

Barons split opening games

The South Farmington Barons split their first two games Friday in the AABC Connie Mack regional baseball tournament in Battle Creek.

The Barons opened with a 12-8 victory over Chicago South Shore in which the eight-run mercy rule took effect after five innings.

But South Farmington dropped into the losers' bracket after losing its next game 10-5 to J.L. Cleveland.

In the first game, Angelo Palazeti went the distance on the mound, striking out nine while allowing six hits and three walks.

The Barons were down 4-2 but scored four runs in the fourth inning and six in the fifth to win going away.

Chris Turner's groundout drove in the tying run, and Nick Latra's RBI single provided the go-ahead run.

Mike Daguanno also had an RBI single in the fourth. In the fifth, Nick James hit a two-run double and Dan McLaughlin a two-run single.

Daguanno went 3-for-4; James had two hits and three RBIs.

"We needed to win that game to get back in sync, because we hadn't played in two weeks," South Farmington coach Dick Miller said. "We started slow but picked it up."

The Barons were idle for two weeks since the end of the Little Caesars Federation season, taking a bye in the district phase and going directly to the regional.

South Farmington led 5-0 after 1 1/2 innings of the second game, but the Clevelanders capitalized on five errors and scored six runs in the bottom of the second.

Latra took the pitching loss, working 4 1/2 innings. He allowed six hits and one walk, fanning three.

A left-handed reliever stifled the Barons for the remainder of the game, allowing only one base runner (walk) among the 18 he faced.

McLaughlin had two hits, a double in the first inning and an RBI single in the second.

James hit a two-run single, and Jamey Palazeti knocked in the lone run in the second with a base hit.

"Our problem today was inconsistency," Miller said. "We had our worst inning of the year."

A pair of tournament draftees — Ken Springer (Commerce Rams) and Ryan Tripp (Jackson

BASEBALL

Wendy's) — were scheduled to start the next games Saturday.

Cobras win silver medal

The 13-year-old NFWB Cobras captured second place in the Madison Heights baseball tournament.

The Cobras started with a 15-2 pasting of Hardee's. Brian Grohman took the pitching win with Mike Fraser finishing up.

Rob Sparks, Brent Schoenbach, Dale Young, Jon Panuah, Brian Laper and Kent Taylor sparked the offense.

The Cobras defeated the Rochester Rams 12-7 in their next game. Schoenbach posted the win and blasted a 310-foot homer.

Sparks, Josh Wool, Mike Livernois, Aaron Ward and Young also contributed to the hitting attack.

NFWB played Shadowwoods next for the division championship and won 6-2. Grohman pitched three innings in relief to preserve the victory.

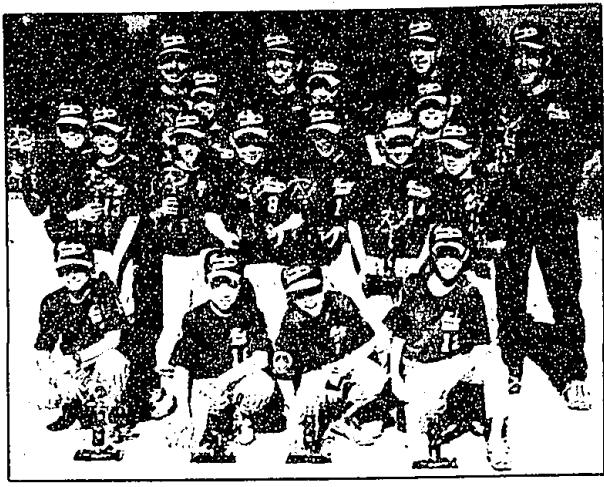
Jeremy Brown, Chris Brede, Schoenbach, Laper, Taylor and Livernois made key hits.

Eastpointe, the defending tournament champ, was the next opponent and jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

The Cobras stormed back with 13 unanswered runs to win 13-3. Young posted the win. Schoenbach unloaded another fence-clearing homer, and Sparks, Ward, Young, Brede and Taylor paced the offense.

