

# SPORTS

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## Weather hotter than all-star offense



### Youth fitness champs

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division had three winners July 27 in the Youth Fitness Competition at Belle Isle Park. Samantha McComb, who has won an award in the softball throw for the past five years, placed first in that event. Stacey Schroeder won the agility run, and David McGuigan set a record for doing 14 chin-ups in the climbing competition. Marcus McComb was third in the 50-yard dash. Twenty-four athletes from Farmington and Farmington Hills competed after qualifying July 19 in the local meet at Heritage Park.

### Elite win final series

The Ann Arbor Elite men's soccer team ended its first season with a pair of victories over the Detroit Wheels last weekend. The Elite won 5-4 in a shootout Saturday before a crowd of 900 at Ann Arbor Pioneer High School and 4-2 Sunday in Sterling Heights. After a goal by the Elite's Justin Dunkel, the Wheels scored three straight goals Saturday, but goals by Scott Weiger and Joe Nara tied the score. Bill Joker's goal with a minute left created a 4-4 tie and forced overtime. The 15-minute sudden death period was scoreless. Elite goalkeeper Scotty Hauman stopped the first three Wheels shots, and Nora, Wayne Worosz Jr. and Joker scored consecutive goals for the Elite. Worosz and Nora scored second-half goals Sunday to break a 2-2 halftime tie. Nora and Steve Weiger scored in the first half. "We feel we're the best team in southeast Michigan," Elite owner Wayne Worosz Sr. said, adding the Elite also won the Michigan Amateur Cup. "Although our record (5-13) is not impressive, we lost five games by 1-0 and three more by 2-1." Worosz plans to move his team to Livonia and field a professional unit next year. A site hasn't been selected yet. Worosz said he plans to retain five or six players from his current team.

### Softball all-star game

Farmington Hills was represented in the 14th annual girls high school all-star softball game Saturday by Harrison High players Jenny Myslinski and Jodie Barrington. Barrington played for the winning Blue team (6-1) and contributed one hit, one RBI and one run scored at Ranney Park in Lansing. Playing second base, Barrington had eight fielding chances, most of which were putouts since she covered first base on numerous bunts, without an error. Myslinski was hitless in two at-bats for the White team but was flawless in the field, too. The first baseman made seven putouts. Other Overland players in the all-star game were Garden City's Vonne Jenks and Mandee Horvath.

## 14-year-old Blues win district title

The 14-year-old South Farmington Blues have added a district tournament championship to their Little Caesars Kousar Division title. The Blues started with a 15-1 merry victory over Detroit PAL as Anthony Toney and Rob Reel combined for a no-hitter with 13 strikeouts.

The batters dominated the next game, a 22-0 rout of Redford.

Steve Quay was the top hitter with a grand slam, scoring Charlie Avery, Robert Whittenberg and Reel, and eight RBI. Ryan Kravets, Toney and Reel also hit home runs.

The Blues fell short in the third game, losing 7-4 in nine innings to the Macomb Six despite a combined 11 strikeouts by Evan Feldman (5) and Reel (3).

Brent Zak and Kravets had over-the-fence homers, and center fielder Steve Jackson threw out a runner at home plate.

The strong hitting continued against Belleville with two home runs by Feldman and one each from Blake Ashley, Charlie Avery, Kravets and Reel. The Blues won 18-1.

Avery earned his second pitching victory, throwing a two-hitter with nine strikeouts in five innings.

To win the district, South Farmington had to beat the Fox River and won the first game behind the strong pitching of Toney with relief help from Avery and Brandon Etkin.

### BASEBALL

Bobby Austin led the offense with a home run, triple and single.

The championship game was a defensive battle with the Blues edging the Sox 2-1.

Toney won his third game of the tournament by pitching a five-hitter over five innings.

In the third inning, Etkin scored the tying run with a single by Feldman. Jackson scored the winning run on a single by Kravets later that inning.

Third baseman Jonathon Marchel was a standout on defense with several putouts.

The Blues, who are coached by Dan Avery, Jerry Marchel and Jeff Feldman, continue play this weekend in the East-Central Regional in Oregon, Ohio.

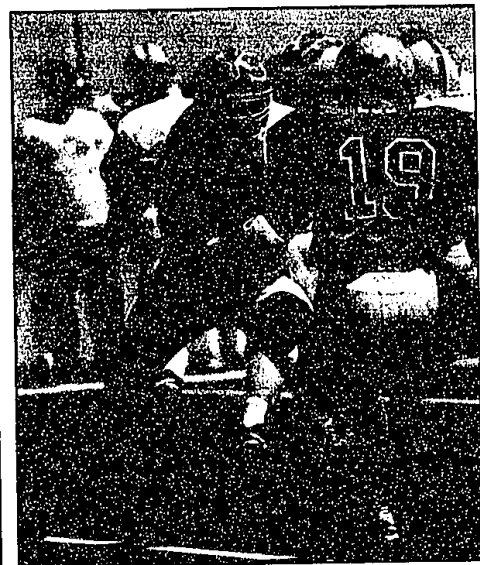
### Braves in 2nd place

The NWB Braves were runner-up Sunday in the Pony League Midwest Division (ages 9-10) regional tournament in Farmington.

