

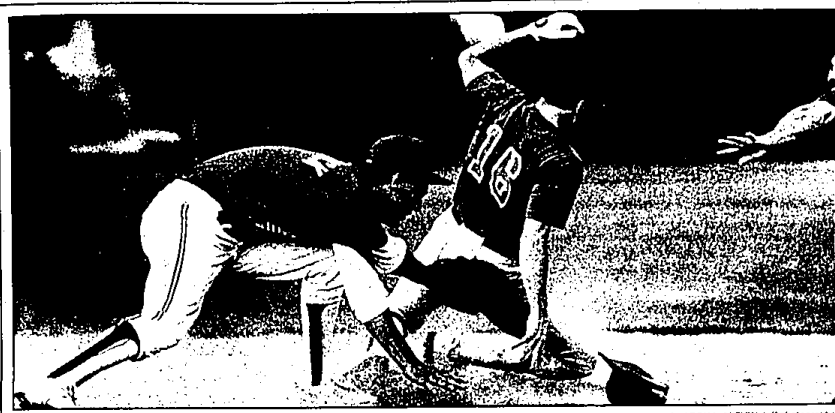
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The tag by All-American Sports Center shortstop Doug Kirkpatrick was too late to stop Jeff Koiler from stealing second base Monday night. AJ's Lounge of Plymouth won the game and stayed unbeaten in men's modified fast-pitch softball.

Observerland has 5 players on all-star team

Once again, the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association All-Star football game will have distinct Observerland flavor.

Five All-Observer players and one area coach have been selected to participate on the East squad in the 11th annual classic, set for Saturday, Aug. 3, at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

Walt Bazylewicz, who at age 67 led Redford Bishop Borgess to a 6-3 record, a Catholic League Tri-Sectional co-title and a berth in the Prep Bowl, will coach the East All Stars.

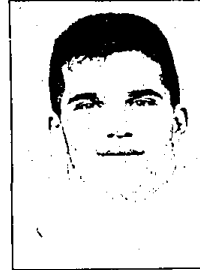
Among the players invited to participate on the East squad:

• Karl Wukie, Plymouth Canton: The 6-foot-1, 175-pound quarterback led the Chiefs to their first-ever state playoff berth and a 9-2 record. He paced Canton with 2,600 yards total offense. Wukie is headed to Western Michigan University as a preferred walk-on.

• Anthony Hood, Bishop Borgess: The 6-foot, 205-pound running back, bound for Northwestern University of the Big Ten, gained 1,172 yards last season for the Spartans.

• Blazo Sarcevic, Farmington Harrison: The 6-1, 225-pound linebacker, bound for the University of Hawaii, played both ways (also a tight end) for the 11-1 Hawks, who reached the state Class BB playoffs before losing to Oxford.

• Tony Frey, Westland Glenn: The 6-1, 227-pound center helped the 8-2 Rockets capture the Lakes Division title in the Western Lakes Activ-



Blazo Sarcevic Harrison linebacker

ities and gain a berth in the Class AA playoffs. He is headed for Kalamazoo College.

• Rob Sylvester, Redford CC: Member of the state AA champions, the 6-3, 235-pound offensive guard is bound for Hillsdale College. Sylvester was also a fifth place finisher in the state Class A wrestling tourney and recently received CC's Whelan Award, given to the school's outstanding scholar-athlete (3.64 grade point average).

THE EAST SQUAD, which leads the series 6-4, also features the state's top-ranked player, Dearborn Heights Robichaud all-purpose back Tyrone Wheatley. He is headed for

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All-American suffers setback

By Dan O'Meara staff writer

Curtis Richards and Al White are teammates when competing nationally for their Miami-based modified fast-pitch softball team. The opposite is the case when it comes to backyard rivalries such as the one played out Monday night at Ford Field in Livonia where two of the nation's top pitchers faced each other in a key men's modified league contest.

Richards tossed a one-hitter and outduelled his mentor, White, as Plymouth-based AJ's Lounge defeated All-American Sports Center of Farmington Hills 5-2. The winner

kept pace with co-leader Primo's Plaza, both with 8-0 records, while All-American slipped to 6-2.

"Al White was basically my teacher," Richards said. "He taught me how to pitch and how to throw different pitches. I respect him for that, but when we're on the field I'm looking for a victory as much as him. You have two national pitchers going at it and, fortunately, our team came out on top."

JIM DILLON had the only hit off Richards, driving in a run in the fourth inning when All-American scored twice to take a 2-1 lead. Richards was pitching a perfect

game through three innings when Brian Tiller led off the fourth by reaching base with the help of an infield error. He went to third on two wild pitches and scored on Dillon's hit, and Dillon gave All-American the lead when Ron Wandell was safe on a strikeout/wild pitch.

Richards allowed only two other baserunners, retiring the side in order in the fifth and sixth innings before giving up a lead-off walk in the seventh, which was followed by a fielder's choice.

"Curly is the best pitcher that we'll see around here," All-American player/coach Dave Brubaker said. "He's played with us (previously) when the team was FGS Radiator

and Pat Boyle Chevrolet, and we know how he throws. He's a 'good pitcher.'"

AJ's managed to get seven hits off White, the dean of modified pitchers in the metro area and possibly the country.

"The important thing is knowing we're facing Al White," AJ's player/coach Tom See said. "You can see it in the attitude of the guys. Everyone bears down a little more and gets more intense."

