

# SPORTS

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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Return of the King

**E**ddie Feigner, the still-reigning king of the softball world, makes a return trip to the area Saturday when he and his four-man team, known as the King and his Court, come to Westland John Glenn for a game to benefit the Rockets' softball team at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

The game will be played on the John Glenn football field. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children 14 and under. This will be Feigner's first trip through this part of the area in five years, and it marks the 50th year of Feigner's "road trip."

In that span, the 70-year-old master of trickery has pitched over 11,000 games and shows, has recorded more than 138,000 strikeouts (10,000 while blindfolded) and has won more than 8,000 games.

He manages this with just three teammates, while competing against a nine-player team.

In the past, his pitches were reportedly clocked at 100 mph; he claims he can still reach the 90s.

### Engel has fastest car

**D**an Engel of Farmington Hills was the Sportsman Class winner Sunday in the Super Ford Extravaganza at Milan International Dragway.

Driving a 1972 Mach 1, Engel had an elapsed time of 12.297 seconds and reached a speed of 105.18 miles per hour, besting Mark Detrick in a 1967 Mustang.

Paul Hahn of Farmington Hills was fourth in the ARCA Street Stock driver standings as of July 10 with 2,000 points. Dan Ford Jr. of Carleton was the leader with 2,215.

The next event is The Great Northern Challenge, part of the ESPN World Series of professional off-road racing, July 22-23. Call (313) 655-0359 for ticket information.

### Finesse girls place 2nd

**I**t was quite a warmup for the Finesse softball. Playing in 90-plus degree weather over the weekend, the 12-and-under girls slow-pitch team finished runner-up in the USSSA state tournament at Liberty Park in Sterling Heights.

Finesse, coached by Jon Tonner, Chuck Say and Jennifer Smith, left Wednesday for the USSSA World Tournament today through Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

Members of Finesse include Sabrina Chichosa, Anne Roosevelt, Maria Jilian, Amy Pilling, Stephanie Crews, Sarah Crews, Andrea Spencer, Julie Stoll, Angie Baker, Lauren Monterrey, LeAnne Mayle, Jennifer Klesmann, Abby Massey, Allison Tinswell and Mary King.

### Sand volleyball action

**S**and volleyball tournaments are planned for Saturday and Sunday at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, which is located on Evergreen between Michigan and Ford roads.

On Saturday, there will be two-person men's and two-person co-ed teams competing. On Sunday, the tournaments will be for four-person men's and four-person co-ed teams.

The format is round robin, followed by a single-elimination tournament. Each team is guaranteed a minimum of six games.

The cost is \$25 for two-person teams and \$35 for four-person teams. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Friday. For information call (313) 583-5671.

### Connors, Borg lead field

**J**immy Connors and Bjorn Borg will be the top attractions at the Monticent Champions tournament at The Fairlane Club in Dearborn July 27-31.

Connors will pair with Eddie Dibbs to take on Borg and Andre Gomez in a doubles match to open the tournament at 7 p.m. July 27. Both will also play in the singles tournament, with Connors meeting the winner of the Mel Purcell-Peter Fleming match and Borg taking on the John Lloyd-Mansour Bahrami winner on Saturday.

Others in the 12-man singles tournament are Roscoe Tanner, Guillermo Vilas, Johan Kriek and Jose-Luis Clerc, as well as Dibbs and Gomez.

The semifinals are scheduled for 1 and 7 p.m. Sunday, July 30; the championship will be 7 p.m. Monday, July 31.

For more information, call (313) 436-3007.

### Cleary College scramble

**C**leary College, a college of business with campuses in Ypsilanti and Howell, will present its second annual Cleary Classic, which will include the "Drive for the Chrysler" hole-in-one contest, on Monday, Aug. 21, at Travis Pointe Country Club in Ann Arbor.

Registration for the golf outing is restricted to 164 amateurs, at a cost of \$120 each.

Also featured will be the Cleary Classic Fantasy Gateway Raffle, in which two winners will each collect airfare for two for a three-night, four-day trip to one of 50 locations in the U.S. Raffle tickets are \$10 apiece, three for \$25. For information call (800) 496-1883, ext. 3354.

### Founders Fest race winners



**Top times:** The fastest times in the annual Founders Festival road runs Saturday belonged to Mike Lasley of Farmington and Nancy Schubring of Novi. Lasley, a city of Farmington employee, won the men's open division again in 21:02, and Schubring was first in the women's open race with a 23:59 time. Seventy-nine men and women participated in the four-mile race, which began and ended at City Park. The event was sponsored by F.A.S.T., Farmington Hills Recreation Division and Farmington Area YMCA. See Page 2C for complete results.



## Braves advance with district title

The NFWB Braves won a district baseball championship Sunday with a come-from-behind effort against South Farmington in the Pony League Mustang Division.

The Braves overcame deficits of 4-0 and 6-4 to win the 9-10 age-group championship game at Garden City, 7-6.

NFWB reached the final by defeating the host team 12-2 on Friday and South Farmington 7-6 on Saturday.

The Braves also lost 10-9 to South Farmington in the second of their three tournament matches.

Ben Darga led the NFWB pitching effort by giving up just one earned run, no walks and four hits in seven innings over three games. Darga won the first game against Garden City.

Kyle Flanbaum got the victory in the first South Farmington game, and Kevin Lamb was the winner in the championship game with Darga getting a save.

Matt Waskerwitz led the NFWB

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hitters with a .533 tournament average. Matt Richard batted .500. Matt Peiry .416 and Flanbaum .385.

Matt Clark, Evan Rodriguez and Andy Stanis got key hits in the NFWB victories. Rodriguez and Stanis batted over .300. Waskerwitz knocked in six runs and Peiry five. Tony Rea, Jeff Marx, Ryan Ellis and John Gasdecki also contributed to the NFWB effort.

The Braves, who are 15-2 overall in tournament play, are coached by Terry Lamb, former Detroit Tiger Dan Peiry and Randy Rodriguez.

Behind 4-0 in the second inning of the championship game, NFWB began its rally with a Richard double. Rea reached first on an error, scoring Richard.

Rea scored on a Rodriguez triple, Rodriguez on a fielder's choice off the

bat of Ellis and Ellis on a double by Flanbaum.

After the Braves fell behind again 5-4, Clark hit a game-tying double and scored to put NFWB ahead for good.

### Blues win four more

The 14-year-old South Farmington Blues extended their Little Caesars record to 19-1 with victories over Commerce (15-5), Windsor (14-2) and the North Farmington Bulls (13-4 and 16-5).

The Blues won their age division in the Battle Creek tournament last weekend with a 5-1-1 record, beating teams from Cleveland, Dearborn, Illinois and Battle Creek.

Despite the heat, which resulted in abbreviated, five-inning games, the Blues remained cool and won the championship game 7-3 over Midland-Hayden from Cleveland.

The Blues had strong pitching throughout the weekend from Evan

Feldman, Anthony Tomey, Brent Zak, Steve Jackson and Charlie Avery.

Feldman pitched the championship game, Tomey tossed a three-hitter with nine strikeouts and Avery threw a 5-0 shutout against the Dearborn Crestwood Braves.

Zak, Sean Quay, Jackson, Blake Ashley, Jon Marchel and Robert Wittenberg were outstanding in the field for South Farmington.

Ashley doubled up a runner at third with a perfect throw to Marchel, and Wittenberg made two diving catches in left field.

The Blues also had their share of big hits, including an inside-the-park home run by Zak and triples from Brenden Elue, Ryan Kravets and Feldman.

### Winning streak grows

The 16-year-old South Farmington

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### King of the court



**Tennis champ:** Francisco Amaya of Farmington Hills won the men's singles title in the annual Founders Festival tennis tournament. See results on Page 2C.

## Baseball fans hear Harwell make call

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The familiar voice had those soothing resonant rings to it: "Hi everybody. We're coming to you on a hot, muggy, July afternoon."

"There's the wind-up, and the pitch... it's headed towards the short, right-field porch... it's LOOKING GONE!"

"Juan Samuel and Chris Gomez told me about this guy. They think he's an up-and-coming rookie."

Ernie Harwell broadcasting from the corner of Michigan and Trumbull.

Nope, Ernie Harwell live from the parking lot of Tuffy Muller in Birmingham.

Youngsters and the young-at-heart received the thrill of a lifetime July 13.

As part of his promotional duties with Tuffy Muller, Harwell was at the Birmingham location fulfilling a fantasy "Field-of-Dreams" broadcast.

Donning a black headset, Harwell was at the microphone doing play-by-play while patrons shuffled one-by-one through a make-shift batting cage for a chance to hear the Hall-of-Fame announcer call their performances.

Harwell, a Farmington Hills resident, described the action with the same flair and enthusiastic style that has entertained generations of Detroit baseball fans. Each fan then was given a tape of Harwell's broadcast.

"I heard on the radio (Harwell) was

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going to be here, and this is something I really wanted to do," said 39-year-old Larry Taylor of Walled Lake, who, according to Harwell's calls, smashed a pair of home runs, a single and double. "I've been listening to him since 1965, and it's really neat to get this on tape."

The Thomas brothers of Southfield took their turns at bat seriously. Vincent Thomas, an 8-year-old right-handed batter, hit a home run and single. Younger brother Donovan blasted a home run and triple.

A trio of siblings from Birmingham — Peter, Alex and Joey — vigorously showcased their talents. Harwell described Peter as a "young Ken Griffey Jr."

"This was a lot of fun," said Peter, who had a home run and single.

Eric Wewley, a 13-year-old East Hills Middle School student with cerebral palsy, sat next to Harwell and had a ball. Wewley said he loves the Tigers, and Alan Trammell is one of his favorites.

Alex Richards of Beverly Hills, 3 years old, and Andrew Kern, 11 years old, from Bloomfield Hills, also took their turns at bat.

Birmingham's Ken Bonds, 78, shook Harwell's hand and discussed old times after sweating through five swings.

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