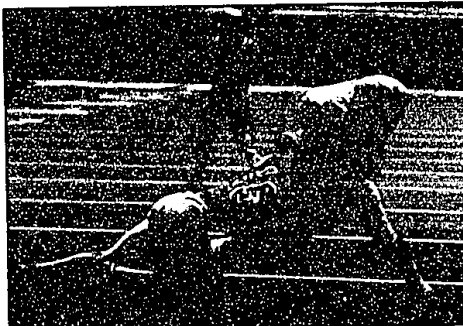
The second-place finish capped a 20-4 season in which the Braves won four tournaments, including the state championship, and advanced further in Pony League play than any previous NWB team.

The Braves lost to a Kentucky team by scores of 9-4 and 9-6 in the championship round after leading Kentucky 5-3 and Indiana 5-0 to start the tournament.

Kyle Plankuch led the Braves with a



Stand-up guys: Redford Catholic Central tight end Brad Rainko (left) moves in on West squad defensive back Justin Ego of Muskegon Catholic.



The catch: Harrison wide receiver Kevin Bryant is tackled by Menominee's Joe Plankuch after making a reception.



Kevin Bryant (Harrison) and Brad Rainko (Catholic Central) were offensive players in a non-offensive all-star football game Saturday, but they enjoyed the experience as much as Jim Townsend (Stevenson) and Torrey Thomas (Bishop Borgess).

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The 1995 high school all-star football game might be best remembered for what didn't happen as much as what did.

There wasn't much offense Saturday in the East's 10-9 victory over the West at Spartan Stadium in East Lansing.

But there was some consolation for the four Overland players in the game since that meant they were on the winning side.

Farmington Hills Harrison's Kevin Bryant was among the statistical leaders with some modest numbers.

He was one of two receivers with more than one catch (two each) for a game-high total of 17 yards, and he returned two kickoffs for 65 yards.

"It was a real conservative game," Bryant said. "In an all-star game, I think you should do some crazy stuff — double passes, triple reverses."

They were running dives on third down and 12; I don't understand. But we won."

Bryant, who reported Monday to the University of Michigan where he expects to play defensive back, relished the chance to play wide receiver one last time.

Both receptions — Birmingham Brother Rice quarterback Derek Canine and Bryant were 2-for-2 — were made in the right flat for gains of 6 and 12 yards in the first half.

The second went for a first down at the West 5 and led to Canine's scoring pass to Raymond Curry for the tying touchdown (7-7).

Possibly the most exciting play of the game belonged to Bryant, who returned his first kick (after the West touchdown) 44 yards on a reverse to the West 46.

"I thought I was going all the way, but I got tired," Bryant said. "I think the heat drains you; I just ran out of gas about the 50."

### Tough working conditions

Livonia Stevenson's Jim Townsend and Redford Catholic Central's Brad Rainko (Farmington Hills) know about the heat.

They saw more action than most players, which meant laboring in the 95-degree heat and scorching sun longer than most, too.

Due to injuries to other players, Townsend played nearly every down on the defensive line and Rainko every play at tight end.

"The heat wasn't that bad," Town-

send said. "We kept dumping water on ourselves and using ice towels, and we drank plenty of water."

"They had city water and well water in bottles. It was OK if you found the good water."

"I'll have to get used to it. I'm going to school (Alma College) only a couple miles up the road."

"I was on the field a lot," Rainko said, "but I got to enjoy myself instead of standing on the sideline. It was a neat situation, being the only tight end there."

A light end in a conservatively-played game, Rainko, not surprisingly, was relegated to being a blocker and never had the ball thrown to him.

"I was open a couple times, but I guess that wasn't really my job," he said. "During the week, I caught a lot of passes, so I was kinda surprised when I didn't get any passes."

Rainko, who will be a preferred walk-on at MSU, spent the game blocking on the corner against Jeff Puffer (Manton), Dan Vaughn (Stevenson) and Rob Reel (Kingsford).

"In the offense we were running, my block was not as important as some others," Rainko said. "We were running up the middle rather than sweeps or off-tackle plays."

"I thought we'd run all over them with the running backs we had (notably Clarence Williams of Cass Tech) and score more points. But we won. Any time you play a football game you want to win it."

### Getting defensive

The apparent lack of offense was OK with Torrey Thomas of Redford Bishop Borgess and Townsend, however.

Thomas rotated at inside linebacker and covered kickoffs, and Townsend played defensive tackle and noseguard.

"I got a couple sticks, but you can't be everything on an all-star team," said Thomas, who had four tackles.

"I believe I got enough time. I'm just happy I was on the all-star team. We played with the best in the state of Michigan."

The competition was tough, added Thomas, who hopes to make the team at Western Michigan as a walk-on.

A 205-pound linebacker, he butted heads with some future Big Ten line-men like Rob Renee (Holland West Ottawa) and Scott Shaw (Three Rivers) — a pair of 280-pounders.

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