"SOME TIMES people wonder why 35- and 36-year-old guys put on a uniform and come out here. It's the

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Caesars takes charge in collegiate competition

A three-game weekend sweep has propelled Little Caesars into first place in the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League.

Caesars, coached by John Moraitis and Ken Wandell, took a pair of games Sunday from Hines Park Lincoln/Mercury to run their LCLBL record to 12-4-1.

Livonia Clarenceville High product Rich Roy clubbed three-run homer as Caesars outslugged Hines Park in the opener of a twin bill at Ford Field, 11-7.

Jeff Bates, Jeff Miller and Adam Haves each contributed two hits for Caesars, which scored six times in the third inning and five more in the fourth to erase a 3-0 deficit.

Bates, a catcher from Grand Valley State, knocked in three runs.

Third baseman Mark Stokes collected three hits for Hines Park.

Eric Stanczak, the University of Detroit Mercy right-hander, worked 6 1/2 innings to pick up the win. He needed relief both in the seventh and from Livonian Bill Banton (Western Michigan University).

Brian Paupore (Canton High and Hillsdale College) suffered the loss.

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In the second game, Lou McKaig (Madonna College) scattered seven hits over seven innings to lead Caesars to a 4-1 win. McKaig struck out six and walked five.

Keith Bozyk (Redford CC High and Adrian College) worked the first four innings. He was charged with the loss.

Miller led an eight-hit Caesars attack, going 2-for-2 with an RBI. Roy also contributed an RBI single, while Mike Giacomantonio added an RBI triple.

Mike Culver (Canton High and Kansas City CC) collected three hits for Hines Park.

Friday at Ford Field, Bates (Grand Valley State) pitched a seven-inning no-hit game to lift Caesars past second place Walter's Appliances, 8-3.

Earl Johnson, Miller and Roy each collected two hits for the winners, while Kevin Crociata reached base

safely four times.

Shortstop Mark Hribar went 3-for-3 for Walter's.

The losing pitcher was starter Chad Wrona, who worked the first 5 1/2 innings.

WALTER'S 6-1, DELVAL 4-2: In a battle for second place, Walter's and Delval of Brighton split a double-header.

In the opener, Craig Overalls (Franklin High and Henry Ford CC) clubbed the game-winning homer in the top of the sixth to lift Walter's to a 4-2 triumph.

Hribar and Jason Gabel (Churchill High and Central Michigan) each added two hits. Gabel, a first baseman, knocked in three runs.

Mark Dube smacked a solo homer for Delval, while shortstop Ron Hollis collected two hits.

Winning pitcher Mike Coleman went the distance for Walter's, scattering five hits and four walks.

Lefty Leo Hutchinson (Redford CC High and Eastern Michigan), went six innings. He suffered the loss.

In the second game, Eric Sumpter (Michigan State) walked with the bases loaded in the bottom of the eighth to give Delval a 2-1 victory.

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Mustangs 3rd in tourney

Playing against older competition, the Mid-America Mustangs finished third in a 16-and-under ASA girls softball tournament in East Hampton, Mass.

The 15-and-under Mustangs were undefeated after three games in which they outscored the opposition 35-1, but Mid-America was eliminated after being shut out in its last two games.

The Mustangs were beaten by eventual champ Elmherst (Mass.) in the winner's bracket final and, in their last game, by runner-up Pittsfield (Mass.) in the loser's bracket final. Both scores were 2-0.

Elmherst defeated Pittsfield 8-5 in the championship game. Mid-America started the tournament with a 12-1 victory over Smithfield (R.I.). Karen Jose of Livonia went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs to lead the Mustangs.

CINDY LEHNS (Canton), Michelle Bohne (Farmington Hills), Jamie Cook (Westland), Stacy Sinke (Canton) and Jenny Garvey (Plymouth) had two hits apiece. Bohne

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also had two RBI. Cook and Garvey one apiece.

Sinke earned the first of three pitching victories, scattering five hits and issuing only one walk.

The Mustangs blanked Pittsfield 12-0 in their next game. Sinke again throwing a five-hitter while not walking anyone.

Bohne, Julie Jones (Belleville), Lehns and Jenny Sever (Farmington) had the hot bats.

Bohne was 4-for-4 and scored three runs. Jones and Lehns were 3-for-4 and Sever had a double, a triple and four RBI. Jones also had two RBI, and Lehns scored two runs.

Sinke chipped in two hits, and Sarah Rowe (Plymouth) had a double and two RBI.

Mid-America advanced to the winner's bracket final with an 11-0 rout of host East Hampton. Sinke pitched a four-hitter, and her team-

mates supported her with 18 hits.

SEVER, COOK and Lehns had three hits apiece, including a pair of doubles by Lehns and Sever. Tara Wasak (Canton), Jose and Sinke added two hits each.

Sever also had four RBI and Lehns two, and both scored two runs apiece. Wasak, Jose, Sinke and Rowe got one RBI each.

"At this point in time, the Mustangs were the best team out there," Mustangs assistant coach Ron Movinski said.

Elmherst limited the potent Mid-America lineup to five hits in the next game, however. The winners scored both runs in the fourth inning on four hits and one error. Sinke was the losing pitcher, allowing eight hits but walking no one again.

One bad inning led to the Mustangs' downfall in the rematch with Pittsfield, which scored twice in the second inning on two hits and two errors. Mid-America had three hits, and losing pitcher Sever allowed four hits and one walk.

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