

CC wrestler an All-American

Lee Krueger of Plymouth has been named a high school All-American by the National Wrestling Coaches Association. The team was announced in the May edition of the Amateur Wrestling News.

Krueger, who graduates from Redford Catholic Central this month, won the Class A heavyweight championship last February. He won the 198-pound title as a junior.

"I didn't anticipate it, but I hoped to be (an All-American)," Krueger said. "I figured I had a chance, but I wasn't sure."

Krueger, who will play football and wrestle at the University of Wisconsin next fall, was one of five wrestlers on the NWCA team who will compete for the Badgers.

"Going to Wisconsin will be like starting all over," Krueger said. "It's a bigger challenge than (when he was a freshman at CC). I'm kinda nervous about it."

Krueger, who made the All-Observer football and wrestling teams during the 1988-89 school year, reports to Wisconsin in the second week of August.

Three other state champions — Shane Camera of Rochester, Chris Henderson of Lansing Sexton and Dean Moskovic of Birmingham Brother Rice — were named All-Americans by the coaches too.

Krueger and CC teammate Matt Helm were honorable mentions on the USA Wrestling All-America team last month.

Kory Nokes can swing lumber, too



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Matt Nokes shares a laugh with his youthful audience.

BASEBALL FANS know Matt Nokes to be a quality hitter, but it's not common knowledge that this young son swings a mean bat, too.

Nokes, who was in Farmington for a mini-clinic and autograph session Friday, was the subject of my interview, but it was the reporter who did the dodging.

Two-year-old Kory Nokes, suited up in a Tigers uniform and sporting an orange mustache after a lunch of pizza and pop, sat atop his father's shoulders while his dad patiently answered questions.

But little Kory's toy outfit wouldn't have been complete without his mini version of a Louisville slugger, which he waved harmlessly but with enough menace to cause me, with head bowed and buried in a notebook, to beware.

Hitting, however, has become a trouble spot with the older Nokes this season. Having proved himself as a major league hitter when he made the all-star team in his rookie season of 1987, he was batting .215 early last week.

That changed for the better when Nokes went 4-for-4 on Wednesday night against the Boston Red Sox, but he seems to be taking the good and the bad in stride.



Dan O'Meara

"YOU NEED those things to happen eventually," he said. "There's always adjustments you have to make."

"It happens every year; you go in a slump. It's a long season, and you go through times when you're not hitting as well. That's part of the game."

Here is Nokes on other Tiger matters:

• Sparky Anderson's return from R&R: "He seems to be doing great, no change. Sparky is Sparky. The team pretty much ran itself when he was gone, but it's good to have him back."

• The Tigers being in last place: "We'll see at the end of the season. It's tough some times. It's not easy losing, but it's a long season."

With his appearance Friday, Nokes is also giving his part to reach the youth of Detroit. For the third straight year, a Tigers player — the

others were Dwight Lowry and Don Heinkel — has volunteered his time at the invitation of the South Farmington Little League and Oakland Hills Community Church.

NOKES' MESSAGE to the young ballplayers had a strong anti-drug emphasis, intertwining his personal faith while addressing the four aspects of individual experience — intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual.

The Rev. Ralph Rebandt, pastor of Oakland Hills, has involved his church directly in the community, providing Farmington's youth with role models like the Tiger players. "We try to bring out a Christian guy who the kids can look up to" — and a source of recreation. He also manages a Little League team.

Rebandt, who expressed a concern about what he believes is an ambivalent attitude toward religion today, responded several years ago when city officials asked for the help of churches and synagogues in offering direction for youths. He also is a member of a police crime prevention committee.

"As a new church, we said 'What can we do to help the community,'" he said. "This our way of saying 'We're concerned about your kids.'"

softball

ALL-WESTERN LAKES ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION 1989 SOFTBALL TEAMS

Pitcher: Amy Fremund, senior, Northville. Catcher: Leslie Szafarski, senior, Livonia Franklin.

First baseman: Stacey Arnold, senior, Plymouth Canton. Infielders: Ann Mundinger, senior, Plymouth Canton; Christina Hoffman, senior, Westland John Glenn; Karen Bard, senior, Northville.

Outfielders: Melissa Tisdale, senior, Farmington; Kelly O'Hanlon, senior, Westland Lake Central; Katie Veenough, senior, Plymouth Canton; Al-Harge: Stacey Thompson, junior, Plymouth Canton; Debbie Wentz, senior, North Farmington.

ALL-WESTERN DIVISION Pitcher: Lisa Allen, senior, Livonia Franklin. Catcher: Laura Asplinger, freshman, Northville.