The final saw the Ozzie Jackson Baseball Club of Waterford defeat the Cobras 4-1.

Eagles soar to summit



Tourney champs: The South Farmington Eagles are (kneeling, from left) Brian Grewett, Bryan Theisen, Chris Hanna, Joe Russo; (middle) Steven Paul, Bryan Smith, Danny Doig, Anthony Faletti, Brian Bosler, Eric Howard, Chris Walsh, Greg Hocking, Neil Sternberg, Ryan Anderson; (back) coaches Joe Faletti, Greg Anderson, Richard Paul and Joel Grewett. The Eagles (ages 9-10) won the Oxford Invitational July 30.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS

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Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., local time, on August 13, 1995, at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Farmington Hills, 21535 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read.

The work shall consist of furnishing all labor, materials, equipment, and incidental items to construct a sidewalk, including the following estimated quantities:

| Description | Total Quantities |
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| 1. Removing Trees, 8"-12" | 3 each |
| 2. Removing Trees, 12"-14" | 1 each |
| 3. Removing Pavement | 11 yd |
| 4. Removing Sidewalk | 11 yd |
| 5. Remove and Replace Concrete Curb and Gutter | 18 lin |
| 6. Remove Pipe Culvert | 3 each |
| 7. Remove and Replace Fence | 40 lin |
| 8. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control | 1 each |
| 9. Earthwork-Special | 1,260 cu yd |
| 10. Class C75-IV Sewer, 12" | 243 lin |
| 11. Class C75-IV Sewer, 48" | 120 lin |
| 12. Class C75-IV Sewer, 30" x 42" | 8 lin |
| 13. Culvert End Sections | 2 each |
| 14. Sewer Bulkheads | 2 each |
| 15. Adjoining Structures Cover | 4 each |
| 16. Drainage Structure, 4' Diameter | 2 each |
| 17. Drainage Structure, 4' Diameter, Low Head | 2 each |
| 18. Concrete Sidewalk | 3,735 sq ft |
| 19. Concrete Driveway - Nonresidential, 6" | 28 sq yd |
| 20. Ductile Iron Water Main, 12" | 1,153 lin |
| 21. Gate Valve, 12" | 1 each |
| 22. Gate Valve, 18" | 1 each |
| 23. Fire Hydrant | 1 each |
| 24. Restoration | 1 each |
| 25. Miscellaneous Traffic | 1 each |

Plans and Specifications will be available August 1, 1995 at the City Clerk's Office of the City of Farmington Hills, 21535 Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan. A fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), CHECK ONLY, made payable to the City of Farmington Hills, will be required on the project plans and specifications which will be non-refundable.

A certified cashier's check or bid bond payable to the City of Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan, in the amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid, shall be submitted with each bid.

The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory Performance, Labor and Material, and Maintenance and Guarantee Bonds.

This project is partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE FACT THAT NOT LESS THAN THE MINIMUM SALARIES AND WAGES AS SET FORTH IN THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS, MUST BE PAID ON THIS PROJECT, AND THAT THE CONTRACTOR MUST ENSURE THAT EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF THEIR RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, SEX OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 11948, TOTAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AND NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.

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Pitching help arrives

BY STEVE KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

Decision Consultants Inc. coach Mike George has his loan back from Hines Park Lincoln-Mercury.

DCI, champion of the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League playoffs, picked up Hines Park pitcher Craig Benedict for the All-American Amateur Baseball Association national tournament in Johnston, Pa.

Benedict plays for George at Madonna University and is one of Hines Park's top pitchers. This is DCI's first year in the LCB and George had several of his Madonna players on his roster.

Benedict, a Canton resident, decided to remain with Hines Park, a team based in Plymouth/Canton, for a second straight season.

