

# SPORTS

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## FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

### Postseason baseball

The South Farmington Blues Mickey Mantle baseball team will compete in the AABC district tournament at Plymouth Salem High School.

The Blues, who tied for first place in the Little Caesars Federation with the Bloomfield Bulls, face Tri-County from the Chelsea-Jackson area at 7:30 p.m. today.

Their second game is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Friday. The tournament goes through Sunday.

The Blues, who were 17-3 in the league and 24-4 overall, added first baseman Mike Fisher and third baseman Zack Cornwell from the South Farmington 15-year-old team for postseason play.

The South Farmington Barons Connie Mack team chose to bypass the district phase and go directly to the AABC regional Aug. 3-6 in Battle Creek.

The Barons were second in Little Caesars play, but first-place Concealed Security elected to compete in the Madonna University district.

South Farmington will benefit from the week of rest, according to coach Dick Miller, as Ron Blackmore, Marty Wilk, Nick Letra and Jamey Palenst continue to recover from injuries.

The Barons drafted one player for the tournament — pitcher Justin Marics of Salem.

### Rockets registration

The last chance to register for the Farmington Rockets football program is Saturday from 1-3 p.m. at the Farmington High School football field.

Boys in the 14-16 age range are eligible. The cost is \$80 per player. For information call Chuck Donahue at (810) 471-7069.

### Insurance golf results

Kevin Horton of Farmington Hills placed 37th among 58 golfers in the boys division of the Independent Insurance Agent Junior Classic.

The Harrison High School junior shot a 36-hole total of 163 (55-84) at the University of Michigan Golf Course on July 19.

Mike Austin of Genesee County won the tournament by playoff over Steve Polanski of Traverse City. Both finished at 143 (74-74). Stacy Sandler of Kent County won the 18-hole girls event (80).

The top four boys and two girls advance to the nationals Aug. 11-15 in Nashville, Tenn.

### Elite soccer finale

The Ann Arbor Elite will meet the Detroit Wheels for the first time this weekend in a season-ending, two-game soccer series.

The teams play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School, the home field for the Elite in the United States Inter-regional Soccer League.

A Sunday contest is scheduled for Borden Park in Sterling Heights but might be moved to Livonia Franklin High School. Games time is 2 p.m. regardless.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for children. For lists word on the Sunday game call Wayne Worcott at (313) 455-0011.

### Fantastic feats



Summer softball: Kristin Siskosky had a big first-game Tuesday for the Farmington Fantastics, who swept a doubleheader from the Bloomfield Bombers. See story on Page 2C.

## Cobras get 2nd shot at World Series title



The North Farmington-West Bloomfield Cobras 14-year-old baseball team gets another opportunity to compete in the CABA World Series next month after missing its chance last year.

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It's been a long year for the all 14-year-old NFWB Cobras baseball team.

Last summer, as all 13-year-olds, the Cobras went 26-0 and earned a berth in the Continental Amateur Baseball Association World Series.

But an unfortunate clerical error — the director of the Michigan Baseball Federation failed to submit a roster in time — rendered the team ineligible for the tournament.

After a long off-season the Cobras returned to winning form this summer. Nine of the players returned from last year's squad. They also picked up three new players which strengthened an already strong team.

The Cobras won their second-straight state championship this summer, stormed through the CABA Tri-State League, and once again earned a berth in the CABA World Series.

And guess what? No clerical errors this year. The Cobras begin play in the CABA World Series Aug. 3 in Dublin, Ohio.

"We're absolutely thrilled, especially for the returners," said team manager Bob Sopo. "The kids felt they earned it last year and they missed out because of an administrative mistake so we're very excited to be going this year."

The world series format calls for

three eight-team round-robin. The top four teams from each round-robin advance to the double-elimination championship bracket and the bottom four teams from each will compete in a consolation bracket. The Cobras open play in the Division II round-robin and will meet teams from Nevada, Tennessee, Oregon, Guam, Kansas, Ohio and Georgia. Teams from Wisconsin, Oklahoma, Colorado, Illinois, Ohio, New York, Missouri, California, Washington, Texas, Nebraska, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland and Hawaii will battle in the other two round-robin.

