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Angels select Young

Kevin Young, former Farmington High and Central Michigan University baseball star, was chosen by the California Angels in the ninth round of the amateur draft last week.

Young, a CMU junior, plans to sign with the Angels and is expected to be assigned to their Class A farm team at Boise, Idaho, according to Farmington High coach Kevin Kamsman.

Young led the Mid-American Conference in batting average, home runs and RBI this season and was named its player of the year. He helped lead CMU to the conference title while hitting .415 with 15 homers and 63 RBI in 53 games.

Cavagnol student-athlete

Rob Cavagnol, a 1992 graduate of Farmington High School, is continuing his athletic and academic careers at Kalamazoo College.

Cavagnol is an outside linebacker on the Kalamazoo football team that finished second in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association last year with a 7-2 record. He is expected to see a lot of playing time next fall as a junior.

As part of the college's career development program, students spend time working in their prospective occupational fields.

Cavagnol, who is studying biochemistry, received a grant for an immunology research assistantship at the Michigan Cancer Foundation. He is studying the human body's T-Cell and B-Cell response to the antigenic stimulation by breast tumor cancer cells.

In January, Cavagnol and 14 other students will spend the winter and spring quarters in Ecuador, studying environmental biology. They will spend several weeks on the Galapagos Islands, working with scientists from around the world.

After graduation, Cavagnol hopes to attend Wayne State University Medical School and wants to practice sports medicine and orthopedic surgery.

As a senior at Farmington, Cavagnol was honored as the football team's most valuable lineman and co-most valuable player of 1991.

He also won the 189-pound title at the first Observerland wrestling tournament and posted a 23-5 senior record at that weight despite weighing only 162 pounds.

Area trio on Neon roster

The Detroit Neon of the Continental Indoor Soccer League, opened its season Friday against Portland Pride with three area players on its roster including Redford Catholic Central High products Brian Thiel (Valparaiso University) and Steve McCaul (Michigan State), along with Livonia Stevenson grad Derek Willford (Oakland University).

All three players hail from Livonia. Willford is a 5-foot-7, 140-pound defender. McCaul is a 5-9, 160-pound defender. Thiel is a 6-1, 185-pound midfielder.

Neon's roster also includes forward Drago, who resides in Farmington, and midfielder Tim Richey of Southfield.

Detroit Neon plays its home games at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Vardar wins 3 titles

The Vardar III Soccer Club, featuring several area players, came away with three area Michigan Youth Soccer Association Cup boys titles recently.

The under-19 squad won for the fourth straight year by downing the '75 Michigan Wolves in the finals, June 4 in Brighton, 3-1.

Members of the squad, headed for the Region tournament June 24 in Rockford, Ill., include: Kai Kalluszewski, Jeff Thomas and Scott Lamphar, Livonia; Tom Baker, John Truskowski and Owen Crosby, Plymouth; Tino Sciduna, Redford; Mike Wdowiak, Canton; Mike Giese, Farmington; Tim Blackwell, Southfield; Adam Hunter, Bloomfield Hills; Tony Jones, Caledon; Scott Rooney, Mike Schroeder, Jim Van Houten and Andy Vandenover.

May 22 at Firefighter's Park in Troy, the under-17 squad, coached by Mike Lupencic, beat the Capital Area Thunderbolts, 12-0, to earn spot in Rockford regional.

Members of the team include Jeff Babinski, Livonia; Mike Kley, Plymouth; Justin Marshall, Farmington; Jeff Piles, Canton; Matt Weir, Troy; Jeremy Aldrich, Jeff Atkin, Dan Brody, Brian Collier (Redford Catholic Central High), Mo El-Mohammed, Jeremy Harkins, Jason Howard, Brandon Moggio, Dan Savich, Steve Trammontin and Bryan Turpin.

Also, the under-16 team defeated the '78 Michigan Wolves, 2-0, to advance into the regional.

Also headed for Rockford are Scott Lamphar, Steve Williford and Todd Smith, all of Livonia; Jeremy Billings, Plymouth; Jon Schack, Farmington; Chris Charbonneau, Troy; Ben Upward, Birmingham; Adam Ware, Southfield; Jason Dover, Marko Jovanovic, T.J. Lackefelt, Larry Mercier, Chris Piazza, Nick Stocki and Ryan Wells.

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Regional action: Harrison senior shortstop Amanda Ault fields a ground ball that led to one of her four assists Saturday. Adams won the game, 6-4.

JOHN STORMAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Hawks go down fighting

The most successful softball season in Farmington Hills Harrison history ended Saturday with a 6-4 loss to Rochester Adams in regional play.

By DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Hills Harrison won 26 softball games with an aggressive style, and the Hawks were true to the end in that regard.

Harrison's season ended Saturday with the tying run in the seventh inning of a 5-4 regional tournament loss to Rochester Adams.

