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Fantastics sweep games

A lina Heikinen pitched a one-hitter in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday as the Farmington Fantastics defeated the Northville Neon 22-5 in the Incredible Girls Fast-Pitch Softball League.

Kristin Siskosky, Maureen Carolan, Karen Moore and Dorine McLean scored three runs each in the five-inning game and Dina Aon, Heikinen (who struck out seven) and Sara Fluter two apiece. Siskosky and Aon also had two hits each.

The Fantastics won the nightcap 13-5 as Carolan tossed a four-hitter. Siskosky again had two hits as did Heikinen.

The Farmington Hills Diamonds split a doubleheader with the visiting Westland Astros, winning 10-4 and losing 11-9.

Kathy Collins pitched a three-hitter in the first game, striking out 10 and walking three.

Wendy Roy had two hits, scored three runs and had two RBI. Renee Dolak and Korinne Bayer also had two RBI each, Kelly Brannack two hits and one RBI.

Dolak had two hits and two RBI in the second game, and Katy Devereux scored two runs and had two RBI. Mickey Spitz (the losing pitcher), Roy and Lindsey Wood added one RBI each.

Celebrity golf

A ll sorts of big names will be on hand when the Kmart Van Patrick Memorial Invitational, for the benefit of the Henry Ford Healthy System, comes to Dearborn Country Club and TPC of Michigan Monday, Aug. 1.

The event is open to the public. Free gallery tickets may be obtained at local Kmart stores.

Among those participating are Steve Garvey, former Los Angeles Dodger first baseman, Jeff Daniels, movie star (including a starring role in "Gettysburg") and Michigan native; and others like Fuzzy Zoeller, Dave Hill, Johnny Miller, George Archer, Leslie Nielson, Gil Gerard, Chad Everett, Joel Murray, Scott Hamilton, Brad Faxon and Steve Lundquist.

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Cobras aiming for big finish

The 13-year-old Cobras of the North Farmington-West Bloomfield organization are undefeated in league play and having another successful summer campaign.

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So it was no surprise that the Cobras hammered the Michigan Merchants 12-0 Monday at Pioneer Park in Farmington Hills. The win left the Cobras in the driver's seat in the Michigan Baseball Federation League with a 13-0 league record.

"I don't want to talk about clinching anything yet," explained Cobras coach Bob Sopo, who added, "we still have three league games left."

But with three games remaining, including last night's game at Northville, the Cobras have already assured themselves of a berth in the state tournament July 21-24 at Northville. The winner of the state tournament earns a berth in the Federation World Series later this summer in Oklahoma.

And a trip to Oklahoma certainly isn't out of the question, although the competition will be tough.

"This team has been playing together and winning for the past four years," said Cobras assistant Van Miller. "The first two years they played in the house league and tournaments and won a district championship both years. Last year they went 17-3, won four tournaments and went to the sub regionals, which is



Dan Dean/Staff Photographer
Dandy defense: Mike Sopo of Farmington Hills turns a double play for the NFWB Cobras during their 12-0 win over the Michigan Merchants Monday.

just two steps away from the World Series."

The surprising thing is that there are no super stars on the Cobras squad. Every win is a team effort.

"I think versatility is our strength," explained Sopo. "We have a very deep pitching staff and use a minimum of three pitchers each game."

"We also have great hitting, but no real stars on the team. One guy comes through one game and someone else comes through the next. They pick each other up and support each other. It's really a great bunch of kids."

On Monday, the Cobras used three pitchers to shut out the Merchants, who are based in Allen Park.

David Lusky started the game and allowed just one hit through the first four innings. Mike Gleason pitched one-hit ball through the next two innings, and Mike Sopo closed out the seventh inning without allowing a hit.

The Cobras picked up three more runs in the bottom of the sixth to secure the win.

Barons place 2nd at invite

If there was one constant for the South Farmington Barons in the Mayor's Invitational last weekend, it was the hitting of Mike Daguanno.

He had at least two hits in four of seven games, finishing with a total of 10 hits and nine RBI to help the Barons earn runner-up honors in their division.

Daguanno had accumulated 34 RBI in 28 games as of Sunday and was hitting .485 at the start of the week.

In one of four eight-team pools in the Mickey Mantle tournament, the Barons were second with a 5-1 record but lost the championship game to the Sterling Heights Sox, 5-2.

The game was tied at two runs apiece until the East Siders scored three times in the top of the seventh inning.

"We played one inning too many that weekend," South Farmington coach Dick Miller said. "It was the first time we fell apart."

The Barons managed only two hits in the final — a pair of RBI singles by Daguanno and Garett Burch. Nick Letra pitched a complete game, allowing six hits, two walks and two earned runs.

South Farmington clinched second place in the pool standings with a sixth-game victory over NFWB, 12-2. The Barons and Fort Wayne (Ind.) finished 5-1, but South Farmington won the tiebreaker by virtue of an earlier

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12-0 defeat of Fort Wayne.

"It was a long tournament and the first time we've traveled," Miller said. "In a tournament like this, when you don't play every body and games are washed out, you don't know where you're going to be (in the standings)."

Joe Kalcynski pitched a two-hitter against NFWB, going the full seven innings, striking out five and walking two.

Burch, Daguanno and Kalcynski had two hits apiece. Marty Wilk, Burch and Kalcynski also had two RBI each and Daguanno one.

In the opener against Fort Wayne, Wilk hit a three-run homer Friday, and Burch had two hits and two RBI. Angelo Palazzetti, Ryan McGrath and Marino Fortuna combined for a one-hitter.

In a game delayed Friday because of rain and concluded Saturday, Sterling Heights beat the Barons 7-3. Phil Martin, who hit a two-run homer, and Daguanno had two hits each.

Before that game was finished, South Farmington won 5-3 over the Grosse Pointe Redbirds, who are coached by former Detroit Tiger Dave Bergman.

The Barons led 5-0 going into the bottom of the seventh. The Redbirds had the bases loaded with two outs when Kalcynski,

who was catching in this game, picked off the runner at second to end the game.

The next two games resulted in five-inning marathons — 15-2 over Battle Creek D'Elegant and 12-3 over the Bloomfield Hurricanes.

Daguanno had his best game against D'Elegant, going 4-for-4 with a three-run homer and five RBI. Burch added two hits and two RBI, and Fortuna retired nine straight batters to become the winning pitcher.

Daguanno had two hits and two RBI in the game with Bloomfield, which issued 10 walks to the Barons. Dennis Manning, Burch and Kalcynski combined pitching efforts.

In the Little Caesars Baseball Federation, the Barons merited host Plymouth Salem 16-3 Tuesday and the visiting Detroit Eagles 15-1 Monday.

It was Dan McLaughlin's turn to shine at the plate Tuesday, going 4-for-4 with five RBI. Kalcynski had two hits, including a solo homer, and two RBI. Todd Miller two hits and one RBI.

Burch and Mike Daguanno had one hit apiece but combined for five RBI. Burch hit a two-run single and drew a bases-loaded walk; Daguanno's contribution was a two-run double.

McGrath pitched three scoreless innings, retiring nine of 10.

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Wolves, Hawks win Wolverine titles

Seventeen champions were crowned at last weekend's XV Ford-Wolverine Soccer Tournament at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

The 131-team field included entrants from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ontario. Out-of-state teams had the big influence, winning seven of 17 divisions.

Local teams made their mark as well.

The '82 Michigan Wolves, based in Livonia and coached by Don Gemmell, won the boys Under-12 competitive division with a 1-0 victory over the Fraser Strikers in the final.

The Michigan Wolves, based in Livonia and coached by Neil Neal, won the Under-19 boys competitive, taking Club Ohio Dynamo 18

from Columbus, Oh., 3-1 in the final.

The Michigan Hawks, of Livonia and coached by Paul Dugan, beat the Livonia Youth Soccer Club United, coached by John Boots, 3-0 in the final of the Under-18 girls competitive.

Paul Scielone's Michigan Hawks '76 team defeated LYSC United '77 coached by Pat McCall in the championship game, 3-2.

LYSC United, which fell behind 2-0 early, played without starting goalkeeper Lindsay Bryant, who broke two fingers at the regional. Also out of the lineup were Lenay Trueman (Livonia Franklin), Heather Richards (Farmington Mercy) and Emily Lawrence, all of whom have knee

injuries.

Margaret Wirth (Mercy) shared goalkeeping duties with Janessa Vartanian.

Wirth also played up front, scoring a goal. Angie Snyder had the other LYSC United goal.

In the boys 15-under final, the LYSC Wings lost to Club Ohio Dynamo 3-1 in two overtimes.

LYSC led 1-0 after a goal by Chris White of Livonia but Ohio tied the score in the last six minutes, then scored two in the overtime periods.

The Canton Flames Under-12 girls team, meanwhile, lost in the final to Xenia, Ohio, 1-0. The Flames, who outscored their opponents 19-2 before the final, were led by Anne Morrell and Mandy Lenta.

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