"We won a game at Doubleday Field in Cooperstown, New York earlier this year and that was the most exciting moment so far of their baseball days," explained Sopo. "Now, with this coming up, the kids are on top of cloud nine. We'll get to play teams from Guam and all over the nation. They're very excited."

The Cobras are currently 40-8 on the year and wrap up the regular season Tuesday with a home game against the Oakland Mariners at Pioneer Park (Farmington Road north of 13 Mile).

The team is coached by Ivan Melvin and Bob Lusk. Team members include Blake Boskey, Marc Boggs, Zach Burton, Adam Fazio, Josh Gelfand, Mike Gleason, Matt Kelmigier,

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## Braves best in state; Bulls, Blues in 1st

The NFWB Braves won the Pony League Mustang Division (ages 9 and 10) state championship for the second straight year, defeating Lakes Area 16-0 in the tournament final.

The Braves, 15-2 in overall tournament play, will face the Kentucky champion Friday at the regional in Ploonsing, Mich.

In the first game Friday in Commerce Township, NFNB's Kevin Lamb and Matt Petry combined for a no-hitter during a 13-3 win over Waterford.

Ben Darga notched a victory and Kyle Planchum a save as the Braves beat Westland 7-2 Saturday.

NFNB jumped to a 6-0 lead in the first inning of the championship game, but Lakes cut the deficit to 7-5 in the fourth.

The Braves staged another rally as Matt Richard hit a bases-loaded sin-

gle to score Matt Waskewitz and Lamb.

Darga, who had walked in front of Richard, scored on a wild pitch, and Evan Rodriguez knocked in a fourth run with a single.

Darga was able to stop Lakes for the remainder of the game and gain his second victory following a four-inning stint.

Petry's .525 average led the team in hitting. Matt Clark, Planchum, Richard, Jeff Marx and Andy Stanila hit .500 or better. Petry also had five RBI and Richard four.

John Ganseloch and Tony Res also made key contributions. The Braves are coached by Terry Lamb, Dan Petry and Randy Rodriguez.

### BASEBALL

#### Bulls top Mantle team

The 15-year-old Bloomfield Bulls finished in first place in the Little Caesars Mickey Mantle Division with a 17-1 record despite not having any 15-year-olds on their team.

The majority of players were together last season when they were fourth in the AABC national tournament.

The Bulls are headed to Jackson today for a AABC district tournament that runs through Sunday.

North Farmington's Brian Glose, Kirk Taylor and Jeff Trice, Redford Catholic Central's Matt Kalamak, Kevin Thomas and Erik West, Birmingham Brother Rice's Jason Holinski and Jeff Swetick, Orchard Lake St. Mary's Nick DiPonio and Lakeland's Eric Carver were named this year by John Larson (Rice), Matt Pirlik (CC) and Adam Stachurski (LSM).

To start the season, the Bulls swept through the Money Creek Tournament in Marquette, Tenn. with a 6-0 record against some of the South's finest teams.

Bloomfield went to Battle Creek for the Mayoral Invitational the next weekend, hop-

ing to win a second straight title. The Bulls started 6-0 but lost their last two games to the Allentown Braves.

The team's only regular-season setback was a 2-1 loss to the Dearborn Metro Pirates. The Bulls are 21-3 overall.

Throughout the season, starting pitchers Thomas, Trice, Taylor, Kalamak and Larson kept opposing batters at bay with backup help from Stachurski and DiPonio.

When Carver suffered a late-season eye injury, West moved from third base and did the handling of the team's hard-throwing pitchers and their assorted pitches.

The Bulls had some heavy hitters, too, and must hit over 300. Thomas and Trice hit four home runs each, Stachurski three, Carver two, West and Pirlik one apiece. Stachurski and Carver hit grand slams.