The Hawks had the bases full with two outs when Holly Foster tried to score on a passed ball. But Adams catcher Anne Borowski got the carom off the backstop and relayed to pitcher Jamie Fawinski for the putout.

"We went down the way we played the whole year," Harrison coach Mike Teschman said. "If we're going to lose 6-4, I'd rather lose like that than someone taking a third strike."

On such a close play, there was some question whether Fawinski had dropped the ball or tagged Foster. Teschman wasn't among the second-guessers, however.

"Umpires are part of the game," he said. "The thing we do is play aggressively."

"That's what got us 26; we might as well try to get 27. (Foster) was told if she sees white (home plate) she goes."

Adams (34-0) later won the regional title with a 15-9 defeat of Birmingham Marian and will play Grosse Pointe South at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in a Class A quarterfinal game at Warren Woods-Tower High School.

After being frustrated early in the game, the Hawks (26-6) rallied in the last two innings to make the game close and the conclusion exciting.

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Warriors capture regional championship

By BILL PARKER
STAFF WRITER

It's only been two years since the Birmingham Brother Rice baseball team won the Class A state championship, and now the Warriors are just three games away from achieving that goal once more.

Rice advanced to the Class A quarterfinals by winning a regional championship Saturday at Royal Oak Memorial Park. Rice (28-3) meets Warren Mott in Tuesday at Warren Woods-Tower.

The Warriors clinched the regional with an 11-1 victory over Greater Oakland Activities League champion Lake Orion in the championship game. Rice earned a narrow 4-3 triumph over Walled Lake Central in the semis. Lake Orion beat Farmington Harrison 6-2 in the other semifinal.

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The sophomore pitched a shutout through six innings, limiting Orion to just two hits, fanning three and walking none. Orion (19-10) scored its lone run in the bottom of the seventh off sophomore reliever Angelo Palazeti.

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in a run with a bases-loaded walk.

"Our kids came out with a little fire," Kalczyński said. "We were very aggressive and forced them to make a couple mistakes in the first inning. It felt good to get out fast and take the pressure off."

Senior third baseman Jamey Palazeti paced Rice's 10-hit attack with two hits and an RBI. Senior Brian Kalczyński and freshman David Mathews each had a hit and an RBI, and sophomore Ernie Young drove in Rice's final run with a sacrifice fly.

RICE 4, CENTRAL 3: The Warriors dodged a bullet in the semifinals as they overcame a 2-0 deficit with four runs in the top of the sixth.

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Shamrocks succumb in tourney finale

By STEVE KOWALEKI
STAFF WRITER

Southgate Anderson won't get a rematch with Westland John Glenn, but the Titans are headed to the Class A state baseball quarterfinals nonetheless.

Anderson's beefy senior ace left-hander, Tom Iljevski, threw a three-hitter, leading the Titans to a 6-0 victory Saturday over Redford Catholic Central in the regional final at Temperance-Bedford.

Anderson faces Saline in Tuesday's quarterfinal game at Gibraltar Carlson. Anderson, which lost to Glenn 10-1 in last year's quarterfinal, advances with a 26-9 overall record.

CC finishes 25-9 overall.

"We're a much better prepared team than last year," Anderson coach Scott Fawcett said. "We're a very hot team right now. If we don't have a major breakdown, I don't see anyone beating us. One through nine we hit."

The Titans advanced to the final after their No. 3 pitcher, Tony Vigilanti, threw a no-hitter in an 18-0

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win over Detroit Southwestern in the semifinal.

The Shamrocks reached the finals with a more demanding 3-2 semifinal win over Bedford, sparked by a two-run home run by sophomore Chris Misiak and a five-hit performance by senior ace Dave Susalla.

Anderson gave Iljevski a 4-0 lead after the first inning. CC senior Andy Blankster reached third after a single, stolen base and wild pitch in the second inning, but the Shamrocks reached second base only two more times. Iljevski struck out nine.

"I thought he'd get tired at the end, as hot as it was, but every time we got anything going he was tough," CC coach John Belter said.

Anderson wasted no time in the final, scoring four runs on three hits and a hit batter in the first inning against CC's starting and losing pitcher, Andy Kummer.

With one out, Anderson's cleanup batter Bill

Fall stroked a two-run double off the fence for a 2-0 lead.

The next batter, Gary Cerroni, sent Kummer's delivery over the scoreboard in left field for a two-run homer and a 4-0 lead.

The Titans added single runs in the second and fourth and finished with seven hits against Kummer, who recorded five strikeouts and walked two.

"He kind of has a history of slow starts and then getting stronger," Belter said of Kummer. "Give their pitcher credit. He pitched a good game."

Steve Gots scored the fifth Anderson run after reaching base on a single with two outs in the fifth. Gots stole two bases, coming home when the throw to third sailed into left field.

Copeland led off the fourth with a double, was sacrificed to third and came home on a wild pitch to make the score 6-0.

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