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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Meg Mallon Golf Outing

Farmington Hills Mercy High School will have its Third Annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing on Monday, Aug. 16, at Edgewood Country Club in Union Lake.

Mallon, a 1981 graduate of Mercy and a champion on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour, will benefit her alma mater by returning for the day-long event which centers around golf and dinner.

The day begins with morning and afternoon golf tee times, includes breakfast and lunch and concludes with an awards dinner that evening. Diane Dietz, another Mercy alumna, will receive the Special Sports Achievement Award.

Donations for sponsored tees, tickets for golf and dinner (or just dinner) are available by calling 476-8922 or 476-3270.

Diamonds stay unbeaten

The Farmington Hills Diamonds maintained their lead in the Incredible Girls Fast-Pitch Softball League by winning another doubleheader Thursday.

The Diamonds routed the Canton Commanders 9-2 and 19-3 to boost their record to 12-0. The Diamonds finish the regular season with doubleheaders Tuesday and Thursday.

Melanie Cheney threw a two-hitter in the first game against Canton, striking out six and walking six.

Diamonds shortstop Allison Stein went 6-for-6 in the doubleheader to raise her league-leading batting average to .842. She is 16-for-19 overall and has "mastered the bunt," according to coach Dave Brubaker.

Kate Mackie and Jennifer Cassidy had two hits and two RBI apiece in the first game. One of Mackie's hits was a solo homer.

Becky Thurman pitched four innings of the five-inning nightcap to get the win. She allowed four hits, struck out five and walked one.

Renee Dolak hit a three-run homer, Stein scored four runs, and Mackie had four RBI with a bases-loaded double and a sacrifice fly. Mackie also scored a pair of runs, and Cassidy had two hits and crossed the plate twice.

The top hitters after Stein are Mackie (.412), Dolak (.409), Amy Korman (.385), Cheney (.385), Thurman (.348) and Wendy Roy (.339).

In another incredible game played Thursday, the Farmington Hills Majestics defeated the Livonia Lasers 8-4 and 13-5.

Heather Jonna pitched a three-hitter in the first game. Dana Dziekan won the second game, scattering five hits, striking out five and walking none.

Debbie Sobczak had three hits and scored four runs in the doubleheader. Lindsey Moeller two hits and three runs, Ellen Kozlowski three hits and two runs.

Jonna wins tennis title

Heather Jonna of Farmington Hills won the girls tennis singles championship in the Redford Junior Open and Adult Mixed Doubles Tournament July 18-19.

Jonna defeated Chrissy Kapusky of Northville in the under-17 final, 7-6 (7-5) and 6-3.

Vardar in soccer final

The Vardar III under-16 boys soccer team, representing Region II, reached the finals of the U.S. Youth Soccer Association Saturday after gaining a 3-1 semifinal victory Thursday over the Dallas Texans at the Cave Creek Complex in Phoenix, Ariz.

Plymouth Canton High's Jeff Filas scored for Vardar, while Northville's Brandon Meggio (Birmingham-Detroit Country Day) and St. Clair Shores' Dan Savich also tallied goals against the Region III representative.

Millford's Alex Garn (Country Day) was in goal for the winners.

Other members of Vardar III, coached by Mike Lupenes, include Livonia's Jeff Babinski and Dan Brody (both attend Country Day); Canton's Paul Dood, Doug Herriman and Mike Kley (all of Salem High); Farmington Hills' Justin Marshall (Country Day); Inkster's Brian Collier (Redford Catholic Central High); Millard's John Howard (Country Day); Novi's Fred Olson (Country Day); Ann Arbor's Steve Trammont (Pioneer High); Pontiac's Bryan Turpin (U-D Jesuit); and Jim Weber of Brighton.

Soccer camps at OCC

Oakland Community College will be the site for a summer youth soccer camp next month. Classes are available for the weeks of Aug. 2-6, 9-13 and 16-20.

The fees are \$90 for second through sixth graders, \$110 for seventh and eighth graders, and \$140 for goalkeepers. The camps are open to girls and boys. To register call instructor Kris Galsczyk at 683-3634.

All-American posts win

All-American Sports Center of Farmington Hills defeated the Insurance Exchange 6-1 Wednesday in the Plymouth Men's Modified Fast-Pitch Softball League.

Travelers deny NFWB league title



In a season-ending showdown pitting Connie Mack teams loaded with Observer & Eccentric area talent, the VFW Travelers defeated North Farmington-West Bloomfield I Friday in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation finale.

