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Finesse 5th in USSSA

incess, a girls 16-and-under softball team out of Garden City, Inished fifth out 80 teams Aug. 2 in the U.S. Sho-pitch Softball Association World Tournament held in Muncie, Ind. Secded ninth, Finesse won four straight games to reach the final four before being ousted by the eventual champion, the Pembrooke Lakes (Flo.) Predacts, 2:1-0 (giving up 17 uncerned runs), and the Beaver Vulley (Pa.) Express, 1-0. Finesse, managed by Bill Martin, became one of four final teams in the winner's bracket after victories over the Clovis, N.M. Attitudes, 8-3, Middletown, Ohlo Shammers, 4-3, Louisville, Ky, Young Giurs, 10-6; and Cabarrus County, N.C. Challengers, 9-7.

Third baseman Teresa Reese of St. Clair Shores Lake Shore High was named to the All-Tournament

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Left fielder Christi Wyryhkowski (Westland John Chem) led the team with a 399 hatting average, while pitcher Stacey Phillips (Lake Shore) won four of six games.

Other members of Finesses include Shannon Bush, Vonne Jerks, Mandre Horesko and Yvette Sixbey, all at Garden City High: Sarah Rowe and Kate Strahan, Plymouth Canton, Garden City's Jerny Kowalezyk (Dearhorn Diche Child): Carlin Durges (Walled Lake Western): West Bloomfield's Rebecca Schricher (North Furnington); Shellye Gapa (Dearhorn High) and Christian Boguslawski (Dearhorn St. Alphansus). Assistant contes include Tommle Walker and Bill Eskew.

College grid preview

allege fouthall conches Genge Petles (Michigan). Jim Hurkena (Dastern Michigan) and Brian Van Hurkena (Dastern Michigan) and Brian Van Hurkena (Dastern Michigan) and Brian Van Gorder (Wynge State) will preview their respective teams at the Detroit Sparts Brandcosters and Writera Association lumchen at noon Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Olympia Club in Joe Louis Arena.

The huncheon is open to the public for the first time. Launch is \$15 per person with all proceeds benefiting the DSBWA Scholarship Fund. To obtain tickets (udvance sale only) call \$535-1819.

Incredible softball

Michelle Averill pitched a one-hit victory for the Livonia Lasers in the first game of a doubleheader Thursday in the Girls Incredible Fast-Pitch Softball

League.
The Lasers and Farmington Hills Hornets split the twinbill, the Lasers winning 9-0 and the Hornets

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1-2 in the nightcap.
Healt Wahl had the only hit off Averill in the first
game. In this second, the Hornets trailed 12-6 before
radking to score 10 runs in the fifth liming.
Kelley West was 3-for-3 and Kuthy Schneider
scored three runs for the Hornets, Jodie Barringer,
Anny Geary and Annanda Ault had key hits to fuel the
fith-inning radly, Geory and Erin LaCosse combined
on the pitching effort.

The Cantan Colorus swept a double-header from
the 15 Cantan Colorus swept a double-header from

the Diamonds, 5-3 and 6-0, in another matchup Thursday night.

The wins raise the Cobras' lengue-lending record to

11.1. The Diamonds are 6-6.
Colleen Haker was the winning pitcher in Game 1, allowing two hits and striking out nine. Melanie Chancey suffered the loss despite allowing only six

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Chancy walked six batters and hit three batters.

Laura Clantar had the only hit for the Cobras, an RBI double in the fifth iming, Allison Stein had an RBI single for the Diamonds and Chancy had the other hit for the Diamonds.

The Cobras' Jamie Sikona pitched a five-hitter to win the nightcap. Becky Thursam was the basing pitcher for the Diamonds.

Baker and Denise Butske had a single and an RBI spice. Thursam had the Diamonds only hit.

The Girls Incredible League All-Stor game will take place at 7:30 pm. Saturday, Aug. 22 at Drake Field in Farmington Hills. The Girl is an Drake Road between Grand River and Nine Mile roads.

