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Farmington-Noví first baseman Andrew Margolick holds Chief Pontiac baserunner Christopher Vana close to the bag in American Legion baseball Monday night. Margolick had an RBI single in the game, but Farmington-Noví lost 10-3.

Miscues mar Legion effort

Farmington-Noví was the victim of its own mistakes Monday in American Legion baseball.

Eleven errors led to the team's downfall as Chief Pontiac claimed a 10-3 victory at Noví High School.

Farmington, 6-4 overall, led 3-0 until the fourth inning when the visitors scored eight runs on two hits, four errors, three walks and one hit batsman. Pontiac added two more in the fifth without the benefit of a hit.

Starting pitcher Brian Gonnell allowed three runs and left in the middle of the fourth inning. The loss went to reliever Darnell Krause, who was later relieved by Eric Wiesner.

Todd Moss went the distance for Chief Pontiac, giving up five hits and walking only one. He had three strikeouts. The winners had just four hits but made one error.

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BRADLEY LEWIS tripped in a run for Farmington, and Krause and Andrew Margolick had RBI singles. Larry Liford hit a two-run single for Chief Pontiac.

Farmington split a double-header Sunday with host Ferndale, winning the first game 11-6 and losing the second 4-3.

Margolick pitched a complete-game victory in the first contest. He gave up eight hits, but his teammates supported his pitching with 13. Margolick struck out three.

Jason Gross was 3-for-3 with three RBI. Margolick, Jeremy Rospierski, Wiesner and Gonnell had two hits, and Wiesner and Gonnell knocked in two runs apiece. Lewis also had an RBI.

Jamal Womble was 2-for-3 and scored two runs for Ferndale. Jason Edwards was the losing pitcher.

Trailing 4-3 in the seventh inning of the second game, Ferndale reliever Scott Lyons entered with a runner on third and nobody out. He retired the side with two called strikeouts and a popout.

Walt Schmidt worked six innings for the victory. Rick Ostrander pitched six innings and suffered the loss, allowing four runs on four hits.

Wiesner had two of Farmington's five hits, and Lewis, Rospierski and Chris Lowry had one each.

Boyle Chevy wins 2 in men's modified

Curt White and Dave Brubaker combined for 11 hits Monday in leading Pat Boyle Chevy to back-to-back victories over Malarkey's Pub and Total Foods in Livonia Men's Modified Fast-Pitch Softball League action.

In the opening game against Malarkey's, White tossed a four-hitter, walked three and struck out one as Boyle earned a 13-4 victory.

Brubaker went 2-for-3, including a two-run homer, and White finished with three hits in four trips to the plate. Jim Foster added a solo home run in a 2-for-2 performance at the plate.

Greg Leinhardt carried Malarkey's with a three-run homer.

In the second game, Boyle exploded for six runs in the first inning en route to a 10-2 victory over Total Foods.

Veteran pitcher Al White picked up the win, allowing just four hits,

walking none and fanning one.

Boyle tagged losing pitcher Brian Murphy for 14 hits as it improved to 6-4 in the league.

Curt White and Brubaker led Boyle's offense with three hits in four trips to the plate each.

Rick Dreher clipped in a pair of hits and drove in three runs, including two in the six-run first. Steve Dawson finished with two hits and two RBIs, and Keith McManaway drove in two runs on a single and bases-loaded walk.

Boyle, which sports a 7-0 record in the Plymouth Modified Fast-Pitch Softball League, has won 11 in a row and competes in a tournament in Port Huron on Saturday.

Fryatt finishes college career as team MVP

THERE ARE all sorts of adjectives that could be applied to Michelle Fryatt. She's talented, she's versatile, she's intelligent.

Still, I gotta believe her foremost ability has got to be endurance.

How else can anyone accomplish what Fryatt, a Farmington Hills native and Mercy HS graduate, has at DePaul University. Consider the classroom alone. Fryatt has been on the dean's list throughout her four years at DePaul — every single quarter.

She started as a chemistry major, switched to physics as a sophomore, and will graduate with her degree in finance next fall.

Her academic achievements are impressive enough. Now mix in athletics, and you start to get the complete picture.

I emphasize start.

Fryatt joined the DePaul softball team as a freshman walk-on; now, four years later, she leaves it as the team's Most Valuable Player, an announcement made June 1 at the awards banquet.

"I THINK it was a combination of things," said Fryatt, trying to explain her selection. "I think they tried to choose someone who didn't necessarily stand out statistically, but someone who the team couldn't play without."

Fryatt filled the bill. She admits the award surprised her: "I wasn't in the spotlight, I didn't have the (outstanding) stats."

Fryatt batted just .228, appearing in all 56 Blue Demon games (55 starts) at second base. She was second on the team in runs scored (23) and sacrifices (nine), and led DePaul in stolen bases (12, in 18 attempts) and walks (36). She also knocked in seven runs.