He was the losing pitcher in DCI's 7-2 victory over Hines Park in Sunday's playoff championship at Livonia's Ford Field.

As of Thursday night, Benedict was the only player added to the DCI roster. George said he expected to pick another up prior to leaving on Thursday for the tournament which begins on Saturday.

There are other pitchers with better numbers, including Hines Park's ace Tom Walsby, but he notes that George knows any better.

COLLEGIATE

Benedict will take the roster spot of Doug Gaughan, a position player, who is not able to make the trip, according to George.

"I know what I'm getting with Craig, and I like his attitude. He won't rock the boat," George said. "The worst start I've seen him have was against us on Sunday. In 24 starts for me at Madonna, he's pitched 90 percent complete games. This was something the whole staff (assistants Joe Saunders and Frank Core) agreed on."

"I know people will say, 'It's a Madonna kid,' but I don't care about that. Dave Carroll (Hines Park coach) made his whole roster available to us and that's pretty classy. Johnston is the tournament this league should shoot for to win."

Benedict played with Hines Park to the National Amateur Baseball Federation tournament, which started last weekend in Georgetown, Ky.

George anticipates picking up Benedict after that tournament.

Going in style

George said the players and coaching staff and even spectators, space allowed, will charter a bus from National Trails on the eight-hour trip to Johnston.

Emons from page 1C

The Michigan High School Athletic Association could itself be sending us copies of every football schedule in the state.

Also, the football Region groupings are out and Class AA-III is a dandy. It includes defending AA champ Troy, Redford Catholic Central, Westland John Glenn, Dearborn Fordson and Detroit Case Tech.

Stay tuned.

Did the Incredible Girls Fastpitch Softball League really invite 70 all-stars? Was there anybody not an all-star?

Sorry I missed Eddie Velazquez throw recently in Westland. Did the game actually take place on the plush firm Klonka gridiron field?

The Mentadent Champions Tommie Tovar — Connors, Borg, Vilas — held recently at the Dearborn Fairlane Club, was certainly fan friendly.

Even corporate patrons could ask the players questions at the press conferences after the matches.

Wonder if they could get away with that in Major League Baseball?

Friday night football at Livonia Franklin High? It sounds like an excellent idea to me, but would certainly require top attendance.

The school district would have to OK the installation of lights, but they could be used for soccer, band and a variety of other nighttime activities.

Franklin A.D. Dan Frosman

wanted to schedule his home game (Sept. 8) with Stevenson on a Friday night at Bentley's field, but the plan was nixed because the bleachers on the visitors side are in need of repair.

Football conditioning starts Wednesday, with full-scale practice set for next Monday. All other fall sports begin on Aug. 14.

I heard it from a reliable source that Westland John Glenn's 6-foot-11 basketball center Guy Rucker, who signed last November with the University of Iowa, has passed the ACT test and will have four years of eligibility with the Hawkeyes.

Two mad races I hope to hit this month: The Run Through Hell, and the Bobby Crim, both in Livonia.

How about some real dugouts to go along with the new lights at Livonia's Ford Field, Mr. Rotkals?

Also, any plans for some new recreational facilities south of the railroad tracks?

I've learned that Dearborn Divine Child High doesn't have a waiting list for incoming students when it comes to high profile athletes.

I don't want to say anything bad about the Livonia Collegiate Baseball League, but something needs to be done soon because the 20-and-under circuit is losing credibility when the season ends with a series of forfeits.

The players have to take some of the blame because of a lack of commitment to the game.

SPORTS SHORTS

Items for the Sports Roundup should be submitted by 5 p.m. Tuesday (for the Thursday edition) and 5 p.m. Friday (for the Monday edition).

SOFTBALL SIGN-UP

Crackerbox Sports of Farmington Hills is organizing coed and men's softball leagues. For more information call (810) 474-6175.

SEASON HIGHLIGHTS

Robert Roth of Farmington Hills batted .375 and had an on-base percentage of .571 this summer while playing Connie Mack baseball for the Dearborn Heights team.