Roller hockey

evin Robinson of Livonia, Mark Hollowood of Plymouth and Scott Peterson of Westland were among local registrants who tried out last weekend at Cobo Areas for 1992 Roller Hockey International Tour, a forerunner to the new Professional Roller Hockey Lengue which will debut in 1993.

1993.
Players attending comp had an opportunity to be selected for the U.S. All-Star team, which will take on the Canadian All-Stars Thursday in Los Angeles at the Great Western Futum.
The first pro roller game will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 at Cobo.

Hockey tryouts

ryouts for the Michigan Turbos (Midget AA)
hockey team will be at 4:50 p.m. Saturday,
Aug. 15 and 12; and 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27
at Canfield Areas in Dearborn Heights.
The cost for each 134-hour session is \$10 per play-

er. For mure information, call coach Ray Fraser (453-3913), assistant Charlie Murris (326-1467) or mana-ger Frank Hume (991-2760).

Spartans surprise MSHL winner

■ The Spartans, led by player/ coach Scott Lock, a former Redford Catholic Central standout and Farmington Hills resident, upset the Kings to win the Metro Summer Hockey League title Thursday.

By Dan O'MEARA STAFF WRITER



The Spartans were glant killers disguised as underdogs Thursday night in the Metro Summer Hockey League champion

day night in the Metro Summer Hockey League champlon.

Leading all the way, the Spartans toppled the regular-season-winning Kings 9-4 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, capping a late-season turnaround for themselves.

Josh Wiegand, Eric Evans and Brian Consolino scored two goals apiece for the Spartans (9-5), who finished fourth in the Bakes Division and loat their first playoff game to the Kings before rebounding to win their bast four.

"We loat our first two games 31-11, and we didn't think we were going to win a game all year," said Spartans player/coach Scott Lock, the ex-Red-ford Catholic Central star and former Livonia reddent who now lives in Farmington Hills.

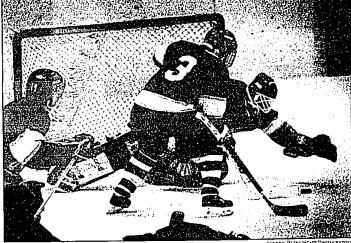
"We just wanted to make the playoffs. (The Kings were) the only team we hadn't beaten all season, so wanted to redeem ourselves somehow."

Dave Garbarino, Dave Weaver and Lock accounted for the other Spartan goals. Consolino also had three assists as did Paul Tachkevitch, Milke Krygier and Jason Weber. Wiegand, Garbarino, David Mitchell and Lock added one assist each.
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David Millions and a sist each.

"We dominated to the point of obliterating teams (during the regular season)," Kings coach A.J. Baker said.

"That probably didn't help any. We won our last two games by 15 goals.



Hockey final: Kings goalkeeper Michael Zeller keeps the puck away from opponent Matt Gorski in the MSHL final. Zeller stopped a lot of early shots, but the Spartans broke through for a 9-4

When we got into a game with some competition, we weren't equal to the

The Spartans took a 2-0 lead after one period by exploiting a defensive

one period by capaciting a weakness.

They managed to get a string of breekeway shots and, after being denied four straight times by Kings goalie Michael Zeller, finally scored the game's

Wiegand slipped the puck around Zeller at 6:16, and Evans fired a shot off a short pass from Consolino a minute

later to make the score 2-0.

"We knew they had offensive-minded defensemen." Lock said. "This is summer hockey, so it's wheel and deal. We knew it was going to be a wide-open game, and we wanted to get behind them with the extra pass and go for the beach."

homb."
"Our defensemen — and it has worked so well — get into the flow of the offense, and it's like having four forwards and one defensemen." Baker said. "It was too easy for two or three of their guys to beat one of our defense-

The Spartans relied on great defense to preserve their lead early in the second period. These men were sent off in quick order for penalties, and the Spartans were forced to play 5-on-3 for nearly the first 37 minutes.

The Kings menaged just four shuts in that time, and Spartans goalic Kevin Brady stopped all of them. Ten seconds after they returned to full strength, the Spartans made it 3-0 on Weaver's goal at 11:29.