Her biggest contribution may have been in the field; Fryatt committed just 10 errors, compiling a .963 fielding average, and ranking second on the team in putouts (160) and assists (102). DePaul finished third in the North Star Conference, posting a 32-23 overall mark.

Now, keep in mind she was a walk-on, which normally means it will take a fantastic effort just to be noticed by the coach, let alone be-



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come a starter. Fryatt obviously supplied the effort and extremely focused attention needed to succeed — all while maintaining near-perfect grades.

Incredible, you say? Well then, wait. There's more.

Fryatt didn't just switch majors during her collegiate career. "I walked-on to the basketball team my freshman and junior years," she said.

WALKING-ON AND making an NCAA Division I team is pretty impressive. It gains in respect when the player in question rises to ultimately gain MVP honors. But to walk on in two sports? And still post dean's list grades?

This seems more than humanly possible, except for Fryatt.

Okay, it's true she played sparingly in basketball; still, how did she manage it at all? "All through high school, I played three sports, so I guess I was kind of used to it," she explained, oversimplifying something that took more than mere mental and athletic talent. It required determination.

The only time Fryatt wasn't involved in two sports at DePaul was her sophomore year. How did she react? "It was kind of strange," she said. "I didn't have anything (athletic) to do for the first two quarters."

Fryatt didn't play basketball as a senior, instead, she served as team manager/student-coach. "I was in charge of running the pre-season conditioning program," she said. Considering her schedule and her obvious need for fitness, that only figures.

ALL OF FRYATT'S accomplishments were recognized at the awards banquet. For starters, she was named to the conference Academic Honor Roll for the fourth-

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Raiders pin hopes on transfer players

By C.J. Risak
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Only four players — including two starters — return with appreciable amounts of playing time for Oakland Community College's men's basketball team.

But that doesn't mean the Raiders will be lacking experience. Among those coach Lynn Reed, who guided OCC to a 23-8 mark last season, has picked up for next season are seven players who performed at other colleges and who will have sophomore eligibility in the upcoming campaign.

"I think the nucleus is there for a very good team," said Reed, whose 1989-90 team was ranked as high as fourth in the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II. "I don't do this usually, but we do have a lot (of transfers). Most of them I recruited earlier, but they decided to go to other schools."

While a few of Reed's newcomers appear to be can't-miss types, all have potential. And in the fast-paced style the OCC coach lives by, nine or 10 could get significant playing time.

AMONG THE newcomers expected to make the biggest impact are Bill Thurston, a 6-foot-4 freshman forward from Rochester; Devin Bell, a 6-8 power forward with sophomore eligibility from Detroit; Reed and Navarro (Texas) Junior College; Rashe Reviere, a 6-3 freshman guard-forward from Detroit DePue; and Keith Laury, a 6-3 sophomore guard from Flint Northwestern who transferred from a Wisconsin JC.

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OCC basketball coach

Thurston averaged over 16 points a game for the Falcons. "Bill is an outstanding prospect," said Reed. "He is very versatile, mobile and a hard worker. He'll fit into our pressing-up-tempo game very well."

Bell is "an awesome rebounder," said Reed. "He'll be a good one." But the one to watch, according to the OCC coach, is Reviere. "He has awesome talent. He's quick and smooth, one of the most talented players I've ever had — a Michael Jordan-type."

Laury graduated from Northwestern in 1994. Last year, he averaged 21 points a game for his Wisconsin JC.

If all the above sounds promising, well, there's more. Like Rod Hall, a sophomore guard transferring from Macomb CC (and a Roseville HS grad); Bill Knight, a 6-7 freshman forward from Clarkston; Khari Max-

well, a 6-5 sophomore swingman from Oakland Christian and University of Iowa; and Derrick Hutchinson, a 6-2 guard from Avondale ('89 grad) who was out of school last year.

THERE ARE several others Reed is hoping might make it. Ross Fuller, a 6-9 sophomore forward from Holly and a transfer from an Oregon JC; Tony Northcross, a 6-7 sophomore forward from Pontiac Central and a North Texas State transfer; and Dwayne Smiley, a 6-7 sophomore from Detroit Cooley and an Alpena JC transfer, all are currently in summer school trying to improve their grades.

If any of the three — they practiced with OCC throughout last season — get the grades, OCC will be that much stronger. With center Jerry Priestson and point guard Ed Whitaker, both starters, returning, as well as Starlin Stevens, Fred Crumley and Darrin Brandt, the future looks more than promising.

It looks devastating. Others that could make it to OCC (including possible recruits): Jamal Poplar from Inkster; Mark Fisher from Novi; Raheem Russell from Pontiac Central; Cory Thatcher, also from Central; Aaron Newson, from Chicago; and Devon Price, from Avondale ('87 grad).

With each of his players, Reed insists, his aim remains the same: "Our goal is to, especially with minority kids, keep them motivated. We want to get them in school and get them started (academically)."

Of course, winning a few titles wouldn't be too bad, either.



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