First baseman: Linda Kulesza, senior, Livonia Franklin. Infielders: Allison Flatsamp, senior, Plymouth Canton; Roseanne Skalka, junior, Northville; Emily Shura, sophomore, Livonia Franklin.

Outfielders: Kim Schultz, senior, Plymouth Canton; Rhonda Kibler, senior, Plymouth Canton; Rory Rubin, senior, Northville.

Al-Harge: Beth Racer, senior, Plymouth Canton; Melodie Adgans, sophomore, Northville. Honorable mention: Karen Brown and Trish Vassellou, Livonia Franklin; Lisa Donovan, Robin Cohen and Karen Heaman, Farmington Harbor; Sue LaFried, Jenny Jantz and Kim Forsterberry, Northville; Mary George and Karen Keenan, Plymouth Canton; Vanessa Hoffman and Shurua Schlangen, Westland Lake Western.

ALL-LAKES DIVISION Pitcher: Carrie Cassandri, freshman, Westland Lake Central.

First baseman: Tracy Sylvester, senior, Westland John Glenn. First baseman: Tanya Collins, senior, Westland Lake Central.

Infielders: Brandi Sarno, sophomore, Westland Lake Central; Jo Waland, senior, Plymouth Canton; Tracy Martin, senior, Westland John Glenn.

Outfielders: Kelly Coulson, senior, North Farmington; Michelle Myers, senior, Westland John Glenn; Nicole Converse, junior, Westland John Glenn.

Al-Harge: Michelle Rouse, senior, Westland Lake Central; Lisa Rockafellow, senior, Farmington. Honorable mention: Michelle Miller, Farmington; Jenny Masser, senior, Westland John Glenn; Pam Gresser and Amy Fletcher, North Farmington; Tracie Robinson, Plymouth Canton; Kristyn Maas and Cara Pannell, Livonia Stevenson; Debbie Baty, Angie Gerack, Jill Glenzie, Kristy Wright and Christy Tapp, Westland Lake Central.

FINAL RECORDS • Overall conference: 1. Northville, 14-2; 2. (tie) Livonia Franklin, Westland John Glenn, Westland Lake Central and Plymouth Canton, 12-4 each; 3. (tie) Plymouth Salem and North Farmington, 8-8 each; 4. Westland Lake Western, 6-10; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 4-12; 10. Farmington Harbor and Farmington, 3-13 each; 12. Livonia Churchill, 0-15.

Western Division: 1. Northville, 8-2; 2. (tie) Livonia Franklin and Plymouth Canton, 7-3 each; 4. Westland Lake Western, 4-6; 5. Farmington Harbor, 3-7; 8. Livonia Churchill, 0-10.

Live Division: 1. (tie) Westland John Glenn and Westland Lake Central, 9-1 each; 3. Plymouth Salem, 5-5; 4. North Farmington, 4-6; 5. Livonia Stevenson, 2-8; 6. Farmington, 1-9.

ALL-METRO CONFERENCE 1989 SOFTBALL TEAMS First team: Rhonda Sanders (sophomore), Livonia Churchill; Jackie Brown (senior), Lisa Gole (senior) and Julie Moldenhauer (senior), Auburn Heights; Jennifer Mingo (senior), Harper Woods; Kelly Stewart (senior) and Holly Eiler (senior), Harper Woods; Lisa Eiler (senior), Palmer (senior); Lisa Landwehr (senior) and Vickie Shore (junior), Mount Clemens Lutheran North.

Second team: Colleen Wood (senior), Livonia Churchill; Kim Long (senior), Jennifer Vobert (senior) and Heidi Wagner (senior), Auburn Heights; Jennifer Peltz (senior), Harper Woods; Kristin Reusch (junior) and Julie Wood (sophomore), Harper Woods Lutheran East; Jerry McClellan (senior), Amy Hamman (senior) and Julie Pandon (senior), Mount Clemens Lutheran North.

Honorable mention: Karl Walton (junior), Livonia Churchill; Michelle Gole (sophomore) and Sue Stalla (junior), Auburn Heights; Jennifer Kim Martinez (sophomore) and Kelly Peltz (sophomore), Harper Woods; Kelly Stalla (junior), Bloomfield Hills; Rhonda Stalla (senior), Harper Woods Lutheran East; Chris Helm (junior), Harper Woods Lutheran North; Jackie Barnes (junior), Detroit Lutheran West.

Final standings: 1. (tie) Auburn Heights and Mount Clemens Lutheran North, 13-1 each; 3. Harper Woods Lutheran East, 10-4; 4. (tie) Livonia Churchill and Harper Woods, 7-7 each; 6. Bloomfield Hills Kingswood, 4-10; 7. (tie), Hamtramck and Detroit Lutheran West, 1-13 each.

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