The North Farmington High School senior had 23 stolen bases, 21 RBI and 20 runs scored. His hits included seven doubles.

He finished the season hitting .429 over six games in the Golden Bat Tournament at Sarnia.

Roth had a big three-game series in early July when he hit .455 (5-for-11) and scored six runs. He had two walks, six stolen bases and four RBI.

SCUBA CLUB MEETING

The Great Lakes Aquanauts Scuba Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at 8 p.m. in the Farmington Hills Library Auditorium on the 12th floor.

The library is on Twelve Mile Road, west of Orchard Lake Road. For information call (313) 933-7030, ext. 452.

MEG MALLON GOLF

The 17th Annual Meg Mallon Golf Outing to benefit Mercy High School will be Monday, Aug. 14, at Edgewood Country Club in Commerce Township.

The cost is \$225 per person and includes a continental breakfast, 18 holes of golf (morning or afternoon two times), buffet lunch and cocktail reception and dinner.

The cost is \$75 for the reception and dinner only.

The sponsorships are available for \$1,500 (includes four tickets), \$750 (two tickets) and \$300.

Mercy graduates Mary Kennedy (1978) and Kendi Amelon (1982) will receive the Meg Mallon Achievement Award that evening.

For more information and reservations call Mercy High School at (810) 478-3270 or (810) 478-8020, ext. 253.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Motorsports Hall of Fame and Museum is seeking volunteers to serve as museum guides and to staff the museum gift shop. Volunteers select dates and times convenient to their schedules.

Students needing community service hours and retirees are welcome and training sessions are conducted monthly.

For more information contact Barb Pitt at the Motorsports Hall of Fame, Novi Expo Center, P.O. Box 124, Novi 48276-0124, or call (810) 549-8432.

STONY CREEK RUN

Stony Creek Metropark near Rochester will hold its annual distance runs on Thursday, Aug. 17, beginning at 6 p.m. Runners can participate in a 5- or a 2.5-mile cross country run or a 1-mile fun run.

Early registration fees, paid before Aug. 12, are \$3 for ages 13 and under and \$11 for ages 14 and older. After Aug. 12 the registration fee increases to \$10 and \$12, respectively. A Metropark motor vehicle permit is also required for entry into the park.

Participants receive a T-shirt and a ribbon. The top finishers in each age category will receive a medal or a trophy.

Call (810) 781-4242 or 1-800-477-7756 for more information.

OLYMPIC PROGRAM

The Farmington Soccer Club is hosting the 1995 girls Michigan Olympic Development open outdoor tryouts at Founders Sports Park from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12 and 13, for birth years 1982/83, 1981, 1980, 1979 and 1978/77.

The Michigan Olympic Development program is open to all Michigan youth. The goal is to develop soccer athletes capable of competing at the Olympic and international levels. Spectators are invited.

For information call Assistant Program Administrator Steve Dawson at (810) 305-8090.

LABOR DAY SOFTBALL

Men's softball teams are needed for the 20th Annual Allen Park Labor Day Softball Tournament, Saturday through Monday, Sept. 2-4, at Champion Park.

The entry fee is \$55 per team and \$12 per game (umpire fee). Team and individual awards will be given.

For more information, call Rick Sparks at (313) 678-3219.

FALCONS PRACTICE

The Farmington High School girls swimming and diving team will begin preseason practice at 9 a.m. Monday, Aug. 14.

The team will meet at the Farmington High School pool. For information call coach Lisa Collins at (810) 227-6885.

NEED U-13 PLAYERS

The Michigan Hawks, an under-13 girls soccer team, needs players for the fall season.

If interested, call Amy Trunk at (810) 478-6982.

CLARIFICATION

Jonathan Peers was incorrectly identified in a photo of the South Farmington Blues in the Thursday Observer. The Blues are champions of the Little Caesars Federation Willie Mayo Division.