Coin flip decides All-American fate

The All-American softball team last year finished in second place on the field at the Bay City Times Class A modified tournment.

This time, All-American's fate was decided by a coin flip.
After going 4-0 in division play, Sunday's championably games were canceled because of rain. Since the games could not be played between the five remaining teams, the officials decided to determine the team's standings with s coin.

of Port Huron, All-American coach Dan Pierce called "heads" but the coin came up "tails," giving Break Time the championship and All-American sec-

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ond place.
There were 25 teams at the tourna-

the five remaining teams won. We were the only team that said we could come back to finish the tournament in two weeks, but the other teams figured they had a better chance flipping coins than

playing us."

All-American was unbeatable in the divisional play as pitcher Jerry Staszel won all three decisions. The other victo-ry came by forfelt. All-American opened with a 15-2 win

ment.
"Pierce called 'heada,' it hit the
ground, I could see 'heada', but it
bounced over to 'taila,' " asid All-Amerlean's Dave Brubaker. "The weakest of
double and two RBI. Doug Kirkpatrick,

who had four RBI, cleared the bases with a triple and he added another hit. Bill Rowley and Craig Lee had two hits each. Lee added a pair of RBI.

All-American beat SAS 15-1 in the next game. Jim Dillon was 3-for-4 with three RBI. Plerce had two hita, includ-ing a home run, and four RBI. Kirkpa-trick and Sean Maloney also went 3-for-4 each. Kirkpatrick had a bomer and four RBI, while Maloney and Demillio (2-4) had an RBI each. (2-4) had an RBI each.

All-American beat Collision Special-ist 13-4.

Academics motivate MIAA gridders

This is not a school a football player would have put anywhere on his list.

Before.

What attracted Scott Myrand to Kalamazoo College? "It really didn't have much to do with football," the Livonia Franklin graduate snawered. He wanted enter medical school; a senior defensive tackle, he will graduate with a major in molecular biology. "Basically, the academics part of it," was how Tony Prey, an offensive lineman from Westland John Glenn, repiled to the same question. Prey is about to enter his sophomore year and is considering a major in psychology.

Now, both have found another reason to attend Ralamazoo. The Hornets have, for the past few decades, been near the bottom of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association. They last wen a title in 1963. The last time they had a winning season was 1983.

Winning a season.

Until last season, when Kalamazoo poated a 5-4 overall mark. The team's 2-3 MiAA record wasn't spectacular, but it got them out of the cellar. Now, with 15 starters back, the Hornets are looking for more. "Our goal is the same as everyone's in the command that is to win the championship," said coach Dave Warmack at Thursday's MiAA pre-season media meeting in Albion. "We are not content to lemproved. We want to win."

That's a different attitude for Kalamazoo. But attitudes and bold predictions don't win games; talend toos. And the Hornets are compiling it.

Glenn grad important

Much could depend on Prey, Rated the strongest of the Hornets, Prey stands 6-2 and welghs 276. At John Green center as a junior and center as a for more. "Our goal is the same as everyone's in the derne same as usually at tackle.

Now, he could be switched to guard — a position be redicted. "I'm really looking forward to this season." I know we have the talent to go undefeated." I'm really looking forward to this season. I know we have the talent to go undefeated." Having it and doing it, though, is the difference wouldn't satisfy Myrand. "Our goal is to better (last

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Glenn grad important

year's performance)," he said, "I think it would be a disappointment if we didn't."

Such play would elevate Kalamazoo into the con-tending class. Prey and Myrand believe they belong there. "I think we should have a chance to win it," Prey said confidently.

Myrand was more optimistic. "I think we have a great chance. With last year's performance, we wen just short of having an excellent season."

True enough. Kalamazoo lost its four games by a total of 14 points. On the other hand, the Hornets shut out perennial powerhouse Hope 14-0.

Albion favored

Now another hurdle must be cleared: Alhion, the three-time defending MIAA champ, "We've never beaten Albion since I've been here," said Myrand.

Nobody's beaten Albion much in the past few sea-sons, and it could be the same this year. The Britons have a strong nucleus returning, including all-MIAA quarterback Mike Montico.