BY DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Aaron Scheffer overcame one bad inning Friday night to pitch the VFW Travelers to the Connie Mack championship in the Little Caesars Baseball Federation.

The Westland John Glenn ace pitched a complete game and didn't allow a hit outside of the third inning as VFW won the showdown 12-5 over visiting North Farmington-West Bloomfield I at Capitol Park in Redford.

The two-time champion Travelers were 12-1 after the win with one regular-season game to play Saturday against Kensington Valley. VFW could afford to lose that one and still win the tie-breaker over NFWB (12-2).

VFW earned a district tournament bye and automatic bid to the AABC regional in Battle Creek, as well as the top three draft picks from the LCBF teams not in post-season play.

"Little Caesars is one of the toughest leagues in the country," Travelers coach Dick Henry said. "This is the strongest it's been in five years, so winning it this year is kinda special."

Scheffer started well and entered the third inning with a 4-0 lead, but NFWB rallied to score five runs and have all five of its hits. VFW made two of its five errors in that inning.

Mark Rutherford's single scored the first run, but an outfield error allowed another to score. NFWB followed with Chris Ogden's RBI triple and RBI singles by John Heller and Jeff Ross.

"I think the defense fell apart, and that rattled (Scheffer) a bit," Henry said. "He settled down and came back to pitch a great ballgame. Aaron digs down and finds that little extra. The more pressure you put on him, the better he plays."

Scheffer, who struck out four and walked four, didn't allow another hit and got plenty of offensive support (nine hits) from his teammates.

Glenn teammate Bryan Besco crushed a two-run homer in the first inning, and Jeff Lance and Derek Besco finished the scoring with solo homers in the sixth.

"I thought we were ready to explode with the bats tonight," Henry said. "We were due and it came at the right time."

"We came back off a 12-day road trip, and the kids have been tired and not moving the bat."

"When they went up 5-4, I knew we were still coming back. It was our day and you could see it from the word go."

The Travelers (30-8) led 4-0 in the second when an outfield error allowed two runs to score on Scheffer's line drive down the third-base line.

VFW regrouped in the bottom of the third, scoring three runs to regain the lead (7-5). Brian Hicks ripped a two-run double and Dave Kapla added an RBI on a sacrifice fly.

The Travelers made it 10-5 in the fourth, scoring two runs on an infield error and another on Mark Watt's sacrifice fly. Lance, Derek Besco and Hicks had two hits each.

NFWB coach Jim Ferguson also gave Scheffer credit for a fine pitching performance and the VFW batters for their display.

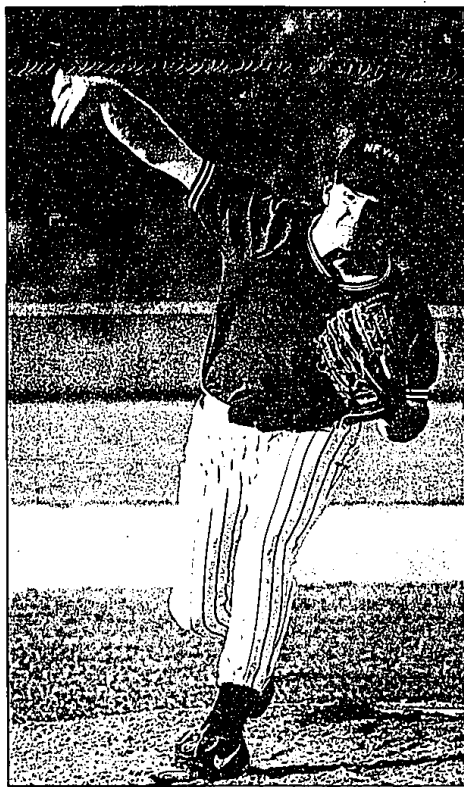
"(Scheffer) got a little wild and we got on him (in the third)," he said. "I've seen him pitch since he was 13. He's matured and become a very good pitcher. We average 11 runs a game and got five; what does that tell you?"

Dan Pydyn started and took the loss for NFWB (28-6). He allowed six runs and five hits and left after giving up the Hicks double in the third.

Pydyn and Ogden, who pitched the last four innings, combined for eight walks and that compounded the effect of VFW's hitting, Ferguson said.

NFWB also enters post-season play, most likely in the district tournaments at Jackson or Ypsilanti.

"I have no doubt we'll come back," Ferguson said. "In whatever district we go to, I think we'll come out of it. I think these kids will regroup."



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Mound control: Jason Farrell pitched a three-hit victory in NFWB's five-inning win over Tecumseh on Wednesday in Connie Mack baseball.

Connie Mack victories set up showdown

North Farmington-West Bloomfield I won a pair of lopsided baseball games last week to set the stage for its Connie Mack showdown with the VFW Travelers Friday.

The teams, each with one loss, played for the Little Caesars Baseball Federation regular-season championship at Capitol Park in Redford.

NFWB improved to 12-1 and stayed half a game ahead of VFW with a 15-1 rout of third-place and host Ann Arbor Thursday.

Mark Rutherford pitched a complete game for NFWB, allowing only four hits over seven innings. He struck out five and walked two.

NFWB batters produced 12 hits

and were led by John Heller, who was 3-for-4 with two doubles, a triple and six RBI. Dan Pydyn had two hits, including a two-run homer, and three RBI.

Doug Gaughan (solo homer) and Rutherford (two doubles) also had two hits and one RBI apiece. Mike Jehle, Chris Ogden, Jeff Ross and Marcus Sarnovsky chipped in one RBI each.

NFWB trounced Tecumseh of Ontario 11-1 in five innings Wednesday at West Bloomfield High School.

Tecumseh used three pitchers, and the first two were recently drafted by Major League teams. That didn't

stop NFWB from scoring six runs in the first inning and collecting nine hits total.

Pydyn hit a three-run double, Sarnovsky was 2-for-2 with three RBI and Gaughan had two hits and one RBI.

Heller contributed an RBI double while Jehle, Ross and Brian Kalczynski had RBI singles.

Jason Farrell pitched all five innings, holding Tecumseh to three hits and one walk while striking out five.

MICKY MANTLE

The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Micky Mantle team finished the regular season with a pair of losses

and was eliminated from post-season play.

After crushing Garden City 9-1 on Tuesday, NFWB lost 5-3 to Plymouth Salem on Wednesday and 7-2 to Redford on Thursday.

Mark Cantor was the winning pitcher against Garden City and helped his cause with two hits and three RBI. He pitched a three-hitter, struck out 10 and walked four in seven innings.

Ben Moller had a two-run single, and Jeff Light and Darin Glasser had one hit and scored two runs apiece. Jamie Schroeder was 3-for-4 in the Salem game.

Founders Festival race



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Top runners: Mike Lasley (left) and Ben Goba were the top runners in the Founders Festival race. Lasley was first overall and Goba second. See details on Page 2C.

Oakland CC brings in new cage talent

BY C.J. RISAK
STAFF WRITER

Rearm and rerun.

That's the general idea at Oakland Community College, anyway. The men's basketball program keeps chugging along, replacing stars of the past with a new batch of 6-foot-5 quicksters.

Coch Lyn Reed's biggest problem every year seems to be finding the right combination.

After hearing him list his recruits for the '93-94 campaign, the feeling once again is the talent is there to make a run at the Eastern Conference championship — and maybe go a bit further.

There are losses, to be sure. Gone are 6-6 forward Myron Banks (to NCAA Division I Buffalo), 5-10 point guard Kevin Woodmore (to Siena Heights), 6-7 forward Bill Knight (to Ferris State) and 6-2 guard Troy Coleman (still looking).

Returning, there's some firepower in 6-11 shooter Craig Martin, 6-3 swingman Willie Payne, 6-5 forward Mark Galbraith and 6-4 forward Randy Hicks. Then there's Will Marcoux,

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a 6-6 forward from Redford Catholic Central, and Curtis Long, a 5-2 super-quick guard, both of whom sat out last year.

So much for the known quantities. What's new? What has Reed added? Is there anything that could push the Raiders beyond their 15-14 record of last season?

Not surprisingly, the prospects are plenty. Among the most promising: 6-9 Perry Elliott, from Detroit, a talent who has displayed "phenomenal improvement." He must make his grades in summer school to be eligible, however.

Then there's Troy Daniels, a 5-10 point guard from California. "He's a tough kid, a good player," said Reed.

Also Troy McNeil, a 6-7, 230-pounder who graduated from Troy High School two years ago but hasn't been playing. "I think he's a late bloomer," Reed said. McNeil is bringing someone with him: his cousin, Mike

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