#### Blues win Mays title

The South Farmington Blues completed the inaugural season of the 15-and-under Little Caesars Willie Mays Division with a

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## NFWB girls win invitational crown

The NFNB girls 12-and-under fast-pitch softball team won its own invitational at Founders Park last weekend.

The Cobras were down six runs after 24 innings in their first game against Brighton but rallied to win 16-11.

Consecutive extra-base hits by Kelly Taylor, Lauren Ouellette, Andrea Lederman and Samantha McComb fueled the comeback.

The next game ended in a 10-9 loss to the Auburn Hills Pistons. Both teams battled around and scored six runs each in the first inning. McComb hit a three-run homer for NFNB.

The Pistons scored the winning run in the bottom of the seventh, driving the ball over a drawn-to Cobras infield.

Pool play ended Saturday with the Cobras trouncing the St. Clair Shores Sharks 23-2 as every NFNB starter scored at least two runs.

The Cobras faced the Pistons again Sunday in the championship game, and NFNB avenged its loss with a 17-4, five-inning money victory.

NFNB broke open the game in the fourth inning with eight runs.

Other team members are Stephanie Long, Stefani Toneski, Lindsay Trach, Lisa Tyne, Kristin Schrock, Danielle Kaimanigian, Beth Kaplan, Jessica Tupper, Krystle Shinn and Charlene Henderson.

Cobras notch for 2nd

The NFNB Cobras 14-and-under girls tournament team was

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the runner-up in its own fast-pitch tournament Sunday at Founders Park.

NFNB was 4-0 in pool play against teams from Brighton, Williamston, Berkley and Sylvan (Ohio) but lost to Sylvan in the final, 6-3.

The Cobras beat Sylvan in pool play, 14-10. Heather Gibson pitched both games against the Ohioans and had a total of four hits in the two games as did Jennelle Walling and Randi Taub.

NFNB had offensive help from Lauren Durnell, Leslie Schrock and Katie Nestor with additional extra-base hits.

Jamie Swartz had two pitching victories early in the tournament against Brighton (16-6) and Berkley (15-5).

Lori Schaefer went 4-for-5 in the Berkley game. Marel Cohen added three hits, and Steacy Elros blasted a triple.

In the first game, NFNB defeated Williamston 11-8. Jessica Yelomere knocked in the clinching runs in the top of the seventh inning, and Melanie Stein went 3-for-3 and scored two runs.

Lindsay Emmett and Kristin Durba also play for the Cobras. Rob Schrock is the manager, Andy Swartz and Lee Trach the coaches.

NFNB, 8-3 in three tournaments, plays this weekend in the Waterford Summer Softball Spectacular.

#### Compwure wins title

The 12-and-under Compwure fast-pitch team won the 10-team ASA regional in Appleton, Wis., and advances to the national tournament Aug. 14-16 in Broken Arrow, Okla.

Jessica Brubaker of Commerce, the daughter of North Farmington softball coach Dave Brubaker, pitched a two-hitter in the final as Compwure defeated Richmond 11-0.

Sara Piepko had three hits and scored three runs, and Kate Albert had three hits and two RBI.

In the semifinals, Compwure blanked the Queen of Diamonds (Green Bay) 12-0. Kristin Buckless pitched a two-hitter. Katie Lewis, Stephanie Staveland and Lindsay Sticks had two hits each, Lewis and Sticks two RBI.

Brubaker tossed a no-hitter as Compwure opened with a 9-1 win over Altoona, Wis. She struck out seven and hit one batter.

Compwure beat Richmond 10-6 to reach the finals. Brubaker scored only four runs and finished fifth. Devon Hildstrom went 3-for-3 with three RBI and scored two runs.

Other players are Kristi Maramba (West Bloomfield), Brandy Ellis, Rebecca Lamb, Lindsey Lohr (White Lake), Lisa Drown Hildstrom (Orford Lake) and Andrea Ellings (White Lake).

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