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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Girls soccer champion

Outgoing World Cup champion Brazil by one, the Michigan Hawks '80, an under-16 girls team sponsored by the Livonia Family Y, won a pair of shootouts last weekend en route to the Portage Invitational title.

The Hawks, coached by Paul Dugan, beat the Spirit of Barrie (Ontario) in the championship 3-2 on penalty kicks. In the semifinals, the Hawks and the Columbus (Ohio) Soccer Association Express '78 battled to a 1-1 draw, but the Hawks won the shootout, 5-3.

Jenny Barker, an incoming freshman at Livonia Stevenson, came up with some key saves in the extra sessions. She shared the tourney goalkeeping duties with Northville's Megan Caudillo.

Rounding out the Hawk roster: Shannon Buckler, Allison Campbell and Leah McGrath, all of Livonia; Mia Sarkesian and Missy Simons, both of Canton; Tiffany Okopny, Farmington; Allyson Brodie and Allison Backley, both of Birmingham; Lisa Fernandez, West Bloomfield; Jackie Rompel, Northville; Sue Desmond, South Lyon; Laurin Hendrickson, Commerce Township; Katie Spicer, Grosse Pointe; Felicia Formos and Nicole LePine, both of Brighton.

The assistant coach is former Farmington High School star Amy Trunk. The manager is Barb Sarkesian.

Adult baseball camps

The Detroit Tigers will conduct their Field of Dreams adult baseball camps Aug. 20-21. Men and women, ages 21 and older, are invited to participate in the two-day camp, which features batting practice, infield and outfield workouts, baseball games, a tour of the locker room and a chance to meet Tiger front office personnel.

The cost is \$599 per person (includes meals and parking). For more information, call 962-4000. Space is limited.

Anyone wanting to submit information should write to Farmington sports editor Dan O'Meara at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150, call 953-2141 or fax to 591-7279.

Barons sit atop league

In a game pitting two of the better Mickey Mantle baseball teams, the South Farmington Barons extended their win streak to 10 games with a 4-0 victory Monday.

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The South Farmington Barons showed what a well-rounded team they are Monday in defeating Trenton 4-0 at Farmington High School.

It was an important victory for the Barons, who tightened their hold on first place in the Mickey Mantle Division of the Little Caesars Baseball Federation.

South Farmington improved to 15-2 as Trenton dropped to 12-4. The Barons, who won their third tournament last weekend, are 33-5 overall and assured of a post-season playoff berth.

The Barons outplayed Trenton in every regard but especially pitching as Angelo Palazeti tossed a four-hitter.

"I think he pitched a great game," Barons coach Dick Miller said. "He got behind on a few batters, which we don't like to see because we have a good defense and want to let them make the plays. But he kept battling

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'Pitching ace': The pitching of left-hander Angelo Palazeti played an important role in the South Farmington game Monday.

Sox, Rockies chase titles

The South Farmington Sox, a 14-year-old Sandy Koufax baseball team, won a playoff berth in its premiere season in the Little Caesars Open Division.

The Sox earned a spot in the National Amateur Baseball Federation regional at Madisonville University in Livonia this weekend.

Garden City, the Toledo Trojans, Detroit Renaissance and teams from St. Louis (Mo.) and the Macomb Federation are the other entries who begin play Friday. The winner advances to the World Series in Miamisburg, Ohio, next weekend.

The Sox started the week of July 11-16 with a 1-0 loss to the Bloomfield Bulls No. 2 despite a four-hitter by Sox pitcher Mike Volatin. South Farmington was limited to three hits and four walks.

South Farmington responded with a 12-1 victory July 14 over Northville behind the five-hit pitching of Ron Rospierski. Zach Cornwell, who broke the game open with a grand slam, Tim Hatch and Volatin had two hits apiece, and Nick Falvo scored

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three runs for the Sox.

Cornwell just missed pitching a no-hitter on Saturday against the Bulls No. 1 team, allowing only one single in the sixth inning of a 12-0 victory.

Striking out 15 and walking only three, Cornwell was supported by a Sox offense paced by Chris Bezak, Volatin, Tom Judd and Matt Danocher.

"Pitching has always been a strong part of this team, with offense taking a seat in the back," Sox manager Larry Rospierski said. "But this week the defense finally boomed and the bats finally came out."

Nine of the 11 batters collected a hit, including Brenan Conley, and Brandon Teddy started a four-run seventh with a leadoff walk. Bezak, Volatin and Rospierski also had two RBI apiece.

"This team is playing on all cylinders now and should be ready for playoff baseball," Rospierski said. "We'll have to fine tune a few rough spots and

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Larry Rospierski
Sox manager

change a little strategy, but the guys are mentally ready for this weekend."

ROCKIES KEEP CLIMBING The South Farmington Rockies are playing in the Colt state tournament today and Friday in Grand Ledge, following their first-place finish in the Garden City district last weekend.

The Rockies, who were 13-0 in the Inter-City Colt League, routed Waterford 10-4 in the district championship game.

Paul Mitchell, Judah May, Chuck Archambault, Chris Pless, Kyle Vessel, Wes Cornwell, Justin Fisher, John Lessey and Jayson Dillard contributed to the offense with a combination of hits, sacrifices and runs.

On the mound, Tony Halsey started and was effective in three innings of work. Cornwell pitched three scoreless

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Post 346 pursues playoffs

Farmington Post 346 was still in the running for a post-season playoff berth Monday after defeating host Auburn Hills 9-2.

As the regular season heads to a close, Farmington is third with a 16-8 record in the American Legion standings behind co-leaders Berkley and Ferndale, both of whom are 18-3.

The top three teams will compete in an American Legion zone tournament.

Aaron Cagnon's three-run homer in the fourth inning broke open a close game and gave Post 346 a 5-1 lead Monday.

The ball cleared the right-center field fence and hit the hood of a car in the parking lot, adding to the two scoreboard lights Cagnon lit up while playing for Wayne Memorial in the spring.

Jim Rose had three hits, and Cagnon, John Wroe, Dale Domas, Bryon Groom and Matt Wolf had two apiece. All had at least one RBI, with Wroe getting two. Rose, Cagnon and Wolf also scored two runs each.

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Ron Salomonson was the winning pitcher in relief, working the last 4 1/2 innings. Jake Lewson pitched the first 2 1/2, while Salomonson played shortstop until Wolf arrived from work. Both pitchers allowed three hits and one run.

The win kept Farmington in the playoff picture after it split a doubleheader Saturday with Watling Troy and lost two Sunday to Chief Pontiac.

Lewson pitched the last 2 1/2 innings and retired eight straight batters in the second Troy game, which Post 346 won 9-4.

Farmington broke a 5-6 tie with two sixth-inning runs on consecutive doubles by Groom, Rose and Cagnon.

Rose and Dale Domas had two hits and scored two runs each. Wroe also had two hits and two RBIs. Domas and Joe Harmon one each.

Wroe was the starting pitcher and managed to stay in the game after being hit in the side of the face by a first-inning line drive, moving to center field after that. Harmon pitched the next four innings before giving way to Lewson.

Troy won the first 12-6, scoring nine runs off Mike Samolin in the first two innings. Farmington was 3-for-4 with two triples and had three RBI. Domas and Joe Pasci had one RBI each.

Farmington forfeited the first game of a Sunday set to Chief Pontiac because it was one player short of the nine minimum. Post 346 lost the second 14-6. Salomonson had two hits and Domas an RBI single. Kennedy was the losing pitcher.

Post 346 manager Wally Christensen guided the North team to a 10-2 victory in the American Legion all-star game Saturday night. Salomonson was the winning pitcher, and Pasci contributed a two-